

# **Report of the Legislative Action Committee**

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We have accomplished many significant victories since our last convention two years ago, building greater political power for our members and all of Connecticut's working families. In his Executive Director's report, Bob Rinker highlighted many of the gains made at the General Assembly during the 2007 and 2008 legislative sessions, so our report is focused on the upcoming General Election.

Over the past six months, our SEIU Connecticut State Council has coordinated regional interviews with General Assembly and Congressional candidates seeking our unions' endorsement. Our Legislative Action Committee (LAC) members reviewed the records, read up on the proposals, and met with the candidates who seek to represent our families in Hartford and in Washington, DC.

We have made recommendations to the CSEA SEIU Local 2001 Executive Council, which voted to approve endorsing the following ballot question positions and candidates on the November 4 ballot.

## **Ballot Questions**

NO on 1 – "*Shall there be a Constitutional Convention to amend or revise the Constitution of the State?*"

## **Presidential Electors**

Barack Obama and Joseph Biden (*challengers*)

## **Representative in Congress**

2nd District (Eastern Connecticut) – Joe Courtney

4th District (Fairfield County) – Jim Himes (*challenger*)

5th District (Western Connecticut) – Chris Murphy

## **Connecticut State Senator**

21st District (Monroe, Seymour, Shelton, and Stratford) – Janice Anderson (*challenger*)

31st District (Bristol, Harwinton, Plainville, and Plymouth) – Tom Colapietro

2nd District (Bloomfield, Hartford, and Windsor) – Eric Coleman

6th District (New Britain, Berlin, and Farmington) – Donald J. DeFronzo

1st District (Hartford and Wethersfield) – John Fonfara  
35th District (Ashford, Chaplin, Coventry, Eastford, Ellington, Hampton, Pomfret, Stafford, Tolland, Union, Vernon, Willington, and Woodstock) – Anthony Guglielmo  
23rd District (Bridgeport and Stratford) – Edwin A. Gomes  
4th District (Bolton, Glastonbury, Manchester, and Marlborough) – Mary Ann Handley  
10th District (New Haven and West Haven) – Toni N. Harp  
5th District (West Hartford, Bloomfield, Burlington, and Farmington) – Jonathan Harris  
26th District (Bethel, New Canaan, Redding, Ridgefield, Weston, Westport, and Wilton) – John Hartwell (*challenger*)  
8th District (Avon, Barkhamsted, Canton, Colebrook, Granby, Hartland, Harwinton, New Hartford, Norfolk, Simsbury, and Torrington) – Art House (*challenger*)  
3rd District (East Hartford, East Windsor, Ellington, and South Windsor) – Gary LeBeau  
21st District (Griswold, Groton, North Stonington, Plainfield, Preston, Sterling, Stonington, and Voluntown) – Andrew Maynard  
32nd District (Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Middlebury, Oxford, Seymour, Southbury, Thomaston, Roxbury, Watertown, and Woodbury) – John McCarthy (*challenger*)  
22nd District (Bridgeport, Trumbull, and Monroe) – Anthony Musto (*challenger*)  
24th District (Bethel, Danbury, New Fairfield, and Sherman) – Duane Perkins (*challenger*)  
19th District (Andover, Bozrah, Columbia, Franklin, Hebron, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Montville, Norwich, and Sprague) – Edith Prague  
20th District (East Lyme, Montville, New London, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Salem, and Waterford) – Andrea Stillman  
29th District (Brooklyn, Canterbury, Killingly, Mansfield, Putnam, Scotland, Thompson, and Windham) – Donald E. Williams, Jr.

### **Connecticut State Representative**

83rd District (Berlin and Meriden) – Catherine F. Abercrombie  
30th District (Berlin and Southington) – Joe Aresimowicz  
128th District (Bridgeport) – Andres Ayala  
73rd District (Waterbury) – Jeffrey J. Berger  
72nd District (Waterbury) – Larry B. Butler  
19th District (Avon, West Hartford, and Farmington) – Beth Bye  
126th District (Bridgeport) – Christopher L. Caruso  
124th District (Bridgeport) – Charles D. Clemons  
134th District (Fairfield and Trumbull) – Tom F. Christiano  
65th District (Torrington) – Michelle Cook (*challenger*)  
115th District (West Haven) – Stephen D. Dargan  
78th District (Bristol and Plymouth) – Jaqui Denski (*challenger*)  
92nd District (New Haven) – Patricia A. Dillon  
84th District (Meriden) – Christopher Donovan  
17th District (Avon and Canton) – Brett Eisenlohr (*challenger*)  
18th District (West Hartford) – Andrew M. Fleischmann  
71st District (Middlebury and Waterbury) – Steve Ferrucci (*challenger*)  
146th District (Stamford) – Gerald Fox, III  
44th District (Killingly, Plainfield, and Sterling) – Mae Flexer (*challenger*)

87th District (North Haven) – Steve Fontana  
10th District (East Hartford) – Henry J. Genga  
104th District (Ansonia and Derby) – Linda M. Gentile  
25th District (New Britain) – John Geragosian  
29th District (Newington, Rocky Hill, and Wethersfield) – Antonio Guerrero  
127th District (Bridgeport) – Jack Hennessy  
53rd District (Ashford, Tolland, and Willington) – Bryan Hurlburt  
56th District (Rockville and Vernon) – Claire Janowski  
District 49 (Windham) – Susan Johnson (*challenger*)  
31st District (Glastonbury) – Thomas J. Kehoe  
5th District (Hartford) – Marie Lopez Kirkley-Bey  
99th District (East Haven) – Michael P. Lawlor  
8th District (Columbia, Coventry, and Vernon) – Joan A. Lewis  
148th District (Stamford) – Carlo Leone  
100th District (Durham, Middlefield, and Middletown) – Matt Lesser (*challenger*)  
106th District (Newtown) – Chris Lyddy (*challenger*)  
47th District (Canterbury, Norwich, Scotland, and Sprague) – Jack Malone  
20th District (West Hartford) – David McCluskey  
54th District (Chaplin and Mansfield) – Denise W. Merrill  
28th District (Wethersfield) – Russell A. Morin  
140th District (Norwalk) – Bruce V. Morris  
85th District (Wallingford) – Mary M. Mushinsky  
89th District (Bethany, Cheshire, and Prospect) – Vickie Orsini Nardello  
24th District (New Britain and Newington) – Tim O'Brien  
32nd District (Cromwell, Middletown, and Portland) – James A. O'Rourke  
46th District (Norwich) – Melissa M. Olson  
48th District (Colchester and East Haddam) – Linda A. Orange  
102nd District (Branford) – Lonnie Reed (*challenger*)  
9th District (Manchester) – Jason Rojas (*challenger*)  
4th District (Hartford) – Kelvin Roldan  
139th District (Bozrah, Franklin, Lebanon, and Montville) – Kevin Ryan  
60th District (Windsor and Windsor Locks) – Peggy Sayers  
88th District (Hamden) – Brendan Sharkey  
36th District (Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Haddam) – James Field Spallone  
96th District (Hamden and New Haven) – Cameron C. Staples  
107th District (Bethel and Brookfield) – David Stevenson (*challenger*)  
26th District (New Britain) – Peter A. Tercyak  
13th District (Manchester) – John W. Thompson  
147th District (New Canaan and Stamford) – William Tong  
93rd District (New Haven) – Toni E. Walker  
64th District (Cornwall, Goshen, Salisbury, Sharon, and Torrington) – Roberta B. Willis  
77th District (Bristol) – Chris Wright (*challenger*)  
81st District (Southington) – Bruce "Zeke" Zalaski