

For State Representative - 144th District

Steven Kolenberg (Republican, Independent)

1. Why are you running for this office?

I grew up in Stamford and love my city and state. Connecticut is in serious financial trouble and I feel the people in Hartford aren't doing enough to stop it. I've never been a guy who sits around and complains, thus I feel like it's my duty to step in and try to correct it.

2. What are your top 3 legislative priorities?

1. Get our state budget under control and increase job growth
2. Reduce gun violence and keep Stamford's streets safe
3. Restore our environment and combat climate change

3. Do you believe there are barriers to voting in Connecticut? If so, what would you do to eliminate them?

I believe that as a state, Connecticut is doing a wonderful job of ensuring that everyone has a chance to exercise their right to vote. With Election Day registration, automatic voting registration through state agencies, and allowing voter registration online our state has put the pieces in place to maximize voter registration possibilities. I believe, however, that with all these avenues to voting, at this point our state needs to focus on outreach efforts to get newly registered voters out on Election Day and active in the democratic process. The state should work with nonprofit organizations that advocate for voter participation and find out what can be done to allow for more effective voter outreach.

Caroline Simmons (Democratic)

No response received.