



## Questions for Candidates

Election Time is a particularly important time for our state. We encourage you to attend Candidate Forums and Debates and to make your concerns known to the candidates. As events are announced we will post the dates and times.

These are some potential questions, developed by the membership, that relate to the priority issues of *One Connecticut*. Please let us know if you were able to ask a question at a Forum or Debate and what response you received. [cquickmire@onect.org](mailto:cquickmire@onect.org)

### Health

1. Do you have ideas about how we can ensure that every resident of CT has access to affordable, quality health care?
2. Not every one who has health insurance has access to the same quality of care and providers. How would you propose that we eliminate inequities in health care quality?
3. What is your position on expanding eligibility and access to the state's HUSKY health insurance program?

### Tax Reform

1. Do you believe we should reduce our overall reliance on the property tax? If so, how would you propose that we make up the lost revenues?
2. What is your position on creating a more progressive state income tax?
3. What are your views on Connecticut's estate tax?
4. Do you think Connecticut's spending cap needs to be revisited or changed? If so, how?
5. Are you in favor of broadening Connecticut's sales tax to include more services? Are you in favor of joining with other states to require the Federal Government to permit states to tax Internet Sales?

## **Education**

1. Should states play a role in encouraging regional cooperation between school districts? If so, how? Do you have ideas on how we can increase the equity and adequacy of education funding, or improve it in other ways?
2. Connecticut is now competing in a global knowledge-based economy. What are your ideas for making sure that our kids are prepared for this challenge? Specifically, what are your ideas for increasing high school graduation rates and assuring retraining for people who must shift careers?
3. What will you do to ensure that more CT residents have access to a college education, help them stay in college and complete a degree?
4. What are your views on Connecticut's Education Cost Sharing (ECS) formula and the level of the state's contribution? How would you address the impact of the state Spending Cap on education funding?

## **Housing**

1. Home ownership rates in CT's cities are among the lowest in the country. Do you believe that is a problem, and if so, what will you do to raise those rates in our urban centers?
2. What are your ideas for increasing affordable housing opportunities for families at all income levels in Connecticut's urban, suburban and small towns?

## **Economic Security**

1. What is your position on establishing a state earned income tax credit for low-wage workers, similar to the federal earned income tax credit?
2. What are your proposals for expanding public transit choices?
3. Do you have a proposal for expanding access to high-quality preschool programs for children in the state?
4. What are your ideas on how to help families obtain access to quality, affordable child care?