



John Fresolo

State Representative

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I am proud to have been your State Representative in the Legislature for the past eight years. Let me continue to be your voice on Beacon Hill.

Thank you.

John P. Fresolo

John Fresolo secures community policing funds

Worcester (7-18-06) State Rep. John Fresolo today presented Worcester Police Chief Gary Gemme with two checks representing a total of \$740,000 in special neighborhood community policing funds. For the eighth year in a row, John Fresolo successfully worked cooperatively with other local area legislators to bring this important targeted funding designed to provide help for the City of Worcester and the 16th District.

According to an article published in the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette*, one check for \$95,000 was secured by the local legislative delegation to pay for police foot patrols in six city neighborhoods. The neighborhoods include:

- Union Hill
- Vernon Hill
- Grafton Hill
- Green Island
- Quinsigamond Village
- South Worcester



State Rep. John Fresolo meets with two officers of the Worcester Police Department participating in the community policing detail.

At the press conference, held in the police chief's office, John Fresolo said, "I continue to hear nothing but high accolades for the Worcester Police Department and the men and women that walk these foot patrols."

According to the article, Chief Gemme said the extra money helps the Police Department fund quality of life programs that could not otherwise be funded.

Fresolo breakfast fundraiser attracts 300 attendees

Worcester (7-30-06) Breakfast was served to over 300 loyal Fresolo supporters at a fundraiser held today at the Vernon Hill American Legion Post on Providence Street. According to State Rep. John Fresolo, the breakfast was encouraging evidence of the strong support he has been receiving during the current re-election campaign. "I was delighted to see so many friends and supporters early on a Sunday morning," said John. "It's a humbling experience to know so many people have confidence in you," he added.



John Fresolo supporters fill the American Legion Hall July 30, 2006.

“Over the years, John Fresolo has proven that his primary focus is the well being of his neighbors and his City”
-Jane Petrella

Going door-to-door is part of the campaign

Worcester (8-29-06) According to John Fresolo, today marks the tenth straight week of door-to-door campaigning in the neighborhoods that make up the 16th Worcester District. John has been well known during his eight years as a state representative as a hard worker and a hard campaigner. This campaign is no different as he actively seeks reelection to his seat in the statehouse.

“I sincerely believe that being out in the neighborhood is something that the voters of my district expect from a candidate,” said John. “What has been particularly gratifying this year has been the great support I have received from volunteers willing to go door-to-door with me during this campaign,” he added.

“As I walk through the neighborhoods, I get a chance to listen to the concerns people have about issues such as the



Walking door-to-door is an important part of how John stays in touch with the voters of the 16th District. John talks recently with residents of the South Worcester neighborhood about the new affordable housing under construction in the area.

high cost of prescription drugs or the lack of transportation to get to Doctor’s appointments. These are real issues and I am committed to seeking help from Beacon Hill to meet these problems faced by our citizens,” he said.

New housing for seniors nearing completion

Worcester (7-10-06) Construction of the Village at Ascension Heights affordable senior housing project on Vernon Hill has taken another step toward completion with the visible signs of framing and site work. John Fresolo worked hard with other local leaders to secure the necessary money to keep the project on track and on schedule.

“It’s vital for our community to seek ways to help our seniors be able to stay in their neighborhood, even if they can’t stay in the homes they have lived in for years,” said John. “Projects like this one at Ascension Church are necessary if we are to keep our neighborhoods vital and livable,” he added.

Working together with other area leaders,



John Fresolo talks with a neighborhood resident about the current progress at Ascension Heights affordable housing project on Vernon Hill.

John helped secure the \$4.2 million grant that moved the project forward. According to Deb Lockwood, Executive Director of the Canal District Community Development Corporation, this undertaking wouldn’t be where it is now if it weren’t

for State Representative John Fresolo.

“John was at every meeting from the start of the project,” said Lockwood. “John Fresolo is someone who takes action,” she added.

The affordable housing project is being built on land leased through the Catholic Archdiocese. The three-story state-of-the-art complex will feature floor to ceiling windows for maximum light exposure, various amenities and a courtyard.

Fresolo campaign proud of support from the neighborhood residents

Worcester (8-25-06) Some have called it a “sign of the times” and others have just called it amazing, but when the signs went up this month in the 16th District in support of John Fresolo it created a visual confirmation of his support among the residents of the district. In addition to the lawn signs, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of bumper stickers on cars.

“It’s well understood that signs and bumper stickers don’t vote,” said John Fresolo, “but, it is also true that as a candidate, it is very encouraging to see the visual “sign” of support when the voters take the time and effort to wear the candidates name in such a public manner,” he added. “For me, as I go from door to door throughout the area,

and I see those signs greeting me as I come up the walkway, I can’t tell

you what it means to me and how proud I am to serve as State Representative,” said John. According to John, his volunteers have installed over 500 signs with more on order.

“It’s a privilege to be elected to public office, a privilege that I take very seriously,” said John. “When I see the positive things that are happening for our neighborhoods and our City, and I realize that I have a chance to serve on behalf of my neighbors in the state legislature, it makes me all the more anxious to work hard on their behalf,” said John.



“It’s been a privilege to volunteer on the John Fresolo election campaign over the years”
- Sheila Haddad-Trapasso

Fresolo supports tax relief for military families

Worcester (7-26-06) John Fresolo today announced that legislation has passed in the House of Representatives and is now on its way to the Senate to provide significant and well deserved tax relief for the members of military families.

“This legislation demonstrates the Legislature’s steadfast commitment to the state’s veterans and the benefits they rightly deserve,” said John.



Among the forms of relief provided in the legislation are increases in various property tax exemptions and

abatements; increased real estate tax exemption for disabled veterans; a five year 100 percent property tax exemption for war widows and widowers; and an extension of sales and vehicle excise tax to all veterans who qualify for a Disabled Veteran license plate.

Fresolo brings increased education funding

Worcester (8-28-06) As a parent of young children in the Worcester public schools, John has been vigorous in support for increased aid to local schools including enhancement for affordable child care programs. This past year John worked to bring an additional \$6 million in increased aid for the Worcester public schools. “We have no higher priority as legislators than to focus on the needs of our schools,” said John.



John Fresolo is well known in the Worcester public schools where he makes frequent appearances to answer student’s questions about government.

John invites all the grammar schools in the district to tour the State House, including a pizza and soda break. A photograph of each class is available for viewing on his website: www.johnfresolo.com

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Fresolo congratulated on Visitor Center effort

Worcester (8-23-06) State Representative John Fresolo today participated in a press conference announcing the receipt of \$1.6 million in state funding for the Blackstone Gateway Visitors Center to be built in the Quinsigamond Village area.

During remarks from Senator Ed Augustus, Representative John Binienda and House Ways and Means Chairman Robert DeLeo of Winthrop, John Fresolo was congratulated by his fellow legislators for his leadership role in securing the funding for the project.

The Gateway center is being established in the former Washburn & Moen factory, also known as the Rome Building. Among the planned tenants for the center are the Worcester Historical



John Fresolo presides at a press conference where it was announced that \$1.6 million had been approved for the Gateway Visitors Center.

Museum and the Worcester County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

During the press conference, John pointed out that the local residents, particularly of the Quinsigamond Village neighborhood, have been working hard over the years to support

the project. He

acknowledge activist, Jane Petrella of Greenwood St., as a strong supporter of the corridor project. John said, "She always reminds me that she wants to be around to see the project first hand."

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$10 million, of which, \$6.4 million was federal funding secured by U.S. Rep. James McGovern of Worcester. The funding announced today was the match needed to keep the federal funds.