2020 Candidates’ Forum on Disability Issues

The Forum is sponsored by CT Council on Developmental Disabilities, CT Cross-Disability Lifespan Alliance, CT State Independent Living Council, Disability Rights CT and the University of Connecticut Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities.
Welcome to the Candidates’ Forum

Welcome to the virtual 2020 Candidates’ Forum on Disability Issues. The non-partisan forum will introduce candidates (or their representatives) who are running for United States President/Vice President and United States Congress. There are no United States Senate races in Connecticut in 2020.

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 Medicaid.

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 Democrat/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 and active in pursuing 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).

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**Deadlines**

Friday, 10/02/2020 Absentee Ballots available through your local Town Clerk’s office

Tuesday, 10/27/2020 Online / Mail-Postmark / In-Person Registration deadline

Tuesday, 11/03/2020 - Election Day
As Chief of State, the President fulfills ceremonial responsibilities, such as awarding medals; making regular media addresses; and holding press conferences. As Chief Executive, the President makes governmental appointments; holds cabinet meetings; keeps informed on the functioning of federal departments; meets with economic advisors to discuss issues such as taxes and unemployment; and is ultimately responsible for implementing and enforcing the laws created by Congress. The President also develops foreign policy; maintains contacts with heads of state; oversees the armed services; influences members of Congress on legislation; and signs and vetoes bills.

Joe Biden
Democratic Party, Presidential Candidate

Kamala Harris
Democratic Party, Vice-Presidential Candidate

Donald Trump
Republican Party, Presidential Candidate

Mike Pence
Republican Party, Vice-Presidential Candidate

Notes:
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.

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2020 Candidates for U.S. House of Representatives

First Congressional District

John Larson
Democratic Party
(Incumbent)

Mary Fay
Republican Party
(Challenger)

Tom McCormick
Green Party
(Challenger)

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
Soutthington/
Plantsville
Torrington
(part)

West Hartford
Wethersfield
Winchester
Windsor
Windsor Locks
Second Congressional District

Joe Courtney
Democratic Party
(Incumbent)

Justin Anderson
Republican Party
(Challenger)

Cassandra Martineau
Green Party
(Challenger)

Dan Reale
Libertarian Party
(Challenger)

Towns Covered:

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

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Third Congressional District

Rosa DeLauro
Democratic Party (Incumbent)

Margaret Streicker
Republican Party (Challenger)

Justin Paglino
Green Party (Challenger)

Towns Covered:

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Fourth Congressional District

Jim Himes
Democratic Party
(Incumbent)

Jonathan Riddle
Republican Party
(Challenger)

Rod Hanscomb
Libertarian Party
(Challenger)

Towns Covered:

Bridgeport
Darien
Easton
Fairfield
Greenwich
Monroe

New Canaan
Norwalk
Oxford
Redding
Ridgefield
Shelton (part)

Stamford
Trumbull
Weston
Westport
Wilton

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2020 Candidates for U.S. House of Representatives

Fifth Congressional District

Jahana Hayes
Democratic Party
(Candidate)

David Xavier Sullivan
Republican Party
(Candidate)

Jonathan Johnson
Libertarian Party
(Challenger)

Towns Covered:

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