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## PACILEO QUALIFIES FOR STATE PUBLIC ELECTION GRANT

ESSEX Vin Pacileo, Republican candidate for State Senate in the 33<sup>rd</sup> District, today announced that his campaign submitted the required documents to qualify for a grant from the State's public financing system. Our campaign is excited that the people of the 33<sup>rd</sup> District have enthusiastically endorsed our message for new leadership, reform and a return to public service in Hartford," said Pacileo.

This is the first year of publicly financing elections in Connecticut. In order to meet the requirements of the system, each candidate must raise \$15,000 and have 300 qualified in-district contributors, with each contribution limited to a maximum of \$100. Once those thresholds are achieved, the state gives each candidate access to an additional \$85,000 that they can draw from for election expenses.

The people of the 33<sup>rd</sup> District have placed their trust in this campaign through their commitment and enthusiasm," Pacileo said. We can now actively compete against the political insiders who have taxed and spent their way to budget deficits and a stagnant state economy. "

This is an important accomplishment for our campaign. Public financing will help level the playing field and give our campaign a chance to win this election on the merit of my ideas and solutions for lowering taxes and creating jobs in Connecticut," said Pacileo, who is running to unseat eight term State Senator Eileen Daily.

Pacileo continued, We received contributions from 385 people for a total of \$15,720. The state encourages each campaign to provide a small buffer amount above the \$15,000 threshold. Our campaign is pleased to report that about 93 percent of the contributors and dollars came from those who live within the 33<sup>rd</sup> District. Our campaign proudly compares these levels of in district contributors to our opponent, who will likely qualify for the state grant by relying on contributions of those who live outside of the district. "

I've continued to ask our supporters why they donated to our campaign," said Pacileo, they tell us emphatically that our campaign represents an opportunity to bring a more vigorous, positive approach to problem solving in the 33<sup>rd</sup> District. "

He continued, People want not only change, but fundamental reform in Hartford. It is time we move away from the present "business as usual" and return common sense to our government with a renewed sense of personal responsibility. I am optimistic that people will continue to embrace this message of reform and new leadership for the 33<sup>rd</sup> District through Election Day. "

The 33<sup>rd</sup> 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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