

**THE NEW HAVEN REGIONAL DIALOUGE**

**MARCH 1 – MARCH 3**

**SELF ADMINISTERED QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Group #:** \_\_\_\_\_

## DIRECTIONS

**PLEASE READ EACH QUESTION CAREFULLY. REMEMBER, THERE ARE NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWERS – WE JUST WANT TO KNOW YOUR OWN PERSONAL OPINION.**

**We would like you to fill out this questionnaire on your own. When you are finished please return the questionnaire to your moderator.**

### **HOW TO FILL OUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE**

To answer most questions you need only circle one number. Here are two examples:

Example A:

How often do you use the Yellow Pages in the phone book?

- Almost every day .....1
- Several times a month.....2
- About once a month.....3
- Less than once a month.....4

**[IF YOU USE THE YELLOW PAGES SEVERAL TIMES A MONTH, CIRCLE NUMBER “2”. CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ONLY.]**

Example B:

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- |  | Agree<br>Strongly | Agree<br>somewhat | Neither<br>agree nor<br>disagree | Disagree<br>somewhat | Disagree<br>strongly | Don't<br>know |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| A. It is difficult to raise children. ....                   | 1.....            | 2.....            | 3.....                           | 4.....               | 5.....               | 6.....        |
| B. A woman should devote all her<br>time to her family. .... | 1.....            | 2.....            | 3.....                           | 4.....               | 5.....               | 6.....        |

**[YOU WOULD CIRCLE “1” IF YOU “AGREE STRONGLY” WITH THE FIRST STATEMENT, AND “4” IF YOU “DISAGREE MILDLY” WITH THE SECOND STATEMENT.]**

## SURVEY

### BEGIN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

As you think about the New Haven region, how important is each of the following to you on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 stands for not at all important, 10 stands for as important as possible and 5 is exactly in the middle?

	<b>Not at all important</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Extremely Don't important know</b>
1a. To improve the accessibility of air travel.....	0..... 1	2..... 3	4..... 5 .....6..... 7 .....8..... 9 .....10.....11
1b. To promote economic growth.....	0..... 1	2..... 3	4..... 5 .....6..... 7 .....8..... 9 .....10.....11
1c. To reduce the gap between wealthier and poorer communities. ....	0..... 1	2..... 3	4..... 5 .....6..... 7 .....8..... 9 .....10.....11
1d. To preserve what is special about individual towns. ....	0..... 1	2..... 3	4..... 5 .....6..... 7 .....8..... 9 .....10.....11
1e. To reduce traffic congestion.....	0..... 1	2..... 3	4..... 5 .....6..... 7 .....8..... 9 .....10.....11
1f. To preserve open land.....	0..... 1	2..... 3	4..... 5 .....6..... 7 .....8..... 9 .....10.....11
1g. To minimize pollution.....	0..... 1	2..... 3	4..... 5 .....6..... 7 .....8..... 9 .....10.....11
1h. To keep property taxes as low as possible. ....	0..... 1	2..... 3	4..... 5 .....6..... 7 .....8..... 9 .....10.....11

On a scale of 0-10, how would you describe the economic condition of your town and the Greater New Haven region, where 0 stands for terrible, 10 stands for great and 5 is exactly midway between?

	<b>Terrible</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Great Don't know</b>
2. The economic condition of <b>my town</b> is.....	0..... 1	2..... 3	4..... 5 .....6..... 7 .....8..... 9 .....10.....11
3. The economic condition of <b>the region</b> is.....	0..... 1	2..... 3	4..... 5 .....6..... 7 .....8..... 9 .....10.....11

Following are a number of statements about general opinions, which people might have. For each one please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree using a scale 0 to 10 where 0 stands for disagreeing as strongly as possible, 10 stands for agreeing as strongly as possible, and 5 stands for neither agree nor disagree.

	<b>Disagree strongly</b>	<b>Neither agree nor disagree</b>	<b>Agree Don't strongly know</b>
4. I don't mind paying a little more in taxes if the money will make most people in the <b>greater New Haven region</b> better off. ....	0..... 1	2..... 3	4..... 5 .....6..... 7 .....8..... 9 .....10.....11
5. I don't mind paying a little more in taxes if the money will make most people in <b>my town</b> better off. ....	0..... 1	2..... 3	4..... 5 .....6..... 7 .....8..... 9 .....10.....11

6. If towns surrounding yours were to lose jobs because of businesses leaving the region, how do you think it would affect your town? Very positively, somewhat positively, neither positively nor negatively, somewhat negatively, or very negatively?

- a. Very positively
- b. Somewhat positively
- c. Neither positively nor negatively
- d. Somewhat negatively
- e. Very negatively
  
- f. Don't know

7. People sometimes talk about sprawl, by which they mean the building of homes and businesses on open land, rather than using property in already developed areas. In the New Haven region, do you believe that sprawl is a major problem, a moderate problem, a minor problem, or not a problem?

- a. A major problem
- b. A moderate problem
- c. A minor problem
- d. Not a problem
  
- e. Don't know

8. Compared to other towns in the region, would you say your town government is much more honest than average, somewhat more honest, about as honest, somewhat less honest, or much less honest than average?

- a. Much more honest
- b. Somewhat more honest
- c. About as honest
- d. Somewhat less honest
- e. Much less honest
  
- f. Don't know

9. Compared to other towns in the region, would you say your town government is much more wasteful than average, somewhat more wasteful, about as wasteful, somewhat less wasteful, or much less wasteful?

- a. Much more wasteful than average
- b. Somewhat more wasteful than average
- c. About as wasteful as average
- d. Somewhat less wasteful than average
- e. Much less wasteful than average
  
- f. Don't know

10. If some towns in a region are more prosperous than others, how do you think that affects the economy of the region as a whole? Do you think it makes the economy of the region much stronger, a little stronger, little weaker, much weaker or would you say it makes no difference?

- a. Much stronger
- b. A little stronger
- c. A little weaker
- d. Much weaker
- e. Makes no difference
  
- f. Don't know

The next few questions concern Tweed New Haven Airport. For each of the following statements please indicate whether you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly.

		<b>Neither</b>			
	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>agree nor</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
	<b>strongly</b>	<b>somewhat</b>	<b>disagree</b>	<b>somewhat</b>	<b>strongly</b>
					<b>Don't</b>
					<b>know</b>

11. Commercial passenger service to nearby cities should be maintained but not expanded to serve a larger market. ....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6

12. Commercial passenger service should be expanded to provide more flights to more places. ....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6

13. Commercial passenger service should be ended, leaving only service for private airplanes.. ....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6

Please read the following three options for the future of Tweed airport.

- A. Maintaining commercial passenger service to nearby cities but not expanding service to serve a larger market.
- B. Expanding commercial passenger service, providing more flights to more places.
- C. Ending commercial passenger service and providing service only for private airplanes.

14. Which of these options would you **most** like to see? \_\_\_\_\_

15. What would be your **second** choice? \_\_\_\_\_

16. How do you think that expanding the airport to provide more flights to more places would affect your town's economy? Would it have a major positive economic impact, a minor positive impact, no impact, a minor negative impact or a major negative impact on the economy of **your town**?

- a. Major positive impact
- b. Minor positive impact
- c. No impact
- d. Minor negative impact
- e. Major negative impact
  
- f. Don't know

16a. How do you think this would affect the economy of the **New Haven Region**?

- a. Major positive impact
- b. Minor positive impact
- c. No impact
- d. Minor negative impact
- e. Major negative impact
  
- f. Don't know

17. How do you think expanding the airport to provide more flights to more places would affect property values in **your town**? Would it make property more valuable, less valuable or do you think it would have no impact on property values?

- a. More valuable
- b. Less valuable
- c. No impact
  
- d. Don't know

17a. And how do you think it would affect property values in the **New Haven region**?

- a. More valuable
- b. Less valuable
- c. No impact
  
- d. Don't know

18. How do you think eliminating commercial flights, so that Tweed would only serve private planes, would affect the amount of road traffic for people in **your town**? Do you think it would cause the amount of traffic to increase a great deal, increase a little, decrease a little, decrease a great deal, or would it have no effect on the amount of traffic?

- a. Traffic would increase a great deal
- b. Traffic would increase a little
- c. Traffic would decrease a little
- d. Traffic would decrease a great deal
- e. It would have no effect on the amount of traffic
  
- f. Don't know

18a. How do you think it would affect the amount of road traffic in the **New Haven region**?

- a. Traffic would increase a great deal
- b. Traffic would increase a little
- c. Traffic would decrease a little
- d. Traffic would decrease a great deal
- e. It would have no effect on the amount of traffic
  
- f. Don't know

19. How do you think eliminating commercial flights, so that Tweed would only serve private planes, would affect the quality of life in **your town**? Do you think it would improve the quality of life, reduce the quality of life or have no impact on the quality of life?

- a. Improve the quality of life
- b. Reduce the quality of life
- c. It would have no impact on the quality of life
  
- d. Don't know

19a. How do you think it would affect the quality of life in the **New Haven region**?

- a. Improve the quality of life
- b. Reduce the quality of life
- c. It would have no impact on the quality of life
  
- d. Don't know

The next section concerns the relationships between towns in this region and property tax revenues from new businesses and industries. For each of the following statements please indicate whether you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly.

			<b>Neither</b>			
	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>agree nor</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Don't</b>
	<b>strongly</b>	<b>somewhat</b>	<b>disagree</b>	<b>somewhat</b>	<b>strongly</b>	<b>know</b>

20. My town should maintain local control .....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6  
 over all of its tax revenues from new  
 businesses and industries.

21. My town should try for a voluntary .....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6  
 agreement with other towns in the  
 region to share some of the tax  
 revenues from new businesses  
 and industries.

22. The state should provide incentives for .....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6  
 towns in the region to share some tax  
 revenues from new businesses  
 and industries.

23. The state should require towns in the .....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6  
 region to share some tax revenues  
 from new businesses and industries.

24. Please read the following options for dealing with property tax revenues from new businesses and industries.

A. My town should maintain local control over all of its tax revenues from new businesses and industries.

B. My town should try for a voluntary agreement with other towns in the region to share some of the tax revenues from new businesses and industries.

C. The state should provide incentives for towns in the region to share some tax revenues from new businesses and industries.

D. The state should require towns in the region to share some tax revenues from new businesses and industries.

24. Which one of these options would you **most** like to see? \_\_\_\_\_

25. What would be your **second** choice? \_\_\_\_\_

25a. What would be your **third** choice? \_\_\_\_\_

26. How would you say competition among towns in a region, to attract new business or other development to their town, affects the economy of the region as a whole? Would you say it helps the economy a great deal, helps a little, has no impact, hurts the economy a little or hurts the economy a great deal?

- a. Helps a great deal
- b. Helps a little
- c. Has no impact
- d. Hurts a little
- e. Hurts a great deal
  
- f. Don't know

27. If the towns in this region were to share some of the tax revenues from new development with other towns, how do you think that would affect the **region** economically? Would it make the region's economy much stronger, a little stronger, a little weaker, much weaker, or would it not have any impact on the region's economy?

- a. Much stronger
- b. A little stronger
- c. A little weaker
- d. Much weaker
- e. Would have no impact
  
- f. Don't know

28. If the towns in this region were to share some of the tax revenues from new development with other towns, how do you think it would affect your **town** economically? Would it make the town's economy much stronger, a little stronger, a little weaker, much weaker, or would it have not impact on your town's economy?

- a. Much stronger
- b. A little stronger
- c. A little weaker
- d. Much weaker
- e. Would have no impact
  
- f. Don't know

29. If there were some sharing of property tax revenues from new development between towns in the region, how do you think it would affect your property tax rates? Would it make your property tax rates go up a great deal, up a little, down a little, down a great deal, or would it have no impact on your property tax rates?

- a. Go up a great deal
- b. Go up a little
- c. Go down a little
- d. Go down a great deal
- e. No impact
  
- f. Don't know

Please indicate whether you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly with the following statements.

	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Don't</b>
	<b>strongly</b>	<b>somewhat</b>	<b>agree nor</b>	<b>somewhat</b>	<b>strongly</b>	<b>know</b>
			<b>disagree</b>			

30. Towns that have to depend on their own .....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6  
 property taxes to pay for local services  
 are more likely to support new  
 development that changes what is  
 special about the town.

31. Sharing of new business and industry .....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6  
 tax revenues would enable the region  
 to attract new biotech companies  
 without providing new tax subsidies.

32. If Tweed New Haven Airport were to .....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6  
 expand to provide more flights to more  
 places, business in the region would grow  
 by hundreds of millions of dollars as  
 a result.

33. If revenue sharing between towns in this region were strictly voluntary, with no state involvement, how many of the towns in the New Haven region do you think would participate? All of them, most of them, about half of them, just a few of them, or none of them?

- a. All of them
- b. Most of them
- c. About half of them
- d. Just a few of them
- e. None of them
- f. Don't know

34. Would revenue sharing be worth doing if only a few towns in the New Haven region participated?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Don't know

The next few questions concern the New Haven region. In responding to them don't worry if you don't know an answer, just respond don't know.

35. Which of the following would you say is closest to the population of the greater New Haven region?

- a. 250,000
- b. 350,000
- c. 550,000
- d. 750,000
  
- e. Don't know

36. During the 1990's, would you say the rate of job growth in the New Haven region was more, about the same, or less than the rest of the United States?

- a. More than the rest of the U.S.
- b. Less than the rest of the U.S.
  
- c. Don't know

37. Which of the following would you say is the major source of revenue for most town governments in the Greater New Haven region?

- a. Sales taxes
- b. Property taxes
- c. Direct subsidies from the state
- d. Direct subsidies from the federal government
  
- e. Don't know

38. If there were a functioning regional airport do you think there would be more or less people traveling on the I-95/I-91 corridor to Hartford and New York, or would it make no difference?

- a. More people would travel on the I-95/I-91 corridor
- b. Less people would travel on the I-95/I-91 corridor.
- c. It would make no difference.
  
- d. Don't know

39. Would you say the population of the city of New Haven increased, stayed the same, or decreased during the 1990's?

- a. Increased
- b. Stayed the same
- c. Decreased
  
- d. Don't know

40. Does Connecticut law allow communities to share property tax revenues?

- a. Yes
- b. No
  
- c. Don't know

41. Would you say those communities with the most valuable property tend to have the lowest property tax rates, average property tax rates, or the highest property tax rates?

- a. Lowest property tax rates
- b. Average property tax rates
- c. Highest property tax rates
  
- d. Don't know

42. Which of the following categories would you say the Federal Aviation Authority would use to describe Tweed New Haven Airport?

- a. Major hub
- b. Medium hub
- c. Minor hub
- d. Non-hub
  
- e. Don't know

43. Would you say that maintaining Tweed New Haven Airport at its current level of service would require any significant investment?

- a. Yes
- b. No
  
- c. Don't know

44. Thinking about your political views as a whole, how would you rate yourself on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 stands for about as conservative as they come, 10 for about as liberal as they come, and five for exactly in the middle, or have you not thought much about this?

**About as  
conservative  
as they come**

**In the middle**

**About as Don't  
liberal know  
as they come**

How would you describe your political views?.....0..... 1 .....2..... 3 .....4..... 5 .....6..... 7 .....8..... 9 .....10.....11

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

**Agree**      **Agree**      **Neither**      **Disagree**      **Disagree**      **Don't**  
**strongly**   **somewhat**   **agree nor**   **somewhat**   **strongly**   **know**  
**disagree**

45. When voting, people should always put the interests of the public as a whole before those of themselves and their family. ....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6

In this final section we would like you to give your evaluation of the Regional Dialogue Meeting. Please answer the following questions about your experience by circling a number on the response scale following each item.

46. On a scale from 0 for “generally a waste of time” to 10 for “extremely valuable,” how valuable in helping you clarify your positions on the issues was

**Generally a**      **Extremely**      **Don't**  
**waste of time**      **valuable**      **know**

- a. Participating in the small group discussions.      0..... 1 .....2..... 3 .....4..... 5 .....6..... 7 .....8..... 9 .....10.....11
- b. Meeting and talking to other delegates outside of the formal discussions      0..... 1 .....2..... 3 .....4..... 5 .....6..... 7 .....8..... 9 .....10.....11
- c. The large group sessions with experts      0..... 1 .....2..... 3 .....4..... 5 .....6..... 7 .....8..... 9 .....10.....11
- d. The Regional Dialogue as a whole      0..... 1 .....2..... 3 .....4..... 5 .....6..... 7 .....8..... 9 .....10.....11

47. How strongly would you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

**Agree**      **Agree**      **Neither**      **Disagree**      **Disagree**      **Don't**  
**strongly**   **somewhat**   **agree nor**   **somewhat**   **strongly**   **know**  
**disagree**

- a. My small group moderator provided the opportunity for everyone to participate in the discussion. ....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6
- b. The members of my small group did in fact participate relatively equally in the discussion. ....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6
- c. My small group moderator sometimes tried to influence the group with his or her own views. ....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6
- d. The small group discussions covered the major points in the discussion materials. ....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6
- e. The small group moderator tried to make sure that opposing arguments were considered. ....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6

			<b>Neither</b>			
<b>Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>agree nor</b>		<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Don't</b>
<b>strongly</b>	<b>somewhat</b>	<b>disagree</b>		<b>somewhat</b>	<b>strongly</b>	<b>know</b>

f. Just a few of the members of my small .....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6  
group dominated the discussion.

g. I learned a lot about people very .....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6  
different from me – about what they  
and their lives are like.

h. The small group discussions missed some.....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6  
major portions of the issues.

i. People with views very different from  
mine often have very good reasons for  
their views.....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6

48. By the end of the Regional Dialogue, about how much of the discussion materials that were sent to you would you say you read?

- Didn't read or just glanced at them 1
- Read less than half of them 2
- Read about half of them 3
- Read more than half of them 4
- Read all or nearly all of them 5

49. And how carefully would you say you read them?

- Not carefully at all 1
- Somewhat carefully 2
- Very carefully 3

Now think back to the time after you were interviewed by phone but before you came to the Regional Dialogue on Friday.

50. During that period, about how much of the discussion materials would you say you read?

- Didn't read or just glanced at them 1
- Read less than half of them 2
- Read about half of them 3
- Read more than half of them 4
- Read all or nearly all of them 5

51. And, during that same period, how carefully would you say you read them?

- Not carefully at all 1
- Somewhat carefully 2
- Very carefully 3

52. During that same period, about how much would you say you

	<b>Much less than usual</b>	<b>Less than usual</b>	<b>About as much as usual</b>	<b>More than usual</b>	<b>Much more than usual</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
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- a. Read other books or articles relating to.....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6  
transportation, revenue sharing, or  
other regional issues.
- b. Talked with family, friends, or co-workers .....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6  
about transportation, revenue sharing, or  
other regional issues.
- c. Watched or listened to stories on TV or radio .....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6  
about transportation, revenue sharing, or  
other regional issues.
- d. Surfing the web for information about .....1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6  
transportation, revenue sharing, or  
other regional issues.

53. And during this same period--after you were first interviewed and invited but before you came to the Regional Dialogue on Friday—how much would you say you learned about these issues? When you arrived here on Friday, would you say that you knew a lot, a good deal, somewhat, a little bit, or not really much more about them than you did when first interviewed?

- Not really much more 1
- little bit more 2
- Somewhat more 3
- A good deal more 4
- A lot more 5

54. Have you changed any of your views about these issues, compared to when you were first interviewed and invited to attend the Regional Dialogue? In what ways, if so? And why?

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Thank you for all of your help. Please hand this questionnaire back to your group moderator.