

# We the People

**First Quarter 2024**

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taxes down. Come  
VOTE  
May 6 and May 14**

**make your voices heard. Keep our Mil Rate Down!!!  
For Budget dates and details see next page:**

# The Killingly Budget,

## How the Process Works and Important Voting Dates

by Michelle Murphy  
Killingly Town Council at Large



- Per Town Charter Capital Improvement Plans are submitted to the Town
- The proposed Board of Education Budget is submitted to the Town and then Town Council
- The Town and the BOE present their budgets to the Town Council.
- The Town Manager and the School Superintendent present their proposed budgets to the entire town at an official Public Hearing where the people can express their concerns.

make your voice heard **April 11, 7pm, Killingly High School Auditorium**

-The Town Council then begins deliberations on the budget and decides which line items it wants to approve or disapprove. (The Town Council cannot approve line items of the Board of Education. They can only approve up or down the School Administrations budgeted amount of money.) Deliberations can take several days or a few weeks. The Town Council votes on its final decisions regarding annual the budget and then that budget comes to the Annual Town Meeting.

April 8, 15, 16, 17, 18, as necessary, 7pm, Town Hall

make your voice heard

-The Town Manager and the School Superintendent then present the budget at the Annual Town Meeting. It is at this meeting that the citizens of the Town can override the Town Council and the Town Manager's recommendations from the floor. It is here that you can ask for, **and vote** on, an increase or decrease in any part of the budget.

**Please come and vote** for your financial interests

**May 6, 7pm, High School Auditorium**

**VOTE** your pocketbook!!!!

After the Annual Town meeting, the budget goes to a machine vote for the entire town. At this machine vote you will have the chance to vote on both the Town Operating Budget and the School Budget individually. You will also be able to indicate whether you think each budget is too high or too low.

**VOTING DAY, May 14, election poll sites**

-If either budget gets voted down, either the Town Council's budget or the Board of Education's budget, that governmental body must begin the process all over again.

-If you are interested in the Killingly Budget, regardless of whether you want it to go up or down, or be designated here or there, it is very important for you to show up at the Annual Town Meeting and the annual machine vote and vote your monetary preferences. It is our Town. It is your Town. The more people that participate in the process of where our tax money goes, the greater the integrity of the process.



State Rep Anne Dauphinais in Sterling for "Read Across America (above)

Killingly and Sterling's State Representative, Anne Dauphinais fighting tirelessly to keep female sports female only and to require parental notification for any important issues regarding gender. (below)



# Killingly Planning and Zoning

by Ulla Tiik Barclay, speaking as a citizen

This is my third year serving as the Town Council (TC) liaison to the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission. I have observed how attorneys, civil engineers, and developers have influenced changes to the Town of Killingly's zoning regulations. Many of the residents have made it quite clear they have moved to this area to live in a quiet rural community. They do not want to see Killingly developed and its country character ruined. This is why I find it important to report on the proposed plans of the Planning and Development Department. I feel they are not following the Plan of Conservation and Development, nor listening to the residents of Killingly.

At the last P&Z meeting held on February 20, 2024, the agenda included a zone text change for the revision to multi-family zoning for clarification purposes for density. We were told the developer Lake Apartments LLC said the language of the regulation was unclear. However, this was not the case. The purpose of the changes are to increase the density of zones and reduce regulations in favor of developers. The following are the proposed changes:

Section 555 Multi-family Development

**555-standard 3. Multi-family development will comply with the underlying zone lot coverage and height requirements.**

## Current ordinance limits

Current lot coverage per zoning regulations is as follows:

Town of Killingly Regulations Section 450 - Dimensional Requirements Table A

Max Lot Coverage:

20% Low Density

30% Medium Density

Borough of Danielson regulations Section 470 - Dimensional Requirement Table A

Max Lot Coverage Residential Medium Density Residential High Density

Residential Medium 25%

Residential High 30%

## Changes

This would be deleted, and replaced with:

Lot coverage in a multi-family development shall not exceed the following:

30% in Low Density Zone

35% in Medium Density Zone

40% in Residential High (Borough) Zone

Maximum building heights shall comply with the requirements of the underlying zone.

Based upon these changes the lot coverage requirements would be greatly increased. In a low density zone lot coverage would increase by 50%. In a medium density zone lot coverage would increase by 16%, in a residential medium density zone lot coverage would increase by 40%, and in a high density zone lot coverage would increase by 33%.



## Current ordinance limits

**555, standard 4. Multi-family development shall comply with the minimum setbacks as established for the underlying zone. Principal structures within the development shall be separated by not less than forty feet.**

## Changes

The second sentence would be removed, and replaced with:

**The minimum distance between principal buildings shall be based on minimum fire code requirements.**

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Current regulations clearly state buildings must be separated by 40 feet. The United States fire codes were established in 1955 are minimum standards and lack clarity. Minimum fire code requirements may be no more than a wall separating living units. Decreasing the separation between principal structures also greatly increases density.

## Current ordinance limits

**555, standard 10. Multi-family densities shall be determined in accordance with the requirements of the underlying zone (LD, MD, RH-B).**

## Changes

This would be removed and replaced with:

“Maximum coverage requirements contained herein”.

Town of Killingly Regulations Section 410.2 - Low Density Development District

410.2.1 a. Two-family dwellings must have a minimum lot size per dwelling unit of 20,000 square feet

Town of Killingly Regulations Section 410.3 - Medium Density Development District

410.3.1 a. Two-family dwellings on lots of 10,000 square feet or more per dwelling unit

Borough of Danielson Regulations Section 410 – Residential Medium

410.1 B. Two-family dwellings and accessory uses on lots in excess of 30,000 square feet. Single and two-family dwellings and accessory uses on interior lots of at least 40,000 square feet.

Borough of Danielson Regulations Section 420 – Residential High

420.1 A. Single-family, two-family, and multi-family dwellings and accessory uses provided:

1. Minimum lot area shall be 7,000 square feet for the first unit, 3,500square feet for the second unit, 3,500 square feet for the third unit, and 10,000 square feet for every unit thereafter.

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By removing the required lot size per dwelling unit, a developer can build and crowd as many units as possible on a piece of property according to the maximum lot coverage area.

Further changes were proposed to the Multi-Family Development zoning regulations by Killingly Engineering Associates LLC.

## Current ordinance limits

**555, standard I. Public water and sewer must be used.**

## Change

The proposed text change is as follows:

Public water or a Public Water System regulated by the State of Connecticut and sewer, Septic system approved by the Department of Health and/ or State of Connecticut must be used.

This change largely increases the area in which multi-family developments can be built.

## Current ordinance limits

**555, standard 17. Principal buildings within a Multi-family housing development shall be coordinated in terms of architecture colors texture and scale.**

## Change

The proposed text change is as follows:

The following properties currently developed as multi-family uses is the RD (Rural Development) Zone shall be considered for additional development in accordance with these regulations.

130 Cranberry Bog Road    Map 204/Lot 1  
41 Hubbard Hill Road    Map 223/ Lot 16

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These apartments were built prior to the establishment of zoning districts in Killingly. Some people feel that Multi-family developments and their expansion should never be allowed in an RD zone.

**The public hearing on the proposed text changes has been continued to the next P & Z meeting on Monday,**

**March 18, 2024, 7pm, Town Hall**

To preserve the rural nature of our community, it is imperative residents participate in these discussions. In person public comment and presence at a meeting is most effective. However, submitting public comment is another option or having someone read your public comment is a good alternative.

There will be a Special Workshop held at 6:00 PM prior to this months P & Z meeting. Brian Card, assistant chair requested this workshop to discuss and clarify regulations of open space. After the approval of the Colonial Drive cluster development, some people feel developers are taking advantage of the definition of open space to their benefit. As a workshop, the public can openly participate in discussion and make suggestions.

The Killingly Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission usually meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Town Meeting Room, 2nd floor of the Killingly Town Hall at 172 Main St.

<https://www.killingly.org/planning-development/pages/killingly-town-zoning-regulations>



**Chris Stewart, Candidate for State Representative District 51, comes to speak to his prospective constituents, at the Broken Crust Restaurant**

**Chris Stewart visits the Killingly Republican Town Committee (below)**





# Killingly Board of Education News

It has been quite a few interesting months with since the democrats have taken the majority leadership of the new Board of Education. There have been complaints from minority Board Members of illegal meetings and illegal decision made based on the fact that some issues require a 2/3 vote in order to move forward, and the BOE is now 4 republicans and 5 democrats. There never will be a 2/3 vote on any issue that falls along partisan lines, which was supposed to be a non-issue now since the "people over party" democrats have taken control.



There also have been public complaints concerning areas of monetary spending and legal consult.

Some of the recent complaints from both the public and the minority board of education members are:

- \* meetings were entered into executive session by illegal vote (not 2/3 majority)
- \* items were added to the agenda illegally without a 2/3 majority vote
- \* \*\* decisions were then made in those same illegal meetings, thus the decisions were null and void and had to be repeated
  
- \* the decision to hire a new attorney for the 10 4b complaint, was made while bypassing Board of Education bylaws which require a bidding process for contractors over \$10,000. No bylaw can be bypassed without a 2/3 majority vote. \*\*\*Legal counsel made Public reference to the fact that the board of education bypassed the required bidding process without 2/3 majority vote. At the next meeting, the Board of Education would not answer the public's questions as to why the current legal counsel felt it was acceptable to bypass that required bidding process.
  
- \* the Chairman of the Board forced a vote to approve a new engagement agreement for legal representation with Shipman and Goodman, without allowing the full board to read the terms of the agreement
  
- \* Shipman and Goodman was giving legal counsel to the Chair of the BOE, on the prospects of hiring Shipman and Goodman (itself), prior to fact of actually being hired. Some saw this as a conflict of interest.
  
- \* The new attorneys hired to deal with the 10 4b complaint cost more than the previous attorney who was already familiar with the case.
  
- \*The Chair of the Board would not answer questions regarding 2/3 majority waivers, claiming she was unable to comment on litigation strategy, and yet, the questions were not concerning litigation strategy

Well, I know I was confused watching the whole thing. I am attaching a few of the public comments and a press releases to follow.

## Public Comments to the BOE

I have a few questions that I would like answers to regarding the new letter of engagement with Shipman & Goodwin from your last meeting, as I am deeply troubled by recent events.

Firstly, you chose to fire Attorney Deborah Stevenson who was working on the 10-4b complaint. What reason was given? Seemingly, you already spoke with Shipman to draw up this Engagement Letter and you refused to share that letter with the board. Did you keep that Engagement Letter from four members? Did the five members who voted yes see it? Either way, what you have done is not only against your own by-laws and unethical, but utterly irresponsible! Do you read anything before signing it? You purposely held this from your own board members. You then forced a vote, where any person with common sense would vote against it considering they had no idea what the terms were. You did this purposely and with ill intent and I am now questioning the legality of that vote.

After reading the letter myself, I can see why you chose to go behind their backs and enter into an agreement without any input. It states that due to a comment made against Shipman at a State Hearing, there was a conflict of interest. You then WAIVED the right for the Board to pursue the matter, in order to engage this Attorney once again, thereby ending the possibility for the Board to recoup any taxpayer money that has been spent on this ridiculous lawsuit. The Attorney refuses to appear before the State, instead will write a letter. It also says that if their letter to the State is unsuccessful, the board will need to get yet ANOTHER Attorney to represent them. You have got to be kidding me right now. What world do you live in where this is OK? How much money do you plan to spend to get what you want with no consideration how you are affecting people in this Town?

There is mounting evidence of insubordination and unethical practices made by this Board with back-up, which the State will receive.

You CANNOT act this way, and your behind-the-scenes sneaky antics will stop. I am requesting the State provide a mediator because you have made it abundantly clear that you are unwilling to work with others. You constantly complain it's all politics, "look they are blocking us and don't care about the children." Seriously? It is YOU who are being political and doing your best to discredit anyone who does not agree with you. You don't get to just shutdown another board member from speaking or explaining their opinion on something. Do you ask your coworkers at your job who they vote for before you work with them? How about your customers? Cashier at the grocery store?

Politics has no place here: .....

Exerpt from Cherie Monte Public comment. Cherie lagter goes on to mail 2 separate emails to the Killingly Board of Education and receives no response.

I was quite disturbed last week to see a new or revised letter of engagement for renewal of legal services was entered into between the Killingly Board of Education and Shipman and Goodman without the Board of Education taking the time to read over the financial terms. Whether the agreement was new or being renewed does not matter. The taxpayers expect the elected officials of this Town to look at all of the finances of any contracts, agreements, letters of engagement, regardless of if it is new, or old, or being renewed.

Now I'm going to speak as a town councilor, an individual town councilor, I'm not representing the whole town counsel....what I say to you: there is a lot to learn upon taking on an elected position. I myself have had to learn many rules and procedures in my position. I have made many mistakes. I continue to make mistakes. These next comments I make to you are given with some understanding to the fact that this is a new board, with new leadership, and with an understanding that mistakes will be made.

I expect the board of education to look at, and take an interest in all of the finances of the Killingly School system.including new, or renewed, contracts, agreements, letters of engagement, etc. just as I expect the Town Council to look at and take an interest in the financials of the Town operating budget. My colleagues on the Town Council will tell you that this expectation falls on them as well as you. I feel just as strongly that this fiscal attention and responsibility falls on myself as well. I take that commitment seriously. The taxpayers of this town deserve (from) us to be looking at the numbers of all the financials All of the time.

Michelle Murphy

## Press Release

Killingly Republican Town Committee  
January 21 at 2:46 PM

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE (posted as a citizen of Killingly and not as a BOE member)

On Wednesday, January 10, 2024, the Board of Education held its regular meeting. During the Chair update, Susan Lannon requested that there be two items added to the agenda.

1. Discussion and possible action expanding the scope of Shipman and Goodwin representation.
2. Discussion (in executive session) and possible action regarding litigation matters surrounding the 10-4b complaint.

A vote was had to add both items. The vote was 5 yes, 3 no. Mrs. Lannon then claimed that they had a 2/3 majority vote, and the items would be added. The problem with this is that there was not a 2/3 majority. According to Robert's Rules, a 2/3 majority of 8 people (one person was absent) is 5.33. At that point it is rounded up to 6 according to the rules. The board needed 6 people to add the agenda items, yet they added them with only five.

Robert's Rules states that "The requirement of a two-thirds vote means at least two thirds. As a consequence, nothing less will do. A simple method of determining "is to multiply the negative vote by two. This number must be equal to or less than the number of the affirmative votes for the question to carry." Again, the number would be 6. The attorney later confirmed this.

After illegally adding the agenda items, a vote was taken, to expand the contract of Shipman and Goodwin to all areas, less the defense of the 10-4b complaint, effective immediately. The problem here is that the item never should have been added to the agenda so therefore the vote was an illegal vote.

The Chair then entertained a motion to enter executive after it was added illegally to the agenda. The vote was 5 to 3, again not a 2/3 majority and executive never should have been entered into.

Upon returning to public forum Mrs. Lannon entertained a motion to retain Shipman & Goodwin to request a continuance of the January 17, 2024, 10-4b complaint hearing and attempt negotiation and resolution to the 10-4b complaint on behalf of the Killingly Board of Education. Again, a vote was taken illegally after being added to the agenda illegally.

Mrs. Lannon then scheduled a Special Meeting of the Board of Education for Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 8:00 p.m. as an executive session for discussion of strategy regarding pending claims and litigation. A motion was made to enter into executive to discuss the above and Attorney Richard Mills and Attorney Patrick Noonan were invited in. This is because Mrs. Lannon fired the Board attorney prior to retaining another attorney, ultimately leaving the school district with no representation on the complaint.

The vote was 5 yes and 4 no to enter executive. A 2/3 majority vote would need 6 yeses to enter. Mrs. Lannon was again prepared to enter into executive illegally. It was stated to her by a board member that they need 6 people to have a 2/3 majority. Mrs. Lannon ignored that member. The attorney from Shipman and Goodwin told Mrs. Lannon that a 2/3 majority is 6 and that we could not enter into executive. Only then did she stop that from happening. Four members of the Board wanted these discussions to be held in a public forum so that the community could be apprised of the developments thus far. When the executive session was blocked, the other 5 members of the board along with the Chair decided that the discussion would not be held in public and took a vote to hire yet another attorney, Patrick Noonan, to represent the Board on the 10-4b complaint. All of this happened with no discussion allowed.

There are two problems here - the first is that the Board's prior attorney was never properly voted on and therefore a vote on a new attorney should not be occurring. The second is that a new attorney has to start from scratch to learn 2 years' worth of details on the 10-4b complaint when there is already an attorney who is 100% knowledgeable of the entire case. This is going to cost taxpayers an exorbitant amount of money needlessly, all for spite.

In addition, all members of the Board are equal and entitled to have discussion about each and every matter that comes before them. This is being blocked by a Chair who believes she has special powers to do so. It seems that "People over Party" and "Full Transparency" has fallen by the wayside within the very first month of a newly appointed Board...

## Mike France for Congress

Thanks to Jenn & Joe for hosting an amazing fundraiser at K & H Construction yesterday, along with Host Committee Anne and Dale Duffy Dauphinais. #CT02 #CTPolitics Connecticut Republican Party Plainfield Republican Town Committee





## Reply to the State of the Union Address 2024

by Ray Wood

*A great question was asked to listeners the other morning on the Patriot Radio Channel XM125. "What is the union," with the follow up question of "How is the state of the union?"*

*As I drove, I contemplated this myself and here is the answer I came up with.*

*"The Union" is found in the first 3 words of the Constitution, "We the People." The Union is not a collective of 50 states for all nations have provinces, states, and territories. "The Union" in America is the collective of those who yearn to be free. Free from government intrusion, free to live their lives as they see fit, free to own land, free to speak, worship and defend themselves against those that would seek to enslave them.*

*Therefore, "how is the state of the union?" Under this current administration, we are in dire need of "new guards for our future security." The other night we did not hear a speech to give hope to the Union. Instead, we heard, within the first few minutes, the ranting of a mad man that believes that half the country is his enemy that must be eradicated or imprisoned. It is a dangerous time to be one who speaks out against this administration.*

*Americans watched as a gold star father was arrested because he disagreed with the President. Many political prisoners sit in jail for simply being near the capital on January 6th, 2021, let alone walking in peacefully as they were escorted by police. We're told to ignore what we saw, but the video tapes are indeed damning as they show police opening doors to protesters, police brutalizing protesters and even today journalists who write something opposing the regime's narrative are subject to being imprisoned.*

*Our economy is in shambles. Since President Biden took office overall prices are up 17.4%, food prices up 20.3%, Rent 18.6% and electric 24.3%. Bidenomics, as it is being called, has only caused the price of consumer goods to skyrocket while families must make tough decisions to traverse such a desolate economy. We're told wages are up, but the reality is that you can raise wages but never enough to match the overall inflation that plagues us. Countries are leaving the dollar standard leaving us vulnerable to financial collapse. Every 100 days we add \$1 trillion in debt. The Union cannot afford this.*

*President Biden's solution? 25% tax on billionaires to gain 500 billion over 10 years. At the current rate of borrowing money from the fed we would add \$36.5 trillion dollars in debt. \$500 billion is not even close to enough.*

*Our border is non-existent. Thanks to this current administration over 320,000 illegal immigrants have been flown in after Texas Governor utilized the national guard to secure the Texas border with Mexico. This does not include the almost 8 million illegal immigrants that have come into our country unvetted and from all over the world. A nation without borders is no nation at all. The Union welcomes all who come to this nation with open arms that do so legally.*

*President Biden claims that he has no authority to fix the southern border, but the reality is he does. On day one of his presidency, he undid all executive action taken by President Trump to secure the border. Further, he let materials to build the wall, that were already paid for, sit and rot and rust; he, as the chief executive, neuter's CBP and their ability to enforce the law. Anarchy seems to be his goal for the border and Americans are suffering for it. Laken Riley is but one example of these poor policies that cost American lives.*

*There is so much more that could be written about the State of the Union address, but I will save that for another time. The reality is our Union is left seemingly hopeless, abandoned for other nations, and without real leadership. We are a nation in decline.*

*Yet, I wait in hope.*

*As I drove around the next morning after the State of the Union address, I was thinking about this question posed by the host, the ranting by President Biden, and the true state our nation is in. It was truly depressing. Then I crossed over the Thompson Dam. Perhaps it was an epiphany or, as I like to call it, a God moment, but as I drove across the dam I saw the sun reflect off the water, the sky clear, and felt the breeze on my face from my window being just a little cracked open. It was then I remembered President Trump's last State of the Union address and these words:*



*"We look at tomorrow and see unlimited frontiers just waiting to be explored. Our brightest discoveries are not yet known. Our most thrilling stories are not yet told. Our grandest journeys are not yet made. The American age, the American epic, the American adventure has only just begun. Our spirit is still young. The sun is still rising. God's grace is still shining. And, my fellow Americans, the best is yet to come. Thank you."*

*This is why I wait in hope. Not because of possible eventual return of President Trump, but because I believe in "We the People" and our ability to steer the ship back on course. I believe that the Union knows collectively what is best and how to garner "new guards for our future security." I believe we will soon have a story of a great comeback not seen in the history of the world. All other nations declined when good men and women sat back and did nothing. America is unique in that we don't sit back. We rise up and fight tyranny head on. Our best days are ahead as long as patriots rise to the occasion. The call for liberty is strong. The world is waiting for the Union to answer that call once again. Truly, "the best is yet to come."*

 **Chris Murphy**   
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The border is a money making grievance machine for Republicans. That's all. Period. Stop.

Keeping it a problem raises them money, drives ratings, helps them win elections.

They don't want to fix it. That's why they killed the bipartisan border bill.



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The people making up the "migrant crime surge" (which doesn't exist!) are doing it because they know Trump has little else to run on.

- violent crime down 10%
- historically low unemployment
- factory construction booming
- wages rising

Don't fall for it.

Gerry Smith is running for Senator against Chris Murphy. Can we please put some effort into knocking Chris out of his seat. The gaslighting is going to smother us all.

12:50

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 **#BREAKING:** Over 1000 National Guard Deployed Across All New York City Subway Stations

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Currently, over a thousand National Guard members have been deployed to New York subway stations. This follows NY Governor Kathy Hochul's announcement this week that she is deploying a total of 1,000 National Guardsmen, state police, and MTA police to patrol the subways in an effort to combat the increasing crime across the city video by [@ScooterCasterNY](#)



Post your reply



## The Laken Riley Murder and Illegal Immigration

Since President Biden took office in January of 2020, millions of illegal immigrants have crossed the southern border into the United States. During his first days in office, Biden made over 90 executive actions to open the border and facilitate access to drug cartels, sex traffickers, Chinese Nationalists, and terrorist groups. These illegals are now living throughout the country. As all types of crime are sky rocking in our neighboring state of New York. This crime has migrated to Connecticut as its Sanctuary Cities harbor these criminals.

At the end of January, two New York City police officers were violently attacked in Times Square by several illegals. Consequently, the Manhattan District Attorney office's released four of the five perpetrators without bail after being charged with assaulting a police officer, gang assault, obstructing governmental administration, and disorderly conduct. The New York Police Department was infuriated by these actions.

On March 6, 2024, Governor Hochul of New York ordered nearly 1,000 persons comprised of 750 members of the National Guard, state police, and transit officers to check subway riders' with backpacks, laptops or schoolbooks or carrying grocery bags. Hochul is quoted as saying, is intended to rid our subways of people who commit crimes and [to] protect all New Yorkers whether you are a commuter or a transit worker"; These are but a few examples, Democrats refuse to take responsibility for and address our border crisis. This is exemplified by the recent vote by the United States House of Representatives on the "Laken Riley Act".

Laken Riley is yet another victim of a violent crime at the hands of an illegal immigrant. Her name is not well known by many because her story was quickly diffused by mainstream media. Her murder was minimalized by President Biden during the State of The Union Address. Biden said, "Lincoln – Lincoln Riley, an innocent young woman who was killed by an illegal – that's right. But how many thousands of people [are] being killed by illegals?" Laken was a 22-year-old nursing student wretchedly murdered while jogging at the University of Georgia on February 22, 2024. Her body was found dragged to an isolated location with severe bodily injuries. Twenty-six year old Jose Ibarra was charged with her murder, kidnapping, and assault. Accordingly, the New York Post saw documents where Jose Ibarra is listed as part of the deadly Venezuelan Tren de Aragua gang on internal Department of Homeland Security documents.

Ibarra was first arrested in September of 2022 at El Paso, Texas for illegally entering the United States. According to Immigration and Customs Enforcement insiders, after being in custody for less than 24 hours, he was released on parole and was allowed to freely travel. Ibarra traveled to New York City and lived in a shelter provided by the city. Despite several arrests, he was let go. You can use the link to follow Jose Ibarra's travels and arrest record in the United States.

**Migrant charged with murdering Laken Riley's easy path to US (nypost.com)**

The Laken Riley Act is a bill that would require detaining and deporting illegal immigrants charged with theft. The United States of Representatives overwhelming passed the bill with a 251 to 170 vote. Most House Republicans voted in favor of the bill while House Democrats were against the bill. It is shameful that every Democratic Representative in the State of Connecticut voted against the Laken Riley Act:

1st district: John B. Larson (D) (in office since 1999)

2nd district: Joe Courtney (D) (in office since 2007)

3rd district: Rosa DeLauro (D) (in office since 1991)

4th district: Jim Himes (D) (in office since 2009)

5th district: Jahana Hayes (D) (in office since 2019)

Laken Riley was brutally murdered at the hands of an illegal immigrant associated with a violent Venezuelan gang. Jose Ibarra should never have been allowed to enter the United States. However, if he was detained and deported after his first arrest, the senseless murder of Laken Riley would never have happened. Remember all of the members of the House of Representatives who voted "NAY" to help keep our communities safe from crime.

by: Ulla K. Tiik-Barclay



**Laken Riley's mother put this out on  
Twitter/X to remember her daughter  
by. God rest Laken's soul. In respect and  
remembranc, we say her name.**



***Laken Riley***

**#SAYHERNAME**



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