

For State Representative - 40<sup>th</sup> District

**John Scott** (Republican, Independent)

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*1. Why are you running for this office?*

In me, the voters of this district have the most qualified candidate for the job of State Representative. I remain an active entrepreneur, so I understand the needs of running a business, creating jobs, making payroll, and running a fiscally sound organization. All skills this State desperately need. At the same time, I now have experience in Hartford, and therefore I've learned valuable lessons about collaboration and cooperation to get legislation moved forward. Finally, I remain a firmly-positioned minority party representative and while in office I have an alternative voice to the budgets, fiscal nightmares, and short-sited corporate welfare of Malloy and the Democratic Party. We just can't have two more years of one-party rule, or the State will suffer further decay.

*2. What are your top 3 legislative priorities?*

**Jobs/Economy** – The state is still missing a lot of jobs lost in the last downturn in our economy. Newly created jobs have not been of the same caliber of the ones that have been lost. The regulatory and taxation environment in Connecticut has caused higher paying, office and manufacturing jobs to leave and they have not been replaced.

**Outward Migration Problem** – The Yankee Institute reports that in a two year period over 27,000 people left Connecticut taking with them \$3.8 billion in taxable income. This loss trickles downward in multiple losses in revenue to the state through lost sales taxes and fees. This issue is multifaceted but really comes down to cost of living.

**State Budget** – This will certainly be our largest problem going forward. Projected shortfalls for the next biennium are approaching \$4 billion as revenue continues to decline.

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

In eastern Connecticut I have not seen any barriers to voting. That said there have been issues in communities in other parts of the state where there has been an election day mishap resulting in disenfranchised voters. I think that better training for registrars is necessary as well as a thorough review of registration processes so that people are associated with the correct party and are registered to vote as requested.

**Christine Conley** (Democratic, Working Families)

No response received.