



2022 Candidates' Forum on Disability Issues



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Welcome to the Candidates' Forum



Welcome to the 2022 Candidates' Forum on Disability issues. The non-partisan forum will introduce candidates (or their representatives) who are running for Governor, Secretary of the State, Attorney General, United States Senate, and United States Congress.

The forum moderator, will ask each candidate questions on a variety of disability topics to include but not limited to employment, health care, housing, and transportation.

As you use this resource and listen to the candidates, please be aware that a candidate may be endorsed by more than one party. For example, a candidate may be endorsed by the Democratic/Working Families Party or Republican/Independent Party. Also, a candidate may run as an Independent, which is different from being endorsed by the Independent Party.

We hope the forum functions as a springboard to greater civic engagement. Use the knowledge you gain to become more informed, more active, and more assertive in ensuring that the issues important to you are on the agendas of our elected officials.

“Vote as if your life depends on it, because it does.”

- Justin Dart, Co-founder of the ADA and the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD).



Deadlines



Absentee Ballots Available: October 7, 2022

Registration Deadline: November 1, 2022

Election Day: November 8, 2022

Connecticut REV UP or Register, Educate, Vote – Use your Power is part of a nationwide effort to increase the power of the disability community by focusing on getting people with disabilities registered to vote, educating them and others about the rights of voters with disabilities, engaging candidates and the media on disability issues and activities that encourage and remind people with disabilities that it's not good enough just to register, you have to vote!



Registering to Vote - CT Makes it Easy!

TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN CONECTICUT, YOU MUST:

- Be a United States citizen;
- Be 18 years old on or by Election Day;
- Be a resident of a Connecticut town.
- If you have committed a felony, you can register to vote after you have completed confinement and parole.

REGISTRATION FORMS

By law, voter registration forms must be available at many public places, such as public libraries, the Department of Motor Vehicles and all offices of the Department of Social Services. You must also contact your local Registrar of Voters to obtain a registration form in person or by mail. The eligibility statement that is part of the registration process must be made available, upon request, in Braille, large print or audio to people with visual disabilities.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Registration may now also be done on-line. The site is maintained by the Office of the Secretary of the State. The website address is:

<https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR>

The site explains the process and the identification requirements, which are more limited than when registering by another method.

Note: One can also simply print a registration form off this site and register in person or by mail.

ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION (EDR)

EDR is also available in Connecticut. Keep in mind that ID requirements for EDR are more stringent than those required of voters when they vote at a standard polling place. Acceptable documents include, but are not limited to:

- Birth Certificate;
- Driver's license;
- Non-driver photo ID (issued by Department of Motor Vehicles);
- Social Security card.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AT THE POLLS

Voters who are voting for the first time in a primary or election with federal candidates on the ballot must present :

- A current and valid photo ID that shows name and address, OR
- A current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or government document that shows name and address.

All other voters must present:

- Social Security card
- Any pre-printed form of identification that shows
 - Name and address, or
 - Name and signature, or
 - Name and photograph.

In the absence of acceptable ID, a voter may cast a provisional ballot. These ballots are only available when candidates for federal office are in a race. Once the identity of the provisional voters has been confirmed, the ballots are reviewed and counted. In the absence of acceptable ID in a non-federal election, the voter may sign a statement testifying to his or her identity.

★ 2022 Candidates for Governor of Connecticut ★

The Governor is the chief executive officer of the State. The holder of the office regularly addresses the legislature regarding the 'State of the State,' requires written reports from holders of the other constitutional offices; submits a proposed budget to the legislature; and serves, in most circumstances, as head of the state military. The Governor may veto bills passed by the legislature, although vetoes may be subject to legislative overrides.



Ned Lamont
Democratic Party,
Incumbent



Bob Stefanowski
Republican Party,
Challenger



Robert Hotaling
Independent Party,
Challenger



Michelle Louise Bicking
Green Party,
Challenger

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★ 2022 Candidates for Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut ★

The Lieutenant Governor is the president of the Senate by virtue of the office. The duties of the Lieutenant Governor include presiding over the Senate, recognizing members wishing to address the Senate, putting all questions to vote, deciding questions of order, and referring bills to committees. In the event of a tie vote, the Lieutenant Governor may cast a vote to break a tie. (From the CT-N State Civics Toolbox) In addition, the Lieutenant Governor assumes the office of the Governor in the event that the Governor vacates the office during his or her term.



Susan Bysiewicz
Democratic Party



Laura Devlin
Republican Party



Dr. Chip Beckett
Independent Party



Cassandra Martineau
Green Party

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★ 2022 Candidates for Connecticut Secretary of State ★

The Secretary of the State is designated by the Constitution and General Statutes of Connecticut as the official keeper of a wide array of public records and documents. The office is a vital source of information regarding various businesses, commercial lenders, elections, legislation, regulations and other areas, and responds to more than 600,000 requests for information annually. It also publishes, distributes and sells the State Register and Manual and other publications. (From the website of the Secretary of the State)

As Commissioner of Elections for the State of Connecticut, the Secretary is charged with administering, interpreting, and implementing election laws, and ensuring fair and impartial elections. Pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, the Secretary has the same responsibility for federal elections.



Stephanie Thomas
Democratic Party



Dominic Rapini
Republican Party

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★ 2022 Candidates for Connecticut Attorney General ★

The Attorney General is the chief legal officer of the State. The Connecticut Constitution and General Statutes authorize the Attorney General to represent the interests of the people of the State of Connecticut in all civil legal matters involving the state to protect the public interest, and to serve as legal counsel to all state agencies. Among the critical missions of the office are to represent and advocate the interests of the state and its citizens as vigorously as possible, to ensure that state government acts within the letter and spirit of the law, that public resources are protected for present and future generations, that the quality of life of all our citizens is preserved and enhanced, and that the rights of our most vulnerable citizens are safeguarded.
(From the website of the Attorney General)



William Tong
Democratic Party



Jessica Kordas
Republican Party



Ken Krayeske
Green Party

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★ 2022 Candidates for Connecticut State Treasurer ★

The Office of the Treasurer includes an Executive Office as well as six divisions, each with specific responsibilities; Cash Management, Debt Management, Management Services, Pension Funds Management, Second Injury Fund, and Unclaimed Property. The main objective of the Executive Office is to ensure that the Treasury adheres to the highest order of public values, fiscal prudence and ethics in the conduct of the people's business. *(From the Treasury Website)*



Erick Russell
Democratic Party



Harry Arora
Republican Party

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2022 Candidates for United States Senate

The Senate is one of two federal legislative branches, the other being the House of Representatives; the Senate is the more powerful body. As the presiding officer of the Senate, the Vice-President is charged with casting the deciding vote on an issue; on day-to-day matters, other members exercise leadership positions. Each state, regardless of population, elects two Senators. Senators serve six-year terms.

Functions of Senators include creating new laws; approving (or denying) international treaties; reviewing and confirming (or rejecting) presidential appointments, such as appointments to the Supreme Court; investigating malfeasance in the executive branch; and conducting impeachment trials.

U.S. Senators maintain constituent offices where staff members answer questions and sometimes resolve constituent issues in such areas as student loans, social security, foreclosure avoidance programs, immigration, workers' compensation, veterans' assistance, healthcare, and Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) disbursements, etc.



Richard Blumenthal
Democratic Party



Leora Levy
Republican Party

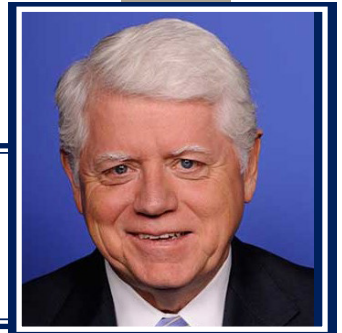
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United States House of Representatives

The number of congressional representatives from a state is proportionally based on the state's population. Each of Connecticut's five members of the U.S. Congress represents one of five multi-town districts. Congressional representatives, who serve two-year terms, vote on a broad range of issues, including taxes, transportation, social service spending, healthcare, defense, and the environment; they also regularly educate constituents through media and at town meetings. Additionally, congressional representatives provide constituent services on a broad range of federally-related issues, such as student loans, social security, foreclosure-avoidance programs, immigration, workers' compensation, veterans' assistance, healthcare, and Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) disbursements, etc.

First Congressional District

John Larson
Democratic Party



Larry Lazar
Republican Party



Mary L Sanders
Green Party



Towns Covered::

Barkhamsted
Berlin
Bloomfield
Bristol
Colebrook
Cromwell
East Granby

East Hartford
East Windsor
Glastonbury (part)
Granby
Hartford
Hartland
Manchester

Middletown (part)
New Hartford
Newington
Portland
Rocky Hill
South Windsor
Southington/Plantsville

Torrington (part)
West Hartford
Wethersfield
Winchester
Windsor
Windsor Locks

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Second Congressional District



Joe Courtney
Democratic Party



Mike France
Republican Party

Towns Covered:

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| Andover | East Haddam | Hebron | Old Lyme | Suffield |
| Ashford | East Hampton | Killingley | Old Saybrook | Thompson |
| Bolton | East Lyme | Killingworth | Plainfield | Tolland |
| Bozrah | Eastford | Lebanon | Pomfret | Union |
| Brooklyn | Ellington | Lisbon | Preston | Vernon |
| Canterbury | Enfield | Lyme | Putnam | Voluntown |
| Chaplin | Essex | Madison | Salem | Waterford |
| Chester | Franklin | Mansfield | Scotland | Westbrook |
| Clinton | Glastonbury (part) | Marlborough | Somers | Willington |
| Colchester | Griswold | Montville | Sprague | Windham |
| Columbia | Groton | New London | Stafford | Woodstock |
| Coventry | Haddam | North Stoughton | Sterling | |
| Deep River | Hampton | Norwich | Stonington | |

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Fifth Congressional District



Jahana Hayes
Democratic Party



George Logan
Republican Party

Towns Covered:

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|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Avon | Cornwall | Morris | Salisbury | Waterbury (part) |
| Bethel | Danbury | New Britain | Sharon | Watertown |
| Bethlehem | Farmington | New Fairfield | Sherman | Wolcott |
| Bridgewater | Goshen | New Milford | Simsbury | Woodbury |
| Brookfield | Harwinton | Newtown | Southbury | |
| Burlington | Kent | Norfolk | Thomaston | |
| Canaan | Litchfield | Plainville | Torrington (part) | |
| Canton | Meriden | Plymouth | Warren | |
| Cheshire | Middlebury | Roxbury | Washington | |

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**Thank you for
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