

For State Representative - 67th District

Mary Lundgren (Democratic, Working Families)

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1: Why I am Running for Office

I am running for office to move Connecticut's economy in a positive direction that is more equitable, sustainable and will improve the quality of life for all residents, especially middle and lower income families. I believe that the educational and health care needs of Connecticut residents is a vital component of this goal. In order to attract and keep jobs in Connecticut, we need a workforce that is prepared to step up to fill vocational and technology jobs of the future. Lowering the cost of higher education, more vocational / technical schools, and better, less expensive health care premiums will move Connecticut in this direction.

The drug addiction epidemic is destroying the lives and families of many Connecticut residents. Cities and Towns need more resources to solve this problem.

I am committed to finding and implementing solutions for this problem that crosses all socio-economic barriers.

2: Three Top legislative Priorities:

1: Lower Costs of Higher Education and Establish More Vocational / Technical Schools: In-state tuition is still out of reach for many Connecticut students and families.

Incentive plans to reduce income tax for graduating seniors out of accredited colleges or technical/vocational schools would encourage graduates to stay and live in Connecticut.

Connecticut needs trained workers to fill manufacturing, bioscience, healthcare aerospace and engineering jobs that we currently have in the state.

2: Improve Health Care Access: Access to health care is still too expensive for many Connecticut residents on the exchange. The State needs to negotiate better rates and coverage.

Paid Family and Medical Leave is a path to healthier Connecticut residents.

3: Restore Funding for Safety Net Programs:

The legislature needs to restore Medicaid funding to parents based on new income thresholds.

Increase funding and support for Cities and Towns for substance abuse education, treatment and mental health counseling.

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

Yes, I do believe there are still barriers to voting in Connecticut. Lower income and levels of education are still a barrier for voting. Also, voters are still not able to register on voting day at their actual voting place.

Establishing neighborhood groups and encouraging more residents to participate in community affairs can empower and engage people in the voting process.

On Line voting needs to be implemented in Connecticut.

William Buckbee (Republican, Independent)

No response received.

Cynthia L. Day (Green)

No response received.