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Subject: Ledyard Town Referendum Vote Results from the Voters Speak Loudly

Good Morning,

As we all know by now, the 2026 budget referendum has again failed.

Over 75% of small town budgets in the State of Connecticut.have failed to pass this June.

Why? There is a large percentage of town residents at or below the ALICE economic indicator level.

Many are living paycheck to paycheck.

Their Utility Bills have risen way ahead of inflation.

Rent, Insurance and everyday items have increased in price.

Some are worried about the new Re-evaluation appraisal that will be in place by Vision LLC for next January 2026.

The voters of Ledyard have voted for further reductions.

This budget must be reduced in an objective way looking for savings for the long run and to avoid eliminating needed capital improvement expenses that will just kick the can down the road. The budget must meet, not exceed, the needs of the town, BOE and the Town residents.

Regards, Lawrence Erhart\ 14 Fawn Drive Gales Ferry, CT 06335