

For State Representative – 149th district

Livvy Floren (Republican; unopposed)

1. Why are you running for this office?

Public service is a privilege. I am running for my 9th term as a State Representative because I love the job and feel that I know the people, I know the process, and I know how to get things done for all of my constituents in Greenwich and Stamford.

2. What are your top 3 legislative priorities?

My top three legislative priorities are lowering and moderating taxes; improving safety and mass transportation; and attracting business and creating jobs.

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

I would encourage increased voter participation by establishing no-fault absentee ballots. Voting in Connecticut is technologically sound and user friendly, and our polling places are all ADA compliant. I think we should adopt a no-fault absentee ballot process which would encourage all eligible voters to obtain a ballot and vote more conveniently.

4. The state of CT is appealing the recent court ruling on CCJEF which will impact the state's school funding formula. Gov. Malloy asked the General Assembly to find solutions instead of relying on the court's future decision. What possible legislative solutions would you propose?

The Education Cost Sharing formula is not fair across all 169 cities and towns in Connecticut. Distribution of funds should be more equitable, and special education mandates should be paid for by the convening authority, usually the federal government. We must craft a new mechanism that takes into consideration property taxes and success rates -- rewarding academically achieving schools and returning a fair percentage of money to the districts where taxes were collected.

5. State traffic congestion is a continuing issue. What solutions do you support?

We must make mass transportation convenient, clean and consistently on time. Parking near each railroad station must be adequate. In addition, we should utilize trains to move more freight, which would take more trucks off our roads.

6. Do you support increasing disclosure for campaign contributors? Why or why not?

I support full disclosure of all sources of campaign donations. Transparency and accountability are the hallmarks of clean elections.