

LWVCT Voters' Guide 2018

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.

What's on Your Ballot?

There will be two state-wide ballot questions on all CT ballots. Municipalities may have additional ballot questions. For more information on the ballot questions, go to www.lwvct.org.

Ballot Question 1: Special Transportation Fund "lockbox"

A "yes" vote supports the creation of a "lockbox" for Special Transportation Funds that lawmakers cannot use for other purposes and **preserve it as a permanent fund for transportation purposes only**.

A "no" vote opposes this amendment to create a "lockbox" for Special Transportation Funds.

Ballot Question 2: Transferring or Conveying CT State Properties.

A "yes" vote requires legislators to hold public hearings before authorizing the transfer, sale, or disposal of state-owned properties, and requires a two-thirds vote of the Connecticut General Assembly to authorize the transfer, sale, or disposal of land under the control of the state agriculture or environmental protection departments.

A "no" vote opposes requiring a public hearing or 2/3 vote on any of the above.

Which Candidates are 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.**

How Are the Candidates Contacted?

The LWVCT emailed our questions to all the candidates for US Senate, US Representative, and the state executive offices 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.

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**:

1. In light of documented attacks on our election systems, would you vote to require and fund all states to replace paperless electronic voting machines with voting machines that use and count paper ballots?
2. How will you ensure access to medical care and affordable health insurance with reasonable benefits for all Americans?
3. Will you sponsor and support legislation to require disclosure of campaign-related activities by PACs, SuperPACs and other "dark money" organizations?

These are the questions for candidates for **Governor/ Lt. Gov**

1. Do you support or oppose the ballot question on the Transportation Lockbox? Please explain your position.
2. What changes, if any, would you make to Connecticut's gun legislation, and specifically, would you vote to change Connecticut from its present status as an open-carry state?
3. Do you support either in-person early voting and/or expanded use of absentee-ballot (mail-in) voting?

These are the questions for candidates for **Secretary of the State**

1. If elected, what will you do to strengthen voting security, and will you advocate for more funding for that effort?
2. What if anything, will you do to make Connecticut a more business-friendly state?
3. As of January 2018, 34 states plus the District of Columbia permit some form of no-excuse-needed early voting; 3 additional states conduct elections exclusively by mail. Do you support either in-person early voting or expanded use of absentee-ballot (mail-in) voting?

This is the questions for candidates for **Attorney General**

What are your top goals for consumer protection?

This is the questions for candidates for **Comptroller**

What additional changes can be made by the Comptroller's office to make State's revenues and expenditures more transparent to voters?

This is the questions for candidates for **State Treasurer**

What do you see as your role on the Bonding Commission?

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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