

For State Representative - 8th District

Tom Currier (Democratic, Working Families)

1. Why are you running for this office?

Residents of the 8th district need a legislator who will fight to ensure safety in Connecticut. I am disappointed that my opponent voted no on the bill HB 5054 which would require domestic abusers to turn in their guns and ammunition. Although this bill passed overwhelmingly, my opponent voted against it. This is unacceptable to me.

2. What are your top 3 legislative priorities?

a. We need to evaluate the tax structure and increase taxes on those who live in Connecticut and earn over \$250,000 per year. I do not believe that laying off state employees is the way to solve Connecticut budget problems.

b. I will work to strengthen the middle class while supporting unions. This could be accomplished by creating jobs and repairing our roads and bridges. This also employs a great number of workers.

c. We need to make efforts to ensure that young people who graduate from our state colleges and universities are able to get good jobs and stay in Connecticut. This could be accomplished by creating jobs that are technical in nature and address our ever-changing economy.

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

The secretary of the state's office has done a remarkable job to make it easier for Connecticut residents to vote. I feel that we have a lot of services that are helpful. I like the online registration, election day registration, and also feel that the absentee ballot deadlines are appropriate for most people. In order to accommodate voters busy schedules, I would like to allow voters to cast their votes on line from Saturday to Tuesday.

Tim Ackert (Republican)

No response received