

Why am I running?

This past year has been troubling for me as a United States citizen and as someone who cares deeply about the people and the world around me. The US Supreme Court has made it more difficult to be a woman in the United States. The Court has made it more difficult and more challenging to breathe clean air, be independent from government oversight, and to feel that government has my back.

I believe that elected representatives at all levels need to profess equality and protections for all genders. I believe that health care cannot be used to marginalize the needs of all citizens and anyone who needs help.

The US Supreme Court has turned life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as mere words without meaning. If you want to know why I'm running for the Rhode Island House, for District 47, and for you, you don't have to look any further than what the Court has mandated and what our current Representative in the RI House has done these past four years.

Nothing got done with the voice we now have in our State legislature. If you believe that women have equality in life, liberty and autonomy free from government control, having protections under the US Constitution, then you believe as I do. If you believe in fair and honest elections free from haphazard voting changes in other states, and undemocratic efforts to weaken voting safeguards and skew the rules for partisan advantage, then you believe as I do. If you believe in the sanctity of all life, protection of our environment, inalienable rights to clean water, healthy soil and fresh air, then you believe as I do. If you live in Burrillville and Glocester and worry about forest clear cutting, you should be concerned because as of now, you don't have a voice in the State legislature to help you out.

I'm Paul Roselli - candidate for the Rhode Island House in District 47. Your District. During the nearly five year battle against the Invenenergy power plant, I became a voice that was respected statewide. I gave 47 "Learn the Facts" presentations about the power plant. Nearly a thousand attendees joined the fight as a direct result of my work and that presentation. I know how to get

things done. As a small business owner, I know what inflation, the high cost of rent, day care, energy and education is doing to our small business sector. As a volunteer with the Rhode Island Disaster Medical Assistance Team - Medical Reserve Corp and as an educator, I know how the coronavirus has impacted our daily lives. The passion, dedication and commitment I mustered to defeat Invenenergy, I can bring to the RI House to help move Rhode Island to treat all women with respect, love and equal access to quality health care services, to make the northwest corner of RI have a better economy, to work towards a well staffed health care and assisted living system, to remove the incentives for clear cutting and provide for a robust clean environment, and to provide an efficient independent energy program that is affordable.

My message is clear - we need a voice that is respected in the State House. We need a voice of fairness and equality. A voice that draws people together instead of pushing them apart. A voice that defines success not by being the loudest but who respects the voices of others. Simply put, we don't have one now.

I grew up in Providence in what is now known as the North End of Providence. My mother, Silvia, attended nursing school late in life and became an LPN - a licensed practical nurse. My mother worked the "graveyard" shift from 11pm to 7am 5 nights a week at Lying-In Hospital taking care of preemie babies. My father, Guido, was an auto-body mechanic who could discern a problem just by listening to the sound the engine made. I grew up with three siblings - my two sisters became RN's, my brother became a contractor and builder, and I became a documentary film maker. As a kid, I loved watching Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom. I never wanted to be the Jim Fowler the animal handler or host Marlin Perkins. I wanted to be the person behind the camera.

I'm running to make a difference. I work and volunteer to make people's lives better. That is why I'm running.