

For State Senate – 6th District

Terry Gerratana (Democratic, Working Families)

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1: Why am I running?

It is important to me to ensure that I continue to be a strong voice for the people of the 6th district. As state senator improving my constituents' quality of life has been my top priority. Whether it has been supporting small businesses, protecting the needs of working families, or ensuring seniors retain vital protections, I am dedicated to the progress of our community. I will work to further limit and treat opioid misuse, continuing the work I have undertaken in past years.

The next two years will be extraordinary for CT. We have many opportunities to rejuvenate and redesign our educational system. We are also facing fiscal challenges that mean changing the way our state meets its constitutional mission and responsibilities. When going to the polls on November 8th I urge voters to choose me to meet these challenges in our state and keep it strong and secure.

2: What are your top 3 Legislative priorities?

1. We have a mandate to address the inequities and inequality in our education system in the next legislative session. I will work to ensure our poorest communities have an educational system that will ensure these Connecticut public education students have equal and exceptional opportunities.
2. I will work to achieve a long overdue overhaul of our tax system. Changing our tax system from a regressive to progressive system makes sense for our hard working families, reducing the tax burden disparities in our state. The current system has overburdens our municipalities and our citizens and it's time for structural change.
3. I will continue my work to write legislation that will prevent opioid related deaths in our state. We need increased access to behavioral healthcare that will give more individuals with opioid use disorder access to proper care and treatment.

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

Connecticut has improved access to voting with election day registration and on-line registration. Also, individuals can now automatically be registered to vote when doing business at our DMV. I supported legislation that would keep voters enfranchised by limiting party purges of the voter roles this past session. While we have a permanent absentee ballot option for people with disabilities I believe that people should have the right to vote absentee for any reason. I also support early voting. I support both options to remove these barriers to voting in our state. While this question failed when put before Connecticut voters in 2014, I would support another effort to do so.

Charles Paonessa (Republican) – No response received

Sharon R. Beloin-Saavedra (petitioning)