

For State Senate - 24th District

Kenneth Gucker (Democratic, Working Families)

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1. Why are you running for this office?

I have been active throughout my teen and adult years in human rights, land use, environmental, conservation, and historic preservation issues. I've worked alongside neighbors and led efforts to protect the integrity of neighborhoods and improve our quality of life. As a trained Eagle Scout and community volunteer, I am committed to helping others and live by that motto. I will bring honest representation and produce real results affecting people's lives. I am running for the office of State Senator for the 24th District to be the voice and represent the values of the people I hope to serve. Unfortunately, I have heard from too many that they believe their voice and their interests are not being adequately represented. I want to do the job expected for and by the people.

2. What are your top 3 legislative priorities?

Creating jobs and lowering taxes, properly and fairly funding our schools, and investing in our infrastructure are my top legislative priorities. Also, I believe that the health and well being of women and children is paramount. Equal pay and supporting women's rights strengthen our society. And, we must ensure our children have a great start with the education and support that leads them to be productive and contributing members of society.

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

While it is important to maintain the integrity of the voting process, I believe it is critical to put forth all efforts to make voting and registering to vote more accommodating. We need to focus on increasing voter participation beyond current levels. Voting is a sacred right of American citizenship. Providing more time for people to vote, such as weekend voting or the creation of an Election Day holiday, should be considered. One day voting for fourteen hours does not necessarily fit the lifestyle of some working families today. The DMV Motor/Voter program should be expanded. Perhaps AAA services, as an example, can include this function. Language issues for people newer to our communities need to be addressed through more and better training for Election Day poll workers doing same day registration and assisting with voting.

Michael McLachlan (Republican, Independent)

No response received.