

# Easton Democrats Celebrate First Selectman at Inaugural Ball

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Easton residents, friends, and community leaders gathered together to honor the historic win of David Bindelglass as the Town of Easton's First Selectman, and to thank Bob Lessler for his twenty years of service as Selectman. (L - R) Michelle Lapine McCabe, Anne Hughes, Bob Lessler, and David Bindelglass at the First Selectman's Inaugural Ball on January 18th in Easton, CT.

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Bindelglass, an orthopedic surgeon from Easton, Connecticut, was elected this November as the Town's first Democratic First Selectman in 36 years. Along with Selectman Bob Lessler, who was re-elected to his eleventh term as Selectman, the two have formed the first Democratic majority on the town board since 2003. The election is also historic because it is the first time since 1983 that Easton has elected a Democratic First Selectman as well as a Democratic majority to the three member board.

Despite the inclement weather on Saturday, January 18th, approximately 70 guests arrived at the private estate of longtime residents and art collectors, Elliot Leonard and Roger Litz, who graciously hosted the Inaugural Ball for Bindelglass. "Easton is here tonight, and we're bringing change," said Leonard as he welcomed guests to the party that evening. "Smart and hard work led us to the first board control since 1983, and

hopefully will help to bring change nationally in 2020.”

The attendees celebrated the collective achievements of the long serving Democrats in Easton, with remarks from State Rep. Anne Hughes, State Senatorial candidate Michelle Lapine McCabe, Selectman Lessler, and First Selectman Bindelglass. The event doubled as a fundraiser for 2020 campaigns and leadership initiatives supported by the Easton Democratic Town Committee (EDTC) and its members.

“Easton residents want to be informed and valued no matter their age, race, or gender. Our neighbors want to feel safe, heard, and like they belong in this community, and we will continue to be guided by our vision that upholds the quality of life and prosperity of each of our citizens. The EDTC is working hard to be an example of how a town can positively collaborate for the greater good of all of its residents. We are grateful for the support of our state representatives and leaders, and we are looking forward to even more success for Democrats in 2020,” stated Nanette DeWester, Chairperson of the EDTC.

To learn more about how you can serve alongside the Democratic town leadership, build community, and participate in planning for Easton’s future, please visit the [EDTC website](#) and attend an upcoming monthly meeting. The EDTC is an inclusive, engaged, and welcoming group of residents who believe in public involvement, as well as a proactive and solutions-oriented approach to town government.