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For the first time since our founding in 1958, the members of the Greenwich Police Department's Silver Shield Association have voted to endorse a political candidate. We did not take this step lightly, as we have always preferred not to weigh in on political matters but rather concentrate our efforts to serve best the many partnerships, organizations, youth, and folks of our wonderful Town.

I am proud to announce that the Silver Shield Association, which represents almost one-hundred-fifty active members, from Police Officer to Lieutenants, is endorsing **Kimberly Fiorello** for *State Representative in the 149th House District*.

Over the last several months, the downward spiral and negative impact of Connecticut politics are of serious concern for those of us who swore, no matter the cost or personal sacrifice, to an oath to "protect and serve" the public.

H.B. 6004 "*An Act Concerning Police Accountability*" puts both the hard-working, law-abiding citizens and families of Greenwich, and the line-of-duty men and women of law enforcement at greater risk. It has become a matter of urgency for us to take a vested interest in our representation in Hartford, and today we weigh-in for the first time.

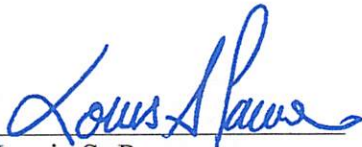
To us, the Bill was rushed through the State House and Senate with no input from police officers, police Chiefs, unions, and other stakeholders who are directly impacted by this knee-jerk reaction to an out of control national *anti-police* climate. No evidence whatsoever was presented to show the needs for such drastic changes, and there's no doubt in my mind that our Connecticut law enforcement community feels deceived and betrayed by these actions. We can no longer stay silent when politicians threaten the integrity of our profession and place unnecessary risk and harm to all police officers. Make no doubt about this; these changes are life-altering not just to the police officers, but to the communities we serve.

Kimberly Fiorello demonstrated her commitment by learning about our strengths and needs so that we can best serve our amazing Greenwich community. Over recent months, Kimberly has expressed her concerns publicly through multiple op-eds and videos with subject matter experts.

We trust that **Kimberly** will not falter in representing us, unlike the many elected officials who have. Out of all of our local state legislators, including those challengers running for office, **Kimberly** was and is the only person who asked us for our opinions *before* the Bill was voted on. When the Bill became law, once again, **Kimberly** was and is the only person taking their time by talking to us and others in the law enforcement community on effective strategies to correct this horrible Bill.

If there was ever a time to endorse a candidate, it is now. Police officers are in an almost defenseless position to advocate for their profession and long-standing body of work and dedication that only a police officer would know and understand. We trust that **Kimberly** will justly represent the needs of the men and women in law enforcement, not just in Greenwich, but the entire State. We are confident that she will go to the Connecticut Legislature and proceed with caution when confronted with reactionary bills, will do her due diligence when she doesn't know the answers, and continue to ask questions to strengthen legislation and thereby get the best results for her district.

The Silver Shield Association is proud to endorse **Kimberly Fiorello**, candidate for *State Representative for the 149th House District*.



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