

LWVCT Voters' Guide 2016

Every even-numbered year, the LWVCT creates an on-line Voters' Guide. Guides from earlier years can be obtained from the LWVCT office at league@comcast.net. Some local Leagues create town-specific voters' guides every year for each election; check your local League's website or newspaper.

Who's Included?

This year's Voters' Guide includes lists of all candidates running for Connecticut's federal and state offices. As in all even-numbered years, the Guide also provides a link to the LWVUS's "Vote411" Voters' Guide, which this year will include responses from candidates running for President of the United States.

How Are the Candidates Contacted?

The LWVCT emailed our questions to all the candidates for US Senate, US Representative, state Senate and state Representative for whom we had email addresses; where we did not have email addresses, we contacted the candidates' campaign staffs and/or their parties' headquarters. In some cases our local Leagues also contacted the candidates running in their geographic areas.

What Questions Does the League of Women Voters of Connecticut Ask?

All candidates for a specific office receive identical questions. However, in some cases, our local Leagues pose different questions to the candidates running for state Senate and state House of Representatives from their districts. In those cases, we post the candidates' responses to the local League's questions or both sets of responses if we get them.

All candidates were also asked to supply a link to their website, if they had one and if they wanted voters to be able to make that link through this site, and to their Facebook and Twitter pages if desired.

The League does not edit or interpret candidates' responses. Answers are published exactly as submitted, except that they will be cut off in mid-sentence where they go over our word limit.

These are the questions for candidates for US Congress:

- How fast should the US move from coal, nuclear, oil and natural gas to renewables; and what can/should Congress do to speed up the conversion?
- What would you do to move federal law to improve disclosure of the actual names of campaign finance donors?
- What federal laws would you favor to reduce gun violence?

These are the questions for candidates for the Connecticut General Assembly:

- Why are you running for this office?
- What are your top 3 legislative priorities?
- Do you believe there are barriers to voting in Connecticut? If so, what would you do to eliminate them?

What Order Do We Use for Posting Responses?

Where a candidate is running on more than one line, we list his or her answers in the order of the first line on which his or her name will appear.

Does the League edit the Answers?

No. Answers are posted as they're submitted, except that there's a 150-word limit, and anything that goes too long is cut off after the 150th word.

Where Can I Find More Information?

For official instructions on applying for absentee ballots, lists of candidates, etc., go to the Secretary of the State's website, <http://www.sots.ct.gov>.

To find the location of your polling place, contact your Town Clerk or Registrars of Voters, Vote411.org, or the Secretary of the State's website, <http://www.sots.ct.gov>.

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