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The Democratic City and Town Chairmen's Association last night endorsed Noell for Senate, Gene McCall for Congress and Tom DiDuglio for Lt. Governor. Garrahy, St. Germain, Burns and Michaelson, Hawksley were also endorsed.

Two Democratic delegates elected in the primary Tuesday from the First District actually live in the Second District. Germano DiDonato, who ran uncommitted and was elected is also a state employee. Walter Stone, a Carter delegate, lives on Benefit Street, Providence right on the line between the first and second district. He stated that election officials told him he lived in the second district. If these delegates are disqualified, the next person with the highest number of votes will move up to delegate.

Grass roots of arts endowment

In the column that appeared in your May 19, edition, "Debate Held at Dinner, etc. . . .", I stated that Mr. Will failed to present a credible argument against Senator Poll's praise of the arts and its growth which he terms "eroding." Senator Poll is described as opposed to the establishment of a National Endowment for the Arts, with the comment that this approach is "impolitic." But we conclude from this that we should praise NIH for avoiding the "grass roots" where so many of the rest of us must live. After all, who wants to be called a "publicist"?

In this day of identity politics, and future thinking, I think we should praise elected officials who support federal programs that are able to reach these to the grass roots. Mr. Will has made the case, that un-

extended, for supporting Senator Poll. Why not oppose the establishment of a government office who apparently seeks to avoid bringing some federal administration to the grass roots of America? I face with a federal agency that is described as promoting arts funding from public accountability, I believe both Mr. Will and Mr. Bermie should ask themselves what is wrong with the millions of Americans who live in those grass roots.

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