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PACILEO ENDORSES EMERGENCY GRANTS

Essex The Republican endorsed candidate for 33rd State Senate District, Vin Pacileo, announced today his support for two new emergency State grant applications from the Town of Essex.

The Essex Board of Selectmen, of which Pacileo is a member, met on May 21st and agreed to pursue two Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grants. Pacileo said "We have a good non-partisanship grant-writing support structure in Essex. The Economic Development Commission, the Board of Selectmen, and members of both political parties work well together to seek grants for important needs of the Town. "

The first is for support of the non-profit Ivoryton Playhouse, which needs emergency roof repairs and other maintenance. Since non-profits can not directly seek State funds through the STEAP program, the Town would administer the funds when awarded.

The second is for the Town boat ramp at the foot of Main Street in downtown Essex, which also needs emergency repairs. The ramp is not only for recreational boating access to the river, but more importantly as an access point for emergency vessels. Presently, these public safety vessels can not be launched at low tide. Construction on this project is only permitted from September 1- January 31 due to nesting eagles.

Pacileo is running against long-term incumbent Eileen Dailey of Westbrook. Pacileo, in stating his support for his Town's grants, noted "The State funding system to support our small towns is broken. The heavy taxation and small grant system makes our Towns beg the State for our own money. For example, Essex sends more than \$10 million dollars per year of our citizen's hard-earned income to the State, and then we receive less than \$1 million back to the Town from the State ."Pacileo said "It's time for a change in Hartford. "

The 33rd State Senate district includes the towns of Chester, Clinton, Colchester, Deep River, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland and Westbrook.

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