

For State Representative – 77th District

Laura Bartok (Democratic, Working Families)

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1. Why are you running for this office?

I'm running because I have a passion for ensuring that policy and laws are serving the people, rather than hurting them. I was born and raised in Bristol, so I want to give back. With my familiarity of the legislative process at the state capitol, I know how to get the job done on day one. My experience, my background in social work and policy as well as my dedication to service is what we need in our next State Representative.

2. What are your top 3 legislative priorities?

My top three legislative priorities are ones I continually hear from voters while knocking on doors and meeting people across the district. They include fixing the lack of sufficient education funding for local schools, addressing our state's current budget situation while supporting innovative job creation efforts, and ensuring our service members in the military and veterans have the resources and support they deserve.

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 obstacles for voters in the Nutmeg State. One major problem is that, unlike more than thirty other states, early voting is not yet allowed. This issue was the single question on the ballot in 2014 statewide, but it did not pass. It is so important that people exercise their right to vote and this would simplify the process in one specific way. While that is just one particular example, it highlights the need to make the act of casting one's ballot as easy and simple as possible so more residents can let their voice be heard.

Clara Christine Pavalock (Republican, Independent)

No response received.