



Lower taxes come from better jobs.

Mark Stewart on AoA, GtoG, CCD, and Sanctuary City.

Let me address the tax burden. When I speak with voters about what they most want to see me tackle as mayor, I take the “Big Three” as a given.

Lowering crime,

Improving schools, and

Adding good Jobs

are the three aspects I’m committing to fervently. With those already on the table “lowering taxes” is voters’ next most important task for its new mayor. Remember, employers’ willingness to relocate here depends greatly on two of the “Big Three”: less crime and better schools. Please read my policies for both. These too are within our control. No state or federal money is needed; no rules need to be “bent” in our favor. These are on US, and we can step on the gas.

What’s on OTHERS: Unless we are reducing good services, which I will not do, the only way to reduce the overall tax burden is by growing Hartford’s revenues. Hartford might get outside help for each:

The legislature can take us off PILOT and allow revenue from state buildings to flow at a full mill rate.

The NHL can allow relocation of a franchise here (we are targeting the Arizona & Ottawa clubs).

Entertainers can choose Hartford for more concerts.

The State and the Federal BIA can allow full-on casino gaming within Hartford.

The state Insurance Commission can return robust insurers to site themselves here once again.

The Legislature could add to a “cyber-crime detection” unit to be housed at UConn Hartford. BUT WE CAN’T COUNT ON IT.

It’s on US: Here are three things we can do OURSELVES, at little cost.

AoA (“Attractors of Assets”) are eight or more telegenic, engaging Hartford residents who will spend three months in New York and New Jersey wooing large firms to place their next divisions in Hartford. The value of most new, professional families who live in the city ranges from \$100,000 to \$750,000 over the course of a decade. AoAs (yes, also known as “Hartford Hookers”) will be paid \$4000 - \$10,000 a month plus expenses, and earn a commission for each employee in a new division they help land.

GtoG (“Grads to Groton”) is the easily-accomplished win-win of sending our mechanically-inclined youngsters to other Connecticut spots where there is good immediate employment. Groton’s Electric Boat

company has federal contracts for which it has an estimated 2500 job openings a year for the rest of the decade. Many of our Weaver, HH, Bulkeley, and Prince Tech students graduate with the skills to put them above “entry level” and thereby command a decent salary. While they may wish to stay with their families in Hartford on weekends, we can facilitate their getting low-cost housing in Groton during the week and run a bus or two to and from Hartford each weekend to get them home and back. (There are already daily vans from metro Hartford.) Young adults get good pay and very good experience.

CCDO (“Cyber Crime Detection Organization”) we can house an elite force of cyber-crime detectives to ferret out those who prey on businesses, governments, and individuals. A relatively wealthy state, Connecticut residents are more prone to online theft than most. Once Hartford’s CCDO is recognized for effectiveness, we can land contracts from outside businesses for protection. We can even help other state government keep from being ripped off. With grad school talent from Yale and UConn, and high-asset insurance firms who can be early clients, Hartford is perfectly situated to make a fast-impact CCDO.

THOUGHT (“Tax Haven for Objectors to UnConstitutional Government Heists and Takings”). Those who don’t rely on a paycheck or the federal banking system, who conscientiously object to the federal use of their money for unconstitutional purposes (about 60% to 75% of federal spending) and withhold a portion of their tax payment, will get protection from neighbors, fellows, and police should federal agents come knocking on their businesses or homes. This takes a resolute group of defiant-but-principled residents*. If Hartford reaches a critical mass of such patriots, we will enlist our police to defend them against unconstitutional takings. This can apply to an out-of-stater who resides here part time, works here, or is moving here. Watch how many well-to-do people will then take up residence here.

In sum, there are at least a few tools that Democrat administrations have never tried. Independent ideas and independent passion for revitalizing Hartford can bring the city back financially and culturally.

**Hartford has had many women and men who stood strong for causes. Hartford was founded by a thoughtful “rebel” – in the 1630s Thomas Hooker led settlers away from Puritanical Boston to build a colony that respected democracy as its highest form of governance. In the 1770s, Hartford residents were over-represented among Revolutionaries who joined General Washington’s army. In the 1860s, the “Wide-Awakes”, which were founded in Hartford, were the group with the largest impact in electing the “free-soil” presidential ticket of Lincoln and Hamlin. In World War I, Hartford’s munitions makers at Colt firearms made more sidearms for British and American soldiers to repel the Axis than any other firm worldwide.*

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