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Republican Candidate Connecticut First Congressional District

Joseph B. Visconti was born in Hartford and has spent most of his life in the Greater Hartford area.

Joe is a businessman, a member of the West Hartford Town Council, patron of the arts and community activist. He serves on the council's Community Planning and Development Committee, and is the Council liaison to the West Hartford Board of Education.

Joe was born December 9, 1956 at Hartford Hospital, the third of four children born to Anne and the late Joseph Visconti. He attended M.D. Fox Elementary School in Hartford, and Buckley High School before moving to West Hartford and graduating from Hall High School in 1974.

Joe earned his Associate's Degree in Telecommunications from the University of Hartford in 1978 while working as a crew worker for the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Local 84. He was employed by the City of Hartford on the technical crew at the Civic Center, in addition to working shows at the Bushnell Auditorium, Oakdale Theater, the Springfield Civic Center, and Colts Park in Hartford.

Joe spent four years in Dade County, Florida from 1995 to 1999 where he began his public career by volunteering for "Safe Neighborhood Parks," a non-profit group established to secure funding for safe play areas for Miami-area children. His commitment to the community helped garner a \$200-million public bond initiative to restore playground areas.

He continued his community involvement as a founding member and chairman of Disabilities & Possibilities, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising public awareness of the issues experienced by people living with disabilities. In that organization Joe was responsible for securing funding and developing educational programming on PBS (Public Broadcasting System) and other broadcasting outlets.

Joe received an Emmy Award in 1997 for his television production. Disabilities and Possibilities also received the Governor Lawton Chiles Media Award for his work.

Upon returning to Connecticut, Joe reentered the family construction business and formed Joseph Visconti, LLC, a general contracting company specializing in commercial renovations and repairs. His firm serves Fortune 500 companies and small businesses in Connecticut. His clients have included Aetna, Marriott Hotels and American Power Conversion. In that capacity he manages multiple projects in all facets of the construction business. Joe also owns and operates a media company for publishing, recording and production of television programming and music.

He also worked with various community groups including West Hartford Vision, where he served as a board member, and the West Hartford Taxpayer's Association, where he has been instrumental in promoting and advocating fiscal responsibility and transparency in government. He also is a member of the West Hartford Republican Town Committee.

As a founding member of Save the Center, Joe worked diligently to inform West Hartford residents about the Blue Back Square development, and led the charge to ensure that every citizen was guaranteed the right to vote on public subsidies and the sale of town property.

In his leisure time, Joe, a New York trained actor, has been an actor mentor for the Hartford Children's Theater in Hartford, an avid boater, and a member of the Patriot Guard Riders – an organization of motorcycleists who tour Connecticut honoring our fallen military personnel.

Joe is a graduate of the University of Hartford and resides in West Hartford with his three children Joey (age 20), Gabriella (age 18) and Michael (age 14). He is a communicant of St. Peter Claver Church in West Hartford.

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Visconti Announces for 1st Congressional District

May 1, 2008 – Joseph Visconti, Republican Town Councilman in West Hartford, businessman and community activist announced his candidacy for the First Congressional District today by touring the district from Torrington to Manchester with stops in Hartford, Bristol, and Newington.

Visconti also visited the state Capitol where Republican officer holders wished him well and offered their support.

The event at Torrington City Hall was hosted by Mayor Ryan Bingham; at Bristol City Hall, Councilman Ken Cockayne was the host; Visconti attended the Republican of the Year ceremonies at the Indian Hill Golf Club in Newington, where Mayor Jeff Wright presided; and the tour ended before a gathering at the Manchester City Hall, hosted by Mayor Lou Spadaccini.

In a speech announcing his candidacy, Visconti said, he is challenging a long-term Democratic incumbent because Congress is out of touch with the average citizen, and unresponsive to the needs of most Americans.

"I do not believe the problem lies with the American people but with American Representatives who have forgotten who they are and who they represent. America is the greatest country in the world. But our government has lost its way!

"Far too often, the image we see of Congress is negative," Visconti said. "It appears to be a place of unending bickering, manipulation and stagnation, all of which breed frustration and allow for missed opportunities.

"It is time to send Representatives to Congress who will always remember that their job is not to dictate to the people or represent the few but rather as our founding fathers intended, to return to the concept of government by and for the people."

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