

# 2008



## Legislative Survey Results



State Representative  
**Mary Ann Carson**



Dear Neighbor:

Thank you for taking the time to respond to my 2008 Legislative Survey. The number of completed surveys I have received is a strong indication that people in our district

are concerned about the issues affecting our region as well as the entire state. Your thoughts and opinions are very helpful to me as I represent our district in the legislature.

The survey results have been tabulated and are being reported to you, the participants. I hope you find them as interesting as I did.

No survey can be comprehensive enough to address every concern. If you have comments about any issue that was not included, or if I can be of assistance to you with any other matter of interest or concern, please feel free to contact my office.

Best Wishes,

### 1. *Public Safety/Crime*

Should repeat violent offenders be subject to mandatory life sentences for such crimes as arson, rape, murder or home invasion?

84% YES    13% NO    3% UNANSWERED

### 2. *Immigration*

Federal laws prohibit a person who enters and lives in the U.S. illegally from receiving federal social services resources. Should that person be eligible for state subsidies including fuel assistance, in-state tuition or public housing?

12% YES    85% NO    3% UNANSWERED

### 3. *Education*

The state's largest cities receive nearly one-third of all school funding yet educate just 12 percent of all students. Should state resources be re-allocated to other suburban and rural school districts more evenly?

86% YES    11% NO    3% UNANSWERED

### 4. *Property Taxes*

Should local property tax increases be capped at 3 percent per year?

77% YES    19% NO    4% UNANSWERED

### 5. *New Election System*

If you voted in the recent municipal election, did you find the experience using the new voting system a positive one?

56% YES    34% NO    10% UNANSWERED

### 6. *Election Privacy*

Under the new voting system used in November, did you feel the privacy of your vote was fully protected while waiting to submit your completed ballot?

60% YES    32% NO    8% UNANSWERED

### 7. *Teen Driving*

In light of recent teenage driving fatalities, should additional restrictions be imposed on 16 and 17-year-old drivers?

79% YES    18% NO    3% UNANSWERED

### 8. *Tolls*

Should the Legislature reinstitute tolls on Interstate Highways in Connecticut?

21% YES    75% NO    4% UNANSWERED

### 9. *Robo-Calls*

Should the state ban political campaigns from using automated messages unless the consumer gives permission?

91% YES    7% NO    2% UNANSWERED

### 10. *Environment*

Do you support expanding the bottle deposit law to include water bottles?

76% YES    23% NO    1% UNANSWERED