

to: Members of the T&GWU in Jersey

from: Robert Weston

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I deeply regret the decision of your leaders to endorse publicly only one candidate in the Senatorial election tomorrow. The **T&GWU** endorsement of a single candidate implies that no other candidate is worthy of receiving votes from trade unionists. For the following reason, I consider this to be unreasonable and believe that I am equally worthy of your vote.

The **Jersey Hospitality Association** (of which I have been a member for over 30 years and of which I am currently President for the second year) has worked closely with the **T&GWU** for more years than anyone can remember – several decades in fact.

During those years, we have negotiated well together in order to achieve, for example, a minimum pay agreement (coupled with full minimum terms and conditions of employment). This was first agreed between us long, long ago, before minimum-pay legislation or other employment legislation was ever thought of in Jersey. All **JHA** members are required, as a term of their membership of the Association, to comply with these union agreements and our industry employs around 7,000 people, which is about 15% of the Island's workforce.

So, before you decide who is the best and most practical candidate to vote for in this election, do please read my manifesto and take into account **my own** and the **JHA's 30 years** of commitment to our agreements with the **T&GWU**. For my part, I intend to be negotiating and working with the **T&GWU** for much longer than just the next 18 months.

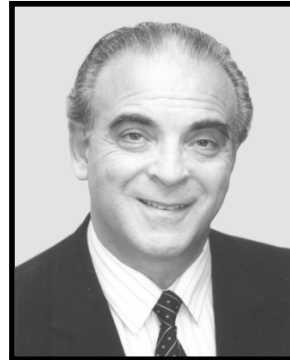
Furthermore, and very importantly, a cornerstone of my campaign is the restoration of a buoyant and sustainable economy in Jersey and a speedy return to full employment. Do please ask yourself – isn't this what you want too?

In conclusion, elections are about serious and wide-ranging issues and about choosing the best candidate to tackle them long term. But this does mean we all have to vote with our minds as well as with our hearts. Thank you for reading my letter.

Yours sincerely

Robert Weston

**Election for Senator
Wednesday 24th March 2004**



For my full election manifesto:

please see the **J.E.P.** Fri. 19th March (p: 31) **or** Sat. 20th March (p: 39)
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