

Certain qualities are essential in a candidate for public office. They are good judgment, moral character, and competence. Shannon Lindstrom is running as an independent for State House District 124 representing part of Scarborough. I have worked with Shannon for several years in our homeowners' association and know her service as a member and currently as chair of the Scarborough School Board. Shannon has those qualities.

Agreement on policy is important. Shannon will work to improve education, healthcare and the environment, as well as for new and responsible municipal revenue sources to accomplish them without burdensome real estate tax increases. These are the foundation for equal opportunity and strong communities we all want.

If you share in these goals, as do many Democrats, you may be concerned that Shannon will split the Democratic vote. Shannon can win with your vote and the votes of others who value judgment, character, and competence, whether Democrats, swing voters, or Republican voters dismayed by the direction their party has taken.

Leonard Giambalvo

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