

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).



Deadlines



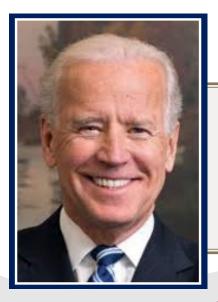
Friday, 10/02/2020 Absentee Ballots available through your local Town Clerk's office

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

2020 Candidates for President / Vice-President



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



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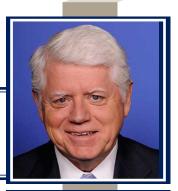
United States House of Representatives

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 multitown 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 federallyrelated 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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First Congressional District

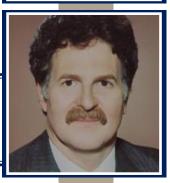
John Larson Democratic Party (Incumbent)



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 Southington/ Plantsville Torrington (part) West Hartford Wethersfield Winchester Windsor Windsor Locks





Second Congressional District



Joe Courtney Democratic Party (Incumbent)



Cassandra Martineau Green Party (Challenger)



Justin Anderson Republican Party (Challenger)



Dan Reale Libertarian Party (Challenger)

Towns Covered:

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

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Third Congressional District



Rosa DeLauro Democratic Party (Incumbent)



Margaret
Streicker
Republican Party
(Challenger)



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Justin Paglino Green Party (Challenger)

Towns Covered:

Ansonia
Beacon Falls
Bethany
Branford
Derby
Durham
East Haven
Guilford
Hamden

Middlefield
Middletown (part)
Milford
Naugatuck
New Haven
North Branford
North Haven
Orange
Prospect

Seymour Shelton (part) Stratford Wallingford Waterbury (part) West Haven Woodbridge

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Fourth Congressional District



Jim Himes
Democratic Party
(Incumbent)



Jonathan Riddle Republican Party (Challenger)



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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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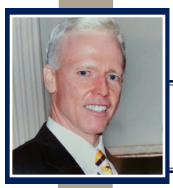
2020 Candidates for U.S. House of Representatives



Fifth Congressional District



Jahana Hayes Democratic Party (Candidate)



David Xavier Sullivan Republican Party (Candidate)



Jonathan Johnson Libertatrian Party (Challenger)

Towns Covered:

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

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