

State Senate – 27th District

Cora Santaguida (Green)

1. Why are you running for this office?

What I appreciate most about the Green Party, is that it is, by principle, consistent. I feel confident voting Green across the board. We are committed to grassroots democracy, social justice, non-violence and ecological wisdom. Not only do I support Green Presidential Candidate, Dr. Jill Stein, but I find that many points of her platform can be modified and applied to local and state level campaigns. Election 2016 has brought a great deal of attention to third party politics and "lesser of two evils" We need to vote our values, not our fears.

2. What are your top 3 legislative priorities?

I am against Common Core. High Stakes Testing does not measure performance, it measures poverty.

Funding for schools should come from Hartford, relying on property taxes creates an unfair balance in quality of education.

I support the living wage of \$15/hr. Support unions and defend worker's rights. Enhance and support local economy. Support local businesses, cooperatives; money spent here, should stay here. We need to stop appealing to out-of- towners. I am in favor of using products and services from Connecticut-based companies, and only seek out-of-state when absolutely necessary. During the 2008 financial collapse, North Dakota stayed in the black because they had a state public bank. I am in favor of moving forward with bringing this to CT. Encourage use of credit unions as opposed to banks.

I would like to increase the number of "Low Market Rate" units in new and existing housing developments.

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

At the polls, voters need to not only receive accurate consistent information about write-in candidates, the poll workers need to volunteer this information. I am in favor of making Election Day a holiday. Closing more workplaces will guarantee a better voter turnout. There should be a ban, or partial ban on lawn and yard signs during an election. I am in favor of changing the law, so that people on parole can vote.

Carlo Leone (Democratic)

No Response received.

Gino Bottino (Republican, Independent)

No Response received.