

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT**

DOMENIC VINCI,

Plaintiff,

v.

RONALD QUAGLIANI, et al.,

Defendants.

3:08-cv-01935 (CSH)

**RULING ON PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION TO COMPEL**

HAIGHT, Senior District Judge:

In this First Amendment retaliation case, Plaintiff Domenic Vinci has moved to compel all defendants to respond to an interrogatory that seeks to identify their political activities. That interrogatory queried:

2. Please identify who you supported in the 2005 election for West Haven mayor.

Pl.'s Mot. ex. 1 [doc. #22-1]. Defendants have all objected on the ground that responding to this interrogatory would violate a purported "political vote privilege," which preserves the secrecy of an individual's choice at the ballot box. Defendants have also objected that this interrogatory seeks information that is irrelevant in light of the defendants' answers to other interrogatories, which make clear that none of the defendants "knew who the plaintiff supported, endorsed, or voted for in the 2005 West Haven mayoral election," and that none of the defendants was ever "aware of the plaintiff's vote at the Democratic Town Committee," where the gravamen of plaintiff's retaliation claim originates. Defs.' Responses to Pl.'s Second Interrogs. & Reqs. For Produc., Def.'s Obj'n ex. B [doc. #23-2] (providing the same response for each defendant).

