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Tea Party Republican congressman Robert Dold debated Democratic challenger Brad Schneider in Lake

Forest on Sunday, October 14. It quickly became apparent that Dold's campaign strategy depends on an uninformed electorate. Dold walked onto the stage with many people thinking he was a moderate, and slunk off the stage with his moderate facade ripped away. Here are some of the key facts that came out of the debate.

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WHY VOTING FOR OBAMA AND THE DEMOCRATS MATTERS

By Eleonora di Liscia

The night was November 7, 2000. It happened to be my daughter's fifth birthday, but it was also the day of the Al Gore/George W. Bush election.

I came home from my daughter's Chuck E. Cheese birthday party. My husband was hopeful, because it ap-

peared Gore had won Florida. Then, they took Florida away.

In that election, a variety of factors combined to insure that a deeply mediocre man would assume power at a vital crossroads in history. They included the Electoral College, the

Supreme Court, and the Palm Beach County butterfly ballot.

And there was one final factor: Ralph Nader. If only a tiny percentage of his Florida voters had switched to Gore, history would have been written quite differently. And our lives would have been much better.

Nader's supporters were idealistic and hopeful. They believed there was no difference between the parties, and they refused to be complicit by voting "for the lesser of two evils." But their idealism cost us immeasurably. The parties were in fact hugely different. Instead of moving forward on global warming, we moved to

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ward denial. Instead of progressing on women's issues, healthcare, gay rights, education, workers' rights, consumer safety, and all other things critical to middle-class families, we continued to slide further and further back at an alarming rate of speed. President Gore would not have lied us into war in Iraq or water-boarded detainees at Guantanamo.

So here we are again, at a crossroads on the eve of an election. Our choice is between President Obama and Governor Mitt Romney as not only presidential candidates but also emblems for their parties. President Obama, the man that some feel isn't liberal enough, versus Governor Romney, the man who would continue the failed Bush policies that landed us in our current national predicament.

And I ask you not to make the same mistake that cost us so dearly in 2000.

Obama and the Democrats are not perfect. They have not done everything we've wanted all the time. But they are by far the better option, so much better that our entire future depends on their maintaining control of government. At the end of the day, they have done much good for our country.

If you want to keep the Affordable Care Act that bars insurers from denying coverage based on pre-existing conditions, you will vote for the Democrats.

If you want to keep Wall Street reform and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, you will vote for the Democrats.

If you believe that environmental, consumer safety, and worker safety laws should be enforced instead of ignored or stripped, you will vote for the Democrats.

If you believe in the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell and that discrimination against gays should end, you will vote for the Democrats.

If you believe that a woman should have the right to make healthcare decisions about her very own body, you will vote for the Democrats.

If you want to keep moving forward on Immigration reform instead of scapegoating immigrants, you will vote for the Democrats.

If you believe that voting is a right

and not just a privilege for the privileged, you will vote for the Democrats.

If you believe that good schools should be for everyone and not just the wealthy, you will vote for the Democrats.

If you believe that CEOs like Warren Buffett should pay their fair share in taxes, as do their secretaries, you will vote for the Democrats.

If you understand that a labor union, no matter how flawed, is the one bulwark between workers and unreasonable employer demands for overtime hours at minimal pay, you will vote for the Democrats.

If you understand that our civil liberties including women's rights, workers' rights, and the right to vote are vital and that appointing just one more liberal Supreme Court Justice can insure those liberties for decades to come, you will vote for the Democrats.

If you share a vision of America where everyone has a chance for a better life and not just the wealthy few, you will, you must, you can only vote for Obama and the Democrats.



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Dold voted against Planned Parenthood. Dold loves to tell us that before he voted to defund Planned Parenthood, he spoke out in favor of Planned Parenthood. It's true. He did. But in this district, we expect our congressman to actually vote the way he talks.

Dold claims that, gosh darn it, he had no choice. He had to vote for H.R.1 (the bill that would have defunded Planned Parenthood) because H.R.1 was a much bigger bill that was needed to keep the government running. But that's just not true. H.R.1 was not needed to keep the government running. We know that because H.R.1 never became law and the government never stopped running. Dold could have broken with his party and exercised true independence when it mattered, but as he does over 80 percent of the time, he didn't.

Dold voted for the Ryan plan to end Medicare as we know it. Yes, it's true that under the bill Dold voted for, something called "Medicare" would have continued. But it would be Medicare in name only. A voucher system is not Medicare as we know it. Is this how the citizens of the 10th District expect their congressman to vote?

Dold is not pro-choice. On his website, Robert Dold describes himself as "pro-choice." But his voting record reveals the truth. When given an actual chance to protect women's access to reproductive healthcare and the right to choose, Dold, with rare exception, turns his back on women and votes to roll back decades of progress.

Two respected bipartisan organizations, JACPAC and NARAL Pro-Choice America, have endorsed Brad Schneider for Congress because he is the only pro-choice candidate in this

race. Both organizations previously backed Republican Mark Kirk in the 10th District.

Here's why Dold forfeited the backing of these organizations. On May 6, 2011, Dold voted for the anti-choice H.R. 3, which bans tax subsidies for private health insurance plans that include abortion as a covered service and prevents citizens from deducting abortion as a medical expense unless it was the result of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother. This measure invites the potential for the Internal Revenue Service to investigate how women who had abortions became pregnant and how they paid for their abortions. Is this how the citizens of the 10th District expect their congressman to vote?

"Robert Dold can try to appear moderate all he wants, but after [his May 6, 2011] vote there's no way Illinois will buy it," said EMILY's List President Stephanie Schriock. "Dold showed his true colors by standing with his Republican leaders and against the women of Illinois. Dold may have run on job creation, but he has done nothing to create jobs since getting to Washington. Instead, he's done plenty to take away women's freedoms and their opportunities to keep themselves and their families healthy."

Dold voted to deny women access to quality healthcare. In addition to voting to defund Planned Parenthood, Dold voted for H.R. 358, the anti-choice "Protect Life Act," known in the pro-choice community as the "Let Women Die Act," because that's what it would do. Even worse: When Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA) offered an amendment that would have fixed the provision that allows hospitals to refuse an abortion when a woman's

life is in danger, Dold voted against her amendment. Is this how the citizens of the 10th District expect their congressman to vote?

Dold is not a friend of the environment. Two of the most respected bipartisan environmental organizations in the country, the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters, have endorsed Brad Schneider. The Sierra Club gave Dold an "F," a rating he earned with his voting record rather than his campaign rhetoric. The League of Conservation Voters gave Dold a miserable 34 percent rating. Dold's record as a congressman lost him these endorsements. Both organizations previously backed Republican Mark Kirk in this district.

Dold opposes equal rights for all Americans. Dold is against marriage equality. Brad Schneider supports marriage equality. Dold is opposed to the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), which would prohibit employers from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identification. Brad Schneider supports ENDA. Dold does not realize that legal discrimination against people based on who they are and who they love is wrong and immoral. That's why the Human Rights Campaign endorsed his opponent, not because Brad Schneider is a Democrat. In the past, the Human Rights Campaign endorsed Republican Mark Kirk in this district.

Dold is a Tea Party Republican. In some ways this is almost an academic point. The Tea Party agenda is now the Republican agenda, so there's very little practical difference in voting behavior between a Tea Party Republican and a Republican. But no one in the 10th District should be fooled by Dold's election

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year claim to be a “moderate” or “independent” Republican. *The New York Times* identified Dold as a Tea Party candidate the first time he ran, in 2010, and *The Washington Post* now lists Dold as one of 111 Tea Party-endorsed candidates in 2012. A front-page article in the February 2012 issue of the *Tenth News* exposed Dold has having, during his first year in Congress, voted in tandem with Tea Party darling Joe Walsh 89 percent of the time.

Dold voted for the Ryan budget twice. If he was independent, wouldn’t he at least have broken with his party on a budget that represents Tea Party values instead of 10th District values?

Dold is playing dirty politics with Israel. The cardinal principle of pro-Israel advocacy in the United States is that support for Israel is and should be bipartisan. The Dold campaign’s attacks on Brad Schneider regarding Israel are despicable. No

candidate for Congress from either party in the history of the 10th District, with the possible exception of Abner Mikva, has ever run for Congress with more years of pro-Israel experience than Brad Schneider. Brad has been active in AIPAC since he was in college. His leadership in AIPAC includes service as an AIPAC key contact for two members of Congress: Melissa Bean and Baron Hill. Brad was one of the founding members of the AIPAC New Leadership Network and he’s been an AIPAC Club Member since 2000.

Brad Schneider’s leadership in the pro-Israel community goes beyond AIPAC. He is a former vice chair of the JUF Government Affairs Committee and was Chair of the Federal Government Subcommittee. Brad received the Young Leadership Award from Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago for work in the Jewish community, including advocating for Israel, and Brad is a board member of

the American Jewish Committee.

Ironically, none of the more than 650 people who attended THE Jewish political event of the season on October 15, the North Shore Jewish Community Candidate Forum, could ask Dold about any of this: He didn’t show up. Brad Schneider was there, and he set the record straight.

For more detail about Dold’s voting record, refer to the *Congress Watch* column in past editions of the *Tenth News*. Also be sure to read this edition’s *Congress Watch*, which documents Dold’s votes as a foot soldier in the Republicans’ war against women.

Vote for
Brad Schneider
on November 6



Robert Dold’s Anti-Women Votes Make Him a Dependable Foot Soldier in the Republicans’ War Against Women

From the start of his term in Congress, Dold has voted in virtual lock-step with the House Republican leadership as it pushed forward an extreme anti-women agenda. In the process, he voted for numerous legislative proposals that restrict or roll back abortion rights and access to legal abortion; allow insurance companies to discriminate against women (by raising premiums or denying coverage); weaken environmental laws that protect pregnant women; eliminate women’s access to maternal and preventive care; and weaken programs that protect women from violence and discrimination.

Dold also voted to kill numerous legislative proposals aimed at protecting women—most notably, *The Protect Life Act* (H. R. 358), which preserves requirements that hospitals provide emergency abortions to women whose lives are in danger—as well as numerous measures intended to protect women against insurance discrimination and exposure to toxins, particularly mercury, a potent neurotoxin harmful to infant brain development. He also voted against proposals to preserve preventive care benefits, such as contraception, mammograms, and cervical cancer screenings.

Examples of the many anti-women pieces of legislation Dold has helped pass in the House of Representatives since January 2011 are listed below. Fortunately, a Democratic majority in the Senate was able to ensure that none of these anti-women bills ever reached the President’s desk.

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H. Con. Res. 34: *The 2012 Ryan Budget* allows health insurance companies to discriminate against women; cuts women's access to preventive care; restricts access to legal abortion; cuts key nutrition programs for women; blocks access to reproductive and maternal care services; undermines the Medicare and Medicaid programs; and weakens environmental laws that protect pregnant women.

H. R. 3: *The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act* prohibits private insurance companies from offering abortion coverage as part of any health plan that insures small businesses or individual beneficiaries if the plan receives any federal subsidies, to pay for coverage, regardless of whether the business or individuals pay separately for the abortion coverage.

H. R. 358: Likewise, *The Protect Life Act* prohibits private insurance companies from offering abortion coverage as part of any health plan that insures small businesses or individual beneficiaries and receives federal subsidies to pay for coverage, even if the business or individuals pay separately for the abortion coverage. It also overturns requirements that hospitals provide emergency abortions to women whose lives are in danger or transfer them to hospitals that will.

H. R. 2 and H. R. 6079: Both measures repeal provisions in the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare") that protect women from health insurance discrimination and provide preventive care benefits.

H. R. 1: *The 2011 Full Year Continuing Appropriations Act* allows health insurance companies to discriminate against women; cuts women's access to preventive care; restricts access to legal abortion; cuts key nutrition programs for women; blocks access to reproductive care services; undermines Medicare and Medicaid; and weakens environmental laws that protect pregnant women.

H. R. 1, H. Amdt 88: Prevents the EPA from enforcing regulations designed to protect pregnant women from exposure to mercury pollution.

H. R. 1, H. Amdts. 95, 102, 104, 105, 138, 161, 165: Dold voted for every one of these amendments that eliminate funding for implementation of Obamacare provisions protecting women against health insurance discrimination.

H. R 1217 and H. R. 4628: Both bills proposed to repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund, which promotes healthcare initiatives for women.

H. R. 2550, H.R.2681: Both measures delay EPA regulations protecting pregnant women and women of child bearing age from mercury exposure.

H. Con. Res. 112: This was the 2013 Ryan Budget proposal. It allows health insurance companies to discriminate against women; cuts women's access to preventive care; restricts access to legal abortion; cuts key nutrition programs for women; blocks access to reproductive and maternal care services; and undermines the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

H. R. 5652: Cuts women's access to preventive care and key nutrition programs, and undermines Medicare and Medicaid.

H. Res. 667: Prevents the House from debating and voting on the *Paycheck Fairness Act*, which would guarantee equal pay for women.

H. R. 6079: Repeals Obamacare provisions that protect women against health insurance discrimination and that mandate preventive care benefits for women.



Tenth Dems Endorses Democrats Up and Down the Ticket – A 2012 Election Guide



Rita Mayfield **Scott Drury** **Chris Kennedy**
Laura Fine **Carol Sente** **Ed Erwin** **Robyn Gabel**
 Sam Yingling **Terry Link** **Ira Silverstein**
Brad Schneider **Martin Moylan** **Bruce Randazzo**
Anita Alvarez **Melinda Bush** **Elaine Nekritz** **John D'Amico**
Amanda Howland **Julie Morrison** **Daniel Biss**
John Mulroe **Dan Kotowski** **Mary Ellen Vanderventer**

The articles in this pre-election issue should serve as a reminder to all our readers why it is so crucial that we not only reelect **President Obama**, but also send **Brad Schneider** to the House of Representatives to support his agenda. But we should not lose sight of the importance of voting for Democrats at all levels of government. None of us should leave the voting booth without casting our votes for the outstanding Democrats running for offices all the way down the ticket.

We can move Illinois forward by returning our best to the State Legislature and electing strong progressive Democrats to open seats. **Terry Link** of Waukegan has provided many years of leadership in the Illinois State Senate, advocating reforms and fiscal sanity while maintaining progressive values. In recent years, Link was joined by **Dan Kotowski** of Park Ridge, who has ably promoted the progressive agenda by pushing for funding for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder

and requiring insurance coverage for women at risk of breast cancer. Other Democratic State Senate candidates who deserve your support are **Amanda Howland**, **John Mulroe**, and **Ira Silverstein**.

Daniel Biss of Evanston has been in the Illinois House for two years and is a candidate for State Senate this year. His legislative achievements have been recognized by such diverse groups as the Illinois Recycling Association, the Illinois Association of Park Districts, and the Illinois Biotechnology Industry Organization.

Among the Democrats who deserve to return to the Illinois House are **Rita Mayfield** of Waukegan, **Robyn Gabel** of Evanston, and **Elaine Nekritz** of Northbrook. Nekritz is a leader among reform Democrats in the House and a strong backer of education, health-care, and the environment.

Carol Sente of Vernon Hills is a relative newcomer to the House. An architect with a focus on green design, she has

been working hard to bring employers to our area, protect families from criminal predators, bring transparency to state government, and improve long-term care options for seniors. **John D'Amico** also should be returned to the House.

We also need to elect a new generation of leaders now that Susan Garrett, Karen May, and Jeff Schoenberg have stepped aside. **Julie Morrison** of Deerfield has a deep understanding of the problems facing the people of Illinois through 14 years as West Deerfield Township Supervisor, where she handles everything from utility shut-offs and mental illness to elder services and road-building. She headed Tenth Dems's Candidate Support Team in 2010 and deserves our support as a candidate for State Senate.

Melinda Bush of Grayslake brings equally strong experience to her bid for State Senate. As a Lake County Board member, she has proven her ability to get results. She fought

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against a huge development planned for Grayslake. What could have been a desert of foreclosed homes instead became Rollins Savanna, a major nature preserve enjoyed by birders, hikers, bikers, and families. On October 20, Bush was awarded the Tenth Dems's 2012 Mikva Political Courage Award.

For the Illinois House, a number of fresh faces have emerged as leaders, led by Des Plaines Mayor **Martin Moylan**, Northfield Township Clerk **Laura Fine**, and **Ed Erwin** of Lindenhurst. **Scott Drury** of Highwood is a former Assistant U.S. Attorney, a volunteer legal educator at a Chicago detention facility, and an adjunct professor at Northwestern who will fight to maintain the high quality of local schools, control government spending, and implement tough anti-corruption laws. **Sam Yingling** of Round Lake Beach unseated a decades-old administration to become Avon Township Supervisor, where he has

lowered taxes while expanding services and creating a budget surplus. **Bruce Randazzo** is also a first-time candidate for the Illinois House.

We are also hoping to usher in a new era in Lake County government. After 32 years of Republican control of the scandal-plagued office of the Lake County State's Attorney, **Chris Kennedy** is just the man to restore public confidence. A former Assistant State's Attorney and school board member, and an active Tenth Dems volunteer and leader, Chris has successfully advocated for people with developmental disabilities. He also has helped pass laws to provide additional police training and to increase access to health insurance and community services. In Cook County, incumbent State's Attorney **Anita Alvarez** deserves reelection.

Mary Ellen Vanderventer has been a model public official. As Lake County Recorder, she has waged an aggressive campaign against mortgage fraud,

spearheaded statewide legislation on the recording of deeds, and created a new process to notify homeowners quickly about vital information. She has begun implementing a huge project to modernize the county's recordkeeping to eliminate mountains of paper.

Finally, we must not forget the numerous Democrats running for Judge, Clerk of the Court, County Board, Metropolitan Water Reclamation and North Shore Sanitary District Commissioner, and other offices in Lake and Cook Counties. A complete list of these fine candidates can be found at <http://www.tenthdem.org/candidates/>.

Getting Out The Vote (GOTV) is The Cure for Pre-election Anxiety

The more shifts you sign up for, the better you'll feel. Every hour you can give from now through Election Day could be the difference between victory and defeat. Don't wake up on November 7th and wish you'd done more!

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Tenth Dems Community Connection

Volunteer Vicki Bailyn

Honored by the Coalition to Reduce Recidivism By Laura Tomsky



On Friday, October 12, the Coalition to Reduce Recidivism held its ninth annual luncheon. The Tenth Congressional District Democrats was a Gold Sponsor, and several Tenth Dems volunteers attended the luncheon.

The Coalition's mission is to reduce recidivism by assisting ex-offenders in becoming productive members of the community. This mission is accomplished by providing programs and supportive services that will enable ex-offenders to become self-sufficient. The Tenth Dems Community Connection has worked closely with the Coalition and the Waukegan Supervisor's office since early 2011, as part of the To Infinity and Beyond program, which was designed to assist repatriates with interview etiquette and skills.

At the luncheon, the Coalition awarded Tenth Dems's own Vicki Bailyn a Certificate of Appreciation for her outstanding efforts and service to the community through her work with To Infinity and Beyond and the Tenth Dems Community Connection.

As part of To Infinity and Beyond, Bailyn and other Tenth Dems volunteers, including Ilya Sheyman, Laura

Tomsky, and Steve Williams, have worked with over 439 participants in a monthly Job Interview Workshop that covers in detail standard interviewing do's and don'ts, questions that may be asked, and questions that job candidates should be prepared to ask during an interview. The program also works with participants on how to answer those hard questions about their time out of the workforce that may have been due to incarceration or disability. Workshop volunteers also make themselves available at the Community Connection office, by appointment, to further assist participants in practicing for an interview, researching information about a prospective employer, and connecting with additional beneficial services. To date, 637 Coalition clients have gained employment, with 121 of these having found employment within the past year

Congressman Danny K. Davis, as Honorary Chair, greeted the luncheon attendees, Johnnie Jenkins, the Employment Specialist for To Infinity and Beyond, offered a Coalition employment update. A very important legislative update highlighting items of special interest to the Coalition was provided by 60th District State Representative Rita Mayfield. Andre Davis,

a 32-year survivor of wrongful conviction and detention at the Tamms super-max correctional facility, talked about his experience, how DNA testing and the Center on Wrongful Convictions worked on his behalf, and the stunning lack of support available to those released from prison after exoneration.

The Keynote Speaker was Michael Sweig, JD, ex-offender and founder of the Institute for People with Criminal Records, who provided a very enlightening perspective of how treatment of ex-offenders differs from state to state and highlighted socio-economic barriers that need to be overcome.

The luncheon culminated with the awards presentation. Tenth Dems Chair Lauren Beth Gash, who formerly chaired the Judiciary Committee (which deals with Criminal Law) when she served in the Illinois House of Representatives, was present to support the Coalition and congratulate Vicki on her award. Among the other Tenth Dems volunteers who attended were Judicial Candidates Patricia Fix and Hon. Nancy Waites, Tenth Dems Community Connection leader Joe Dubaniewicz, and Lake County State's Attorney candidate Chris Kennedy.

