

Some tell us that her coalition has too many unions or special interest groups. We say nonsense – having liberal or progressive supporters or ideas in this day does not mean that Toni is not acutely aware of the specific challenges that await her with the budget, the rating agencies and the need to surround herself with great talent.

Some tell us that to have so many prominent political endorsements from elected officials is somehow an "issue." Really? Gov. Malloy, US Sen. Murphy, US Sen. Blumenthal, Rep. DeLauro, Majority Leader Looney, Senate President Williams, other leaders of the Connecticut General Assembly and almost the entire board of alderman have endorsed her. This is unprecedented. Can you really think of a better situation than to have the respect and admiration of your peers, especially when these people control access to billions of dollars that might be able to help cities like New Haven? Having a candidate with no enemies and so many powerful friends who actually WANT her to succeed is so rare - why would we pass up this opportunity?

When we see Toni Harp we see someone who is self-assured, who takes little guff from anyone and who will be an outstanding role model for New Haven.

We see a Toni Harp who will work to support a strong Yale, low taxes, great policing, great schools and efficient and friendly government. Most important in our view of how the world works, it is precisely someone with Toni's experience, background, personal story and supporters who will be able to pull it off and make New Haven everything we all hope and dream it should be.

We think both of the candidates know exactly what has to be done – the game plan on small cities has been written over and over again in academic tomes, the national press and punchy policy papers. Justin Elicker speaks of these topics well of course. We think this election is about getting it done over the next many years, not just listing today what needs to be done. Given the way New Haven works, knowing the diversity of who lives here and the kind of very tough decisions and heart-wrenching choices that the next Mayor will need to make, isn't Toni worth another look?

All we ask is that over the next few days we all think about our city's future and at least think about and talk to others about the complexity and nuances of the choice we are making on the 5th. We may see things a bit differently today, but we all agree on the critical role of the mayor of New Haven over the next crucial few years.

Please consider joining us and think one last time about voting for Toni Harp for all the reasons we have shared. Thanks.

Sincerely,

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