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Thanks for the invite. I am presently recuperating from a hospital stay and procedures. I would not be able to attend. Probably will not be freely mobile for a month or two.

Tax hikes in Connecticut, both state and local (Avon) are the indicators of a governing body that cannot govern. It doesn't take any intelligence to say "GIMMEE"

We require business savvy people who can trim a budget, cut back on expenditures, deny automatic raises, expect more from their contracted service providers, give equal opportunity to non-union members and refuse to fill vacancies as they occur. A housewife, a young married couple, a retiree – they all learn how to live on a fixed amount or cut from their shopping list. WHY ? They can't say "GIMMEE" and force a working population to respond.

The exodus of people leaving the state isn't because of the brutal winter. More like the brutal economic climate. How many taxpayers vs. tax takers do we have in Connecticut? How many busways do we need to fund from an empty piggy bank? Dare we take state tax dollars and provide relief for the City of Hartford and a stadium. New Britain was fine.

I won't waste your time regarding my town except that I am waiting for an explanation of what \$30,000 annually provides for a retired couple. Local no different than the state. No elected official will take a stand and say "That's All, Folks".

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