

ELGIN & D'ONOFRIO FOR WESTPORT SELECTMEN

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Steinberg and Savin: Lying and Cheating?

On October 25th, TJ Elgin and Louis D'Onofrio Jr. participated in their third and final debate prior to this historical Selectman election on November 2, 2021. Prior to this debate, TJ Elgin and Louis D'Onofrio Jr. twice observed Johnathan Steinberg and Candice Savin being provided with the debated questions against the outlined rules.

The first occasion occurred prior to the second debate, hosted at the Westport Library. The candidates walked into the library and overheard the Sustainable Westport moderator providing several questions to Steinberg and Savin. Prior to the final debate, our candidates observed Steinberg and Savin loudly reviewing the questions ahead of time.

TJ Elgin states, "I am not surprised one bit. I know they will cheat to win. These actions of my opponents speaks volumes about their character. Other than the fact that our campaign called the police on a Steinberg team member taking our sign, for which we dropped the charges when the sign was returned, Steinberg was sued by his own political party for using quid pro quo tactics and cronyism and he continued his lies during each debate." [1]

TJ Elgin further states, “Steinberg lied during the last debate about what our superintendent said, and on October 21 he claimed he made calls to Eversource to expedite Westport’s downed utility lines.” D’Onofrio, the second selectman candidate added, “I called out Steinberg about his Eversource claims on the debate stage. Steinberg’s claims make us very concerned. Is Steinberg claiming he is using unethical means to favor one community over another during a disaster? Is Steinberg trying to take credit for hundreds of town, state and Eversource employees that worked non-stop to get our town back up and running?”

D’Onofrio also adds, “I take great offense to Steinberg taking credit for my efforts helping our community during a pandemic. I acted fast, reduced viral spread, and also published a research article in an international journal about the viral spread in our community.”[2]

TJ Elgin adds, “Steinberg continues to take credit for reducing plastic bags and plastic utensils in stores and restaurants. I do not think people know that he also encouraged the use of these disposable, environmentally harmful products to be used in restaurants during the pandemic. He literally undid years of my hard work in less than a year’s time.”

[1][Lawsuit: Westport first selectman candidate lied about career, used 'cronyism'](https://www.westport-news.com/news/local-news/lawsuit-westport-first-selectman-candidate-lied-about-career-used-cronyism)
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[2]<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0033350621000032>