## **VoteWestport Press Release**

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Our campaign would like to provide the town residents with updates from our office to address the topic of:

- Petition to Selectmen in the towns of Westport, Weston, and Easton, and Westport Weston Health District (WWHD) Board calling for Mark A.R. Cooper's termination.
- Tj Elgin will be hosting his selectmen candidacy's open forum at his headquarters on Monday September 20th at 7pm

On Thursday September 23th, 2021 Tj Elgin, who is running for first selectman of Westport, will be turning in the petition he started about 2 months ago calling for the WWHD's health director to be terminated. The online petition

(https://www.change.org/p/westport-weston-health-district-boardstop-the-wwhd-corruption-and-public-health-risks)calls attention to Mark A. R. Cooper's poor management of the health district over the past 10 years, which has placed numerous town employees and community members' health at risk. Elgin states "Mark has ignored extreme rodent problems, failed to obtain appropriate licenses, ignored state guidance during a pandemic, and has been misplacing town money. Due to no investigations being reported, I would hate to assume Mark Cooper has been stealing money from the health district and our current administration to be ignoring this, but current evidence and Cooper's silence speaks volumes to me."

Tj Elgin has almost 40 signatures from residents of Westport, Weston and Easton. Tj encourages all town residents to read the petition and sign, if in agreement.

Elgin states "I would have had the WWHD Board address these concerns on day one. I do not understand why town-appointed persons choose to allow Mark Cooper to have so much control and little to no oversight by the Board. Once elected, I will have full transparency of all town departments."

Tj Elgin will be hosting his selectmen candidacy's open forum at his headquarters on Monday September 20th at 7pm located at 370 Post Rd W in Westport. All are welcome to discuss town issues and concerns. Candidates Elgin and D'Onofrio Jr will be present to talk about their stances on town issues including environment, traffic, town construction, taxes, school curriculum changes, and more.

Sincerely,

Tj Elgin, First Selectman Candidate of Westport, CT