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PORTSMOUTH DEMOCRATS SUPPORT LINDA UJIFUSA IN SENATE PRIMARY

PORTSMOUTH – At a special meeting on Monday, July 25, the Portsmouth Democratic Town Committee voted overwhelmingly to support Linda Ujifusa in the upcoming Democratic primary for State Senate District 11. Linda Ujifusa, the current Portsmouth Town Council Vice President is running against local attorney Matt Chappell in a primary for the open senate district seat that represents all of Portsmouth and a part of Bristol.

"We invited both Democratic Party candidates to join us, and we provided Linda and Matt with as much time as they wanted to make position statements and respond to questions from committee members," said chair Len Katzman. "We met in person and also in a hybrid format using Zoom, so members could participate remotely."

The committee probed the policy positions, legislative priorities, and civic engagement of both candidates. "The vote of support is meaningful. After a full process and considering the merits of each candidate, the Portsmouth Democratic Party voted to support Linda Ujifusa as the candidate who is aligned with our platform and Democratic Party ideals. Ms. Ujifusa has a long record of being a hardworking, highly effective leader who works with all parties to get things done for her constituents," said Katzman.

Following a full discussion with the candidates, Portsmouth Democratic Town Committee members overwhelmingly agreed that, "Ms. Ujifusa is the right person to best serve the people of Portsmouth," Katzman said.

Said Katzman, "We look forward to working with Linda as she continues reaching out to Portsmouth and Bristol voters, and we encourage everyone to learn about the candidates and participate in the Primary Election in September."

The Rhode Island Democratic Primary will be held on Tuesday, September 13 (new voter registration deadline is August 14). You can get more information about voting locations and request a mail ballot (by August 23) at the RI Secretary of State web site: <https://vote.sos.ri.gov/>