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Jones for Mayor Announcement

Today, Chris Jones announced that he is seeking the Democratic nomination for Mayor of Shelton. Chris, a lifelong resident of Shelton, is a successful small business owner in town as well as a member of the Shelton Planning and Zoning Commission. Jones stated, "I am running for mayor because I want to restore city government to the people of our community. The current Republican administration works in favor of special interests rather than the common good of all our citizens. Jones went on to say that he is tired of the constant battles between the Mayor and various city departments such as the Police and Fire Departments. "These on-going unnecessary disputes reflect poorly on the entire community." As Shelton's next mayor, Jones promised to open the lines of communication with all boards and commissions and to make the actions of the city more transparent. "This is especially needed," Jones said, "When it comes to the Board of Education. I will work continuously with Board members to build a system that educates our children for the jobs of tomorrow at a cost all of us can afford."

Chris also stressed the need to focus on maintenance of the City's infrastructure. "For years city roads, buildings and recreational facilities have been shamefully neglected. Just drive down Mohegan Road and see the road is falling apart, not pot holes but the actual road is peeling away. We can do better and I promise under my administration we will provide top shelf maintenance."

Jones reiterated his commitment to opening up city government to all Shelton citizens. "We have large numbers of smart, progressive people who can and would bring their ideas on how to make Shelton a better place to live and work. But they have been shut out of the process for years. As mayor I'll invite all our citizens to suggest new innovative ways to improve our community. Over the next months I and my fellow candidates will be walking all sections of town to hear what the people have to say. Together we can move Shelton forward and make our town Connecticut's showcase as progressive, balanced forward looking community."