

2024 General Election Endorsed Candidates

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The 2024 election season is well underway and CSEA has finalized the endorsement process for the general election. In the process of evaluating candidates, CSEA members ask tough questions designed to determine which candidates will support our legislative initiatives and, more generally, which candidates understand and respect the value of public services. On page 6 and 7, please review the list of endorsed candidates along with an explanation of the endorsement process and ways that you can get involved to ensure that pro-worker candidates are elected to the General Assembly and state-

wide offices. The world of politics has a profound impact on our jobs and on our contracts – as such, our work in this sphere is critically important to our overall success as a union.

Our process starts with a request from the candidate - only candidates that reach out to the union requesting an endorsement are considered. Candidates are then sent an in-depth ques-

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Childcare Providers Participate in National Care Canvas Days



The newly elected Executive Council Delegates & Alternates take the Oath of Office.

Childcare members joined long-term care SEIU workers to knock doors in Connecticut as a part of the nationwide SEIU "Care Canvas" days. These canvas efforts centered on union members across the state in support of SEIU endorsed candidates, candidates

250+ SEBAC Members Come Together for 2025 Kick Off Event

On October 9th, for the first time of the 2025 negotiation cycle, stewards and negotiation team members from across every bargaining unit in SEBAC came together to kick-off our efforts to secure a fair and honorable contract for state employees. CSEA had a strong showing of negotiation team members and stewards who participated in brainstorming sessions and heard from speakers including SEBAC Chief Negotiator,

Danny Livingston, Connecticut For All Director, Norma Martinez-HoSang, Bargaining for the Common Good Organizer KB Brower (former SEIU 1199 organizer), and a leader from the Minnesota SEIU State Council Vice President, Greg Nammacher. Participants left the 2.5 hour session fired up and ready for our ongoing sessions.

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83rd Anniversary Convention at CCSU with Special Guests

This month hundreds of delegates and alternates gathered at Central Connecticut State University for the 2024 Biennial CSEA Convention. Travis Woodward was re-elected as President of our local and we welcomed two new leaders - Diane Murphy as Secretary / Treasurer and Srinivas Banda as Auditor.

Delegates heard from several

candidates running for election this year including U.S. Senator Chris Murphy, U.S. Congresswoman Jahana Hayes, Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz, State Senator Mae Flexer and State Representative Kara Rochelle.

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Meetings And News

<p>The November Delegates Meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting on Thursday, November 21st at 10am at the CSEA Union Hall and via Zoom</p>	<p>CSEA Chapter 404 c/o Tina Franco 45 Peach Orchard Road Prospect, CT 06712-1052</p>	<p>CSEA Union Hall & Zoom 760 Capitol Ave., Hartford Zoom ID: 868 8922 7158 Dave Walsh (860) 684-4773</p>	<p>Plainville Public Library 56 East Main St., Plainville Mark Kirschner (860) 882-2717</p>
<p>Chapter 401 (Hartford area) Thursday, Nov. 7th - 1pm CSEA Union Hall & Zoom 760 Capitol Ave., Hartford Zoom Mtg ID: 83617277918 Patrice Peterson (860) 416-0306</p>	<p>Chapter 405 (New Haven) Thurs., Nov. 14th - 10:30am Guest speaker: Aetna Rep. Hamden Government Center Building, 3rd Floor 2750 Dixwell Ave., Hamden Sue Pierson (203) 376-7207</p>	<p>Chapter 410 (Windsor area) Monday, November 18 - 1pm Speaker: Bernadette Conway CSEA Retiree Coordinator Suffield Senior Center 145 Bridge St., Suffield Amelia Smith (860) 687-1848</p>	<p>Chapter 417 (Plainville area) *Holiday Luncheon* Wed. December 11 - 12:30pm Gobi Mongolian Grill Southington, CT \$10/member & \$20/guest Make checks payable to: "CSEA Chapter 417" Send to: Debra Eddy 105 Concord St., Bristol, CT 061010</p>
<p>Chapter 402 (Danbury area) Wed., November 13th - 10am United Methodist Church 5 Clapboard Ridge Road Danbury, CT Linda Albanese (860) 354-6965</p>	<p>Chapter 405 (New Haven) *Holiday Luncheon* Thurs., December 12th 12:00pm to 3:00pm Terrace at the Green Traditions Golf Club 37 Harrison Rd., Wallingford Cost is: \$20 per member \$25 for non-member spouses \$30 for each guest Space is limited to 70 people Lunch Buffet will be available RSVP by November 29th to: CSEA Chapter 405 c/o Bill Morico 470 Ellsworth Avenue New Haven, CT 06511</p>	<p>Chapter 411 (Rocky Hill area) Holiday Luncheon TBA Sebastian Puglisi (860) 529-8336</p> <p>Chapter 412 (Putnam area) Tues., November 19 - 1:30pm Speaker: Elder Law Attorney Putnam Town Hall 2nd Floor 200 School Street, Putnam Don Gladding (860) 933-9998</p>	<p>Chapter 418 (Community College Retirees) Tuesday, November 19 - 10am Speaker: Cigna Dental Rep. Four C's Union Hall & Zoom Zoom Meeting ID: 7421833716 Passcode: 6KUURC 907 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford, CT Colleen Richard (860) 202-4128</p>
<p>Chapter 403 (Norwich area) Tues., November 12 - 1:30pm Speaker: Cigna Dental Rep. Rose City Senior Center 8 Mahan Drive, Norwich Carol Burgess (860) 303-7267</p>	<p>Chapter 406 (Middletown) Tuesday, November 12 - 1pm Speaker: Subby Puglisi - CSEA Regional VP West American Legion Post 75 58 Bernie O'Rourke Dr. Middletown, CT Wayne Duffy (203) 379-7687</p>	<p>Chapter 414 (Torrington area) Monday, November 18 - 10am Cooperative Service Ext. Bldg 843 University Dr, Torrington Kathryn Doan (860) 324-8300</p>	<p>Chapter 441 (Cape Cod) *Holiday Luncheon* Wednesday, December 4 Time: 12:00 PM Alberto's Ristorante 360 Main St., Hyannis, MA Richard Peterson (203) 507-1189</p>
<p>Chapter 403 (Norwich area) *Holiday Luncheon* Tuesday, Dec. 10th - 11:30am Prime Restaurant - Norwich 182 West Town Street RSVP by December 5th Fish, Chicken or Steak Members; \$20, \$24 or \$26 Guests; \$22, \$26 or \$28 Checks to "Chapter 403" Sent to: Richard Kerrigan 82 Case Street Norwich, CT 06360</p>	<p>Chapter 407 (Bridgeport area) Wed., November 20th - 1pm St. Josephs of Stratford National Catholic Church 1300 Stratford Rd., Stratford Zoom meeting ID: 872 4952 3823 Zoom Passcode: 000891 Liz Anderson (203) 676-0659</p>	<p>Chapter 415 (Manchester) Monday, November 25 - 1pm Speaker: Deb Bibbins, from For All Ages Organization Manchester Elks Lodge 30 Bissell St., Manchester Stu Clark (860) 205-0657</p>	<p>Please Hold the Date for upcoming Florida and South Carolina Meetings with Aetna, Cigna, and Kevin Sullivan - the CSEA Retiree Organizer!</p>
<p>Chapter 404 (Waterbury area) Tuesday, November 12 - 10am Speaker: Dr. Martin Opoku Holistic Health Doctor Trinity Orthodox Church 937 Chase Pkwy, Waterbury Tina Franco (203) 721-4382</p>	<p>Chapter 407 (Bridgeport area) *Holiday Luncheon* Wednesday, December 11th Riverview Bistro at 12:30pm 946 Ferry Blvd., Stratford, CT Order off the menu</p>	<p>Chapter 415 (Manchester) *Holiday Luncheon* Mon., December 16 - 12pm The Hollow at Manchester Country Club Cost is: \$30/member & \$40/non-member spouse or one guest Checks payable to: "CSEA Retiree Chapter 415" RSVP by Nov. 27th to: William A Dorn 848 Center Street Manchester, CT 06040</p>	<p>Chapter 421 - Daytona, FL Date: Thursday, February 13th</p>
<p>Chapter 404 (Waterbury area) *Holiday Luncheon* Tues, December 10 - 12pm San Marino's Restaurant Cost is; \$15 per Member \$20 per Non-Member Spouse And \$30 per Guest RSVP by November 29th Checks payable to: "CSEA Chapter 404" send:</p>	<p>Chapter 408 (Willimantic) Wed., November 13, 12:30pm Mansfield Senior Center 303 Maple Rd., Storrs Doug Racicot (860) 234-2537</p>	<p>Chapter 416 (New London) Tuesday, November 19th Guest: Luddy Cremation Care Social: 12pm & Meeting: 1pm Groton Public Library 52 Newtown Road, Groton John Knaff (860) 857-4244</p>	<p>Chapter 422 - Ocala, FL Date: Tuesday, February 18th</p>
	<p>Chapter 409 (Retired State University Professors) Friday, November 15th - 10am</p>	<p>Chapter 417 (Plainville area) Wed., November 13th - 1pm Speaker: Kevin Sullivan CSEA Retiree Organizer</p>	<p>Chapter 423 - Boca Raton, FL Date: Monday, February 10th</p>
			<p>Chapter 424 - Sarasota, FL Date: Thursday, February 6th</p>
			<p>Chapter 425 - Clearwater, FL Date: Tuesday, February 4th</p>
			<p>Chapter 426 - Ft. Myers, FL Date: Friday, February 7th</p>
			<p>Chapter 427: Vero Beach, FL Date: Tuesday, February 11th</p>
			<p>Chapter 431: Myrtle Beach, SC Date: Thursday, February 20th</p>

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Retirement Division Life Insurance: 860-702-3537

Caremark: 1-800-318-2572

Retirement Division Health Insurance: 860-702-3533

Cigna: 1-800-244-6224

Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield: 1-800-922-2232

CSEA Retiree Organizer; Kevin Sullivan:
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HEP Care Management Solutions: 1-877-687-1448 or visit them at their portal:
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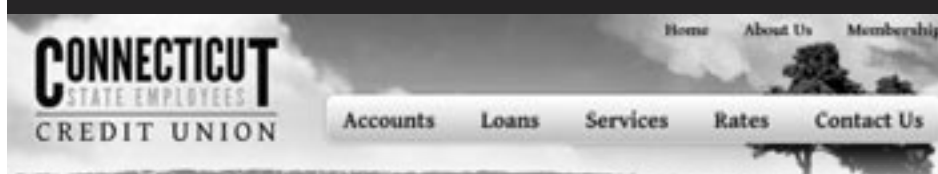
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Closed Thursday, November 28th

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Gone too Soon: CSEA Members Who Have Passed On

The Office of the State Comptroller has provided CSEA with the following members that have recently passed away. Our condolences are with their friends, family and loved ones.

- Aquino, Gabriel, State Healthcare
- Austin, James, Judicial
- Barber, William, Managerial
- Battista, Mary, Service/Maintenance
- Blonshine, Lorraine, State Healthcare
- Brown, George, Judicial
- Burke, Edmund, Social And Human Services
- Dinunzio, Robert, Judicial Marshals
- Downie, John, Service/Maintenance
- Fournier, Paul, Correctional Officer
- Getter, Herbert, Uconn
- Gibault, Lorraine, Uconn Health Center
- Girard, William, Engineer, Scien, Tech
- Grossi, Anna, Judicial
- Hermann, Maria, Uconn
- Holland, Barbara, Uconn Health Center
- Huber, Alta, Health Professional
- Ibsen, Adele, Judicial
- Jamison, Kelvin, Judicial
- Keegan, Aldia, Service/Maintenance
- Kmetzo, Thomas, Comm College
- Knox, Ernest, Service/Maintenance
- Latorra, Joseph, Service/Maintenance
- Leibowitz, Anita, State University
- Leland, Stuart, Managerial
- Margolin, Robert, Judicial
- Marshall-Jackson, Susan, Administrative Clerical
- Mcguigan, Ellsworth, Comm College
- Mcquillan, David, Ct Veterans Home & Hospital
- Miller, George, Managerial
- Moccio, Theresa, State Healthcare
- Molis, Joan, Health Professional
- Palmer, David, Uconn
- Pernaselli, Marianne, School Admin
- Pilon, Louise, Admin And Residual
- Prachniak, Frank, Social And Human Services
- Quinn, Andrea, Service/Maintenance
- Sockwell, James, State Healthcare
- Stevens, Ronald, Southbury Training School
- Stewart, Sybil, Confidential
- Webb, Eleanor, Administrative Clerical
- Wolfson, Nicholas, Uconn - Law School
- Wynn, Frances, Admin And Residual
- Zajdel, John, Service/Maintenance

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2024 CSEA Biennial Convention

Hundreds of Delegates & Alternates Convene with Special Guests



TOP LEFT: Tables would soon be filled with delegates and alternates celebrating the 83rd Anniversary Convention.
 TOP RIGHT: Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz addressed the Convention and kicked off our day.
 BOTTOM LEFT: Council 40 Member, Sharon D. Mounds, addressed the Convention during nominations.

Comptroller's Office - Retirement Division Updating Contact Information

Recently, some of our members received a letter from Joshua Wojcik, Director of the Healthcare Policy and Benefits Services of the Office of the State Comptrollers regarding the update of retiree contact information. We understand that this may have raised some concerns, and we would like to provide clarification based on the response we received from the Comptroller's Office.

Rest assured, this is a legitimate letter, and not a scam. The Comptroller's Office confirmed that this initiative is part of their efforts to update contact information for all retirees. Your benefits will not be impacted if you choose not to respond to the letter.

To streamline the process, the Comptroller's Office has partnered with Aetna. Aetna's call center is assisting with collecting

updated phone and email addresses on behalf of the Comptroller's Office. However, for changes to mailing addresses, retirees will still need to submit a written form to the Office of the State Comptroller's payroll division (State of Connecticut form CO-1082). If you need to update your mailing address, Aetna representatives will provide the necessary form.

The Comptroller's Office acknowledged that they do not have the resources to manage the volume of calls needed to update all retirees' contact information, which is why Aetna is involved in this effort.

Thank you for your continued support with CSEA Council 400.

Social Activities Committee Seeks Input on 2025 Trips

The Social Activities Committee would like to start arranging trips and memories for the 2025 season. Each trip requires at least 30 committed participants - the baseline for most tour operators and the most price effective way to structure a trip. Trips are open to all CSEA members across our local.

Below is a list of day trips and overnights that the Social Activities Committee compiled, if you are seriously interested in one or more trips, please email CSEATrips@gmail.com.

Dates and pricing are not available at this

time, last season's itinerary are available for trips marked with an asterisk. Please email CSEATRIPS@gmail.com and include your NAME, CONTACT PHONE # and EMAIL in case we have questions.

Day Trips

Foxwoods + show
Whale Watching, Mass.

Red Sox at Fenway

*Yard Goats – Labor night (Labor Day weekend)

Overnight Trips

Historic Philadelphia – 3 days/2 nights

* Ocean City, MD – 4 days/3 nights

* Virginia Beach – 5 days/4 nights

* Cape Cod Tour and/or include Whale Watching – 5 days/4 nights

Niagara on the lake

Newport Mansions, RI for Christmas

Connecticut Residents Celebrate Public Student Loan Forgiveness

On October 17th, the Biden-Harris Administration announced a historic milestone: more than \$74 billion in Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) has been approved, providing relief to over 1 million public service

workers. Over the past three years, more than \$175 billion in student loan debt has been forgiven, benefiting more than 4.8 million Americans. This vital relief has helped educators, healthcare workers, service

members, first responders, and many others. In Connecticut alone, \$2.76 billion in debt relief has been granted, benefiting over 41,000 public service workers, with an average relief of \$66,139 per person. CSEA

members continue to amplify the success of this program and push for a continuation of this relief.

Family Child Care Provider News

Noticias para Proveedores de Cuidado Infantil

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who have passed through our rigorous endorsement process and are listed on page 6 and 7.

Los miembros de cuidado infantil se unieron a los trabajadores de cuidado a largo plazo de SEIU para tocar puertas en Connecticut como parte de los días nacionales de "Care

Canvas" de SEIU. Estos esfuerzos de puerta a puerta se dirigieron a los miembros del sindicato en todo el estado en apoyo de los candidatos respaldados por SEIU, candidatos que han pasado por nuestro riguroso proceso de respaldo y que están listados en las páginas 6 y 7.



TOP: Childcare Childcare Director, Adrean Rodriguez, helps get members on the doors at the Waterbury Care Canvas Event.
BOTTOM LEFT: Childcare Members join with long-term care workers to kick off the Waterbury Care Canvas Event.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Members grab their packets before hitting the doors.

CSEA Mourns Passing of Wethersfield Member Robert Sharkevich Sr.

It is with heavy hearts that CSEA SEIU Local 2001 announces the passing of Robert Sharkevich Sr., a dedicated union member, volunteer firefighter, and beloved member of the Wethersfield community. Robert, age 66, tragically lost his life on October 22, 2024, while heroically battling a large brush fire on Lamentation Mountain in Berlin, Connecticut. His commitment to public service, both in his role as a Custodian for Wethersfield Public Schools and as a volunteer firefighter, exemplified his unwavering dedication to his community.

Robert, affectionately known as "Sharky," served as a proud member of CSEA SEIU Local 2001 throughout

his career. His work within the Wethersfield school district earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues, students, and families alike. His tireless dedication to maintaining a safe and clean environment for the school community was a reflection of his larger commitment to public service. Robert's passion for service extended far beyond his professional duties.

As a retired Hartford Fire Department firefighter, he continued to volunteer with the Wethersfield Fire Department, demonstrating his deep sense of responsibility to his neighbors and community. Robert's tragic passing has left an immeasurable void

in the hearts of all who knew him. He will be remembered for his bravery, kindness, and selflessness. CSEA extends our deepest condolences to the Sharkevich family, his fellow firefighters, and the entire Wethersfield community during this incredibly difficult time.

In honor of Robert's memory, CSEA encourages members and the broader community to continue supporting each other, just as he did through his lifetime of service. If you are interested in supporting his wife and four children, please visit the GoFundMe page: bit.ly/3YiuHnp

His legacy will forever remind us of the critical importance of



standing together in solidarity. Rest in power, Brother Sharkevich.

SEBAC 2025 Kick-Off Event

CSEA Negotiation Teams Participate in Brainstorming & Planning Efforts



LEFT: Danny Livingston, SEBAC Chief Negotiator, addresses the 2025 Kick-Off Event Participants.
MIDDLE: About 250 Negotiation Team members across the 35 SEBAC bargaining teams came together at CCSU in early October to kick off 2025 Negotiations.
RIGHT: P3B Negotiation Team member, Dore Bennett, tells us why she is #UnionYes!

Notice to Retirees on Medicare Regarding Trinity Health

We want to inform you of the ongoing contract negotiations between Trinity Health and Aetna, which while at first glance may have raised concerns, will not have an impact on member coverage. The current Trinity Health contract, covering Aetna's Commercial and Medicare Advantage (MA) plans, is set to expire on January 1st. While both parties have stated

that they are not close to an agreement at this time, we want to assure you that this situation will not impact your access to care.

Trinity Health has committed to continuing care for our Medicare Advantage members, even if they go out of network with Aetna. While you may receive letters regarding this from both Trinity and Aetna as required by law,

please rest assured that your care will remain uninterrupted and with no changes to your out-of-pocket costs.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact CSEA Retiree Organizer, Kevin Sullivan, at KSullivan@csea760.com. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you updated with any new information.

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Time to Get out the Vote for Pro-Worker Candidates

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tionnaire which they must complete before an interview is scheduled. From there, CSEA joins our fellow CT SEIU locals (SEIU 1199, SEIU 32B, 4Cs, and CEUI/MEUI Local 511) to hold candidate interviews. This process is open to candidates from any party. The interviews are attended by members of the Legislative Action Committee (LAC) from each of the State Council locals.

After candidates are interviewed, the CSEA

LAC makes a recommendation to endorse or not. These recommendations are then presented to the CSEA Executive Council where they vote to approve or deny the endorsement.

Any member is welcome to join the Legislative Action Committee. To join or to get involved in these races, please reach out to our Political Director, Danny Medress at dmedress@csea760.com.

By using the candidate questionnaire and

interview, the LAC and Executive Council are aiming to ensure that candidates hold pro-CSEA and pro-union values and will be allies in their position upon a successful election. Endorsement is only the first step in our involvement in these races, we must mobilize our members to make calls and knock doors for these candidates while our communications program also sends out mailers to registered voters in their district.

Candidate Name	Office Sought	District
Chris Murphy	US Senate	Statewide
John Larson	1st Congressional District	Central CT
Joe Courtney	2nd Congressional District	Eastern CT
Rosa DeLauro	3rd Congressional District	South Central CT
Jim Himes	4th Congressional District	Southwestern CT
Jahana Hayes	5th Congressional District	Northwestern CT
Saud Anwar	State Senate 3	East Hartford, East Windsor, South Windsor, Ellington
MD Rahman	State Senate 4	Manchester, Glastonbury, Bolton, Andover
Rick Lopes	State Senate 6	Berlin, New Britain, Farmington
Cynthia Mangini	State Senate 7	Enfield, Somers, East Windsor, Suffield, Windsor Locks, Ellington, East Granby, Granby, Windsor
Matt Lesser	State Senate 9	Middletown, Cromwell, Newington, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield
Gary Winfield	State Senate 10	New Haven, West Haven
Martin Looney	State Senate 11	New Haven, Hamden
Christine Cohen	State Senate 12	Branford, Durham, Guilford, Killingworth, Madison, North Branford, East Haven, Middlefield
Jan Hochadel	State Senate 13	Meriden, Middletown, Cheshire, Middlefield
Jorge Cabrera	State Senate 17	Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Hamden, Naugatuck, Woodbridge
Catherine Osten	State Senate 19	Franklin, Hebron, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Montville, Norwich, Sprague, Columbia, Marlborough
Martha Marx	State Senate 20	New London, Old Lyme, East Lyme, Waterford, Montville, Salem, Old Saybrook, Bozrah
Sujata Gadkar-Wilcox	State Senate 22	Bridgeport, Trumbull, Monroe
Julie Kushner	State Senate 24	Danbury, New Fairfield, Ridgefield
Bob Duff	State Senate 25	Norwalk, Darien
Ceci Maher	State Senate 26	Darien, New Canaan, Stamford, Westport, Wilton, Weston, Redding, Ridgefield
Rob Blanchard	State Senate 28	Bethel, Easton, Fairfield, Newtown, Easton
Mae Flexer	State Senate 29	Brooklyn, Canterbury, Killingly, Putnam, Scotland, Thompson, Windham, Mansfield, Pomfret
Norm Needleman	State Senate 33	Chester, Clinton, Colchester, Deep River, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, Westbrook
Brandi Mandato	State Senate 34	North Branford, Wallingford, Durham, Guilford, East Haven, North Haven
Merry Garrett	State Senate 35	Ashford, Chaplin, Coventry, Eastford, Thompson, Stafford, Tolland, Union, Vernon, Willington, Woodstock, Ellington, Hampton,
Nick Simmons	State Senate 36	Greenwich, Stamford
Matthew Ritter	State House 1	Hartford (part)
Maryam Khan	State House 5	Hartford (part), South Windsor (part), Windsor (part)
Nancy Hammarstrom	State House 8	Bolton (part), Columbia, Coventry, Lebanon (part), Tolland (part)
Jason Rojas	State House 9	East Hartford (part), Manchester (part)
Geoffrey Luxenberg	State House 12	Manchester (part)
Tom Delnicki	State House 14	South Windsor (part)
Bobby Gibson, Jr.	State House 15	Bloomfield, West Hartford (part)

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Jillian Gilchrest	State House 18	West Hartford (part)
Kate Farrar	State House 20	Newington (part), West Hartford (part)
Mike Demicco	State House 21	Farmington (part)
Rebecca Martinez	State House 22	Farmington (part), Plainville, Southington (part)
Jane Wisialowski	State House 23	Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Westbrook (part)
Manny Sanchez	State House 24	New Britain (part)
David DeFronzo	State House 26	New Britain (part)
Gary Turco	State House 27	New Britain (part), Newington (part)
Amy Morrin Bello	State House 28	Wethersfield (part)
Brandon Chafee	State House 33	Middletown (part)
Nick Menapace	State House 37	East Lyme, Montville (part), Salem (part)
Nick Gauthier	State House 38	Montville (part), Waterford
Christine Conley	State House 40	Groton (part), New London (part)
Aundré Bumgardner	State House 41	Groton (part), Stonington (part)
Samantha Derenthal	State House 44	Killingly (part), Plainfield (part), Sterling
Christopher Rivers	State House 48	Bozrah, Colchester, Franklin, Lebanon (part)
Susan Johnson	State House 49	Windham
Renee LaPalme Waldron	State House 51	Killingly (part), Putnam, Thompson
Ann Bonney	State House 53	Tolland (part), Willington, Vernon (part)
Gregg Haddad	State House 54	Mansfield (part)
Amanda Veneziano	State House 55	Andover, Bolton (part), Glastonbury (part), Hebron, Marlborough
Kevin Brown	State House 56	Vernon (part)
Rick LeBoriosis	State House 59	East Windsor (part), Enfield (part)
Jane Garibay	State House 60	Windsor (part), Windsor Locks (part)
Kim Becker	State House 62	Barkhamsted, Granby, Hartland, New Hartford
Maria Horn	State House 64	Canaan, Cornwall, Goshen, Kent, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, Washington
Michelle Cook	State House 65	Torrington (part)
Ronald A Napoli	State House 73	Waterbury (part)
Jack Fazzino	State House 83	Berlin (part), Meriden (part), Cheshire (part)
Joshua Elliott	State House 88	Hamden (part)
Rebecca Hyland	State House 90	Middlefield, Wallingford (part)
Laurie Sweet	State House 91	Hamden (part)
Patricia A Dillon	State House 92	New Haven (part)
Kai Juanna Belton	State House 100	Middletown (part)
Robin Comey	State House 102	Branford (part)
Kara Rochelle	State House 104	Ansonia, Derby (part)
Bob Godfrey	State House 110	Danbury (part)
Beth Cliff	State House 112	Easton (part), Monroe, Trumbull (part)
MJ Shannon	State House 117	Milford (part), Orange (part), West Haven (part)
Frank Smith	State House 118	Milford (part)
Kaitlyn Shake	State House 120	Stratford (part)
Dottie Lerner	State House 122	Shelton (part), Stratford (part), Trumbull (part)
Sarah Keitt	State House 134	Fairfield (part), Trumbull (part)
Anne M. Hughes	State House 135	Easton (part), Redding, Weston
Kenneth Gucker	State House 138	Danbury (part)
Kevin Ryan	State House 139	Ledyard (part), Montville (part), Norwich (part)
Dominique Johnson	State House 143	Norwalk (part), Westport (part)
Corey P. Paris	State House 145	Stamford (part)
Matt Blumenthal	State House 147	Stamford (part)

CSEA Council 400 Quarterly Meeting Recap

On September 16th, over 200 CSEA Council 400 members and their spouses joined our Quarterly Virtual Meeting. We were honored to have Mairead Painter, the State of Connecticut Long-term Care Ombudsman, share valuable insights about the services offered to residents in long-term care and address members' questions.

The State Ombudsman program provides free, confidential support for those in long-term care facilities, including nursing homes. Ms. Painter emphasized that residents can safely file complaints without fear of exposure, as the program maintains confidentiality. Importantly, staff at the Ombudsman Office are not mandated reporters, which means they will only take further action if given permission, always advocating on behalf of the resident's wishes.

Ms. Painter also discussed crucial lessons learned during the COVID-19 crisis. She pointed out that nursing homes should no longer have three or four beds per room. To minimize the spread of illness, rooms should be limited to one or two beds. Additionally, Ms. Painter shared her belief that some of the pandemic-related deaths might have been prevented if residents had had more access to their loved ones through safe means (like online meetings).

Beyond healthcare concerns, the Ombudsman Office also champions other issues affecting the elderly. They

advocate for affordable housing options for retirees and seek to increase the stipends provided to the elderly. Ms. Painter strongly recommended consulting with an elder law attorney before making any decisions about asset management or selling down assets, and suggested visiting planct.com for a list of attorneys vetted by the State.

Another important point raised was about discharge planning. Ms. Painter advised that discharge plans from nursing homes should start as early as day one, allowing for a smoother transition and preventing last-minute issues.

Looking ahead, Ms. Painter mentioned that new legislation is on the horizon, aimed at expanding aid and programs for seniors living in Connecticut. As these changes develop, staying informed will be vital. We encourage all members to read CSEA News, watch for emails from CSEA Council 400, and participate in your local chapter meetings.

Under the Federal Older Americans Act, every state is required to have an Ombudsman program that addresses complaints and advocates for improvements in the long term care system. The Ombudsman program is administered by the Administration on Aging (AoA) for community living (ACL).

So, if you retired to a state other than CT, you can contact the

Ombudsman in that state for assistance.

Helpful Contact Information:

Mairead Painter, Connecticut State Long Term Care Ombudsman at <https://portal.ct.gov/lcop>. She can also be reached at 860-424-5200.

Attorney General William Tong - For all general inquiries, please email Attorney.General@ct.gov or 860-808-5318.

Elder Justice Hotline at 1-860-808-5555. This number may be used for seniors inside OR outside of CT Office of Healthcare Advocate

866-466-4446.

Florida Ombudsman for long term care:

<https://ombudsman.elderaffairs.org/>
Save the Date: Our next Quarterly

Virtual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18th at 4 pm, featuring a discussion with staff from the State Comptroller's Office, including Rae Ellen Roy, Assistant Director of the Health Policy and Benefits Division. Your participation is key to staying connected and informed about issues that affect us all. We look forward to seeing you there!

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