

## GOVERNMENT

### **Campaign Finance Reform** (1975; affirmed 2015)

*Support:* limitations on campaign contributions and expenditures, full disclosure, and partial public funding of campaigns.

### **Election Laws** (1983; amended and affirmed 2017)

*Support:* political process open to all citizens; right to vote with confidence in the election process; availability of adequate information to make informed voting decisions; expanded registration processes, including Election Day Registration; voting systems that are secure, accurate, recountable and accessible; adequate funding and support for state agencies responsible for supervising elections, enforcing election laws, and assuring the integrity of voting technology.

### **Ethics** (2004, affirmed 2015)

*Support:* actions to reform, strengthen, and clarify Connecticut's codes of ethics as they apply to public officials, public employees, and lobbyists; require a transparent, competitive, and clearly defined state contract selection process; promote the establishment of municipal ethics commissions and municipal ethics codes as applied to municipal public officials, municipal public employees, and municipal lobbyists.

### **Fiscal Policy** (1981; amended and affirmed 2003, partially affirmed and partially archived 2013)

*Support:* state budget that is an effective policy-making tool with stated goals and priorities with financial data on past performance in meeting goals, economic impact data and program costs.

*Oppose:* bonding for current expenditures.

### **General Assembly** (1982; affirmed 2013)

*Support:* measures to improve the effectiveness of the General Assembly, legislative committees, public hearings, and staff.

### **Initiative and Referendum** (1984; affirmed 2013)

*Support:* ratification of Constitutional amendments by referendum; improved voter information and ballot questions.

*Oppose:* proposal of Constitutional amendments by initiative; direct initiative to propose laws.

### **Internet and Media** (2008, affirmed 2018)

*Support:* government policies that promote broadband, wireless, and other means of high-speed Internet deployment throughout the state; access to highspeed Internet, without charge, through schools and libraries; state efforts to protect the open, neutral, nondiscriminatory nature of the Internet; adequate protection, promotion, and funding of community access television channels regardless of the provider of TV/video services to Connecticut residents; government provision of opportunities for citizen participation in decisions regarding community access TV.

### **Primaries, Procedures and Parties** (1983; amended and affirmed 2003, affirmed with update 2014)

*Support:* participation in party's nominating process for party members only; increased participation by party members.

## NATURAL RESOURCES

### **Land Use** (1975; affirmed 2015)

*Support:* comprehensive long-range planning for conservation and development.

### **Transportation** (1975; affirmed 2017)

*Support:* the planning and development of a balanced multi-modal transportation system in Connecticut.

### **Water Resources** (1967; affirmed 2005, update authorized at 2015 Convention)

*Support:* measures to improve water quality and preserve wetlands; regional, long-range approach to planning.

## SOCIAL POLICY

### **Mental Health** (2003, affirmed 2013)

*Support:* comprehensive community-based mental health systems for children and adults to include early detection, intervention and a range of services, and a public health initiative on mental health.

### **Quality Education in Connecticut Schools** (1991; affirmed 2001, updated 2013)

*Support:* quality education that reflects the diversity of our society and avoids racial isolation in public schools, in order to provide substantially equal educational opportunity for CT children.

### **School Finance** (1990; amended and affirmed 2000; amended and affirmed 2010)

*Support:* a state system that: provides to each town funds sufficient to offer a suitable education to every child; covers 50% of the statewide cost of local public education; bases grants on the relative ability of towns to finance schools locally and on the factors that influence the cost of educating different children.

**School Vouchers** (1996; amended and affirmed 2008, affirmed 2018)

*Support:* system of elementary and secondary education that is fiscally and educationally accountable to citizens.

*Oppose:* the use of public funds through vouchers, state tax credits or any other state incentives or payments, direct or indirect, to provide tuition support for students attending non-public schools.

**Teen Pregnancy** (1989; amended and affirmed 2009)

*Support:* measures to ensure that all adolescents have access to:

- age-appropriate sex education programs;
- school-based health clinics with services including reproductive health;
- programs and services designed to help adolescents delay parenthood and to enable adolescent parents to finish high school.

*Oppose:* restrictions on adolescents' rights to obtain a full range of reproductive health services.

#### Archived Positions

**Death Penalty   Gambling   School Start Time**

Find more info in these positions at [www.lwvct.org](http://www.lwvct.org)

#### LWVCT ACTION BASED ON LWVUS POSITIONS

##### Air Quality

*Support:* measures to reduce air pollution and policies to accelerate pollution control, resource recovery and non-polluting disposal of solid and hazardous wastes; and adequate funding for enforcement of environmental protection.

##### Climate Change

*Support:* measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including cap and trade programs, carbon offsets, low-carbon fuels and green building standards.

##### Energy

*Support:* environmentally sound policies that reduce energy growth rates, emphasize energy conservation and encourage the use of renewable resources.

##### Gun Laws

*Support:* protection of the health and safety of citizens through limiting the accessibility and regulating the ownership of handguns and semi-automatic weapons.

##### Health Care

*Support:* a health care system for the United States that provides access to a basic level of quality care for all U.S. residents and controls health care costs.

##### Housing Supply

*Support:* policies to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family.

##### Reproductive Rights

*Support:* protection of the constitutional right of the individual to make reproductive choices.

##### Solid Waste

*Support:* policies to reduce generation and promote reuse and recycling, and for the safe treatment, transportation, storage and disposal of solid and hazardous waste.



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# POSITIONS IN BRIEF 2019

**LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:**  
**Election Laws**  
**Campaign Finance**  
**Open Government/Transparency**

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