



# Stonington Points



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## SRTC Meetings

**Third Thursday of Every Month**  
**7PM Start**  
**Stonington Police Station**

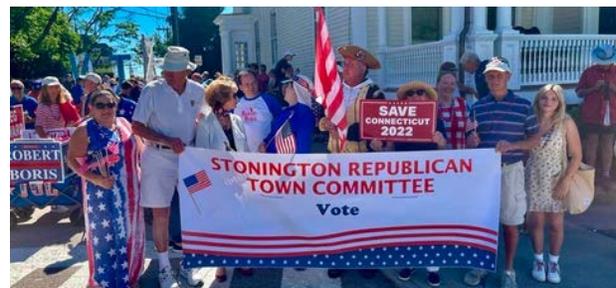
*Please join us*  
*for the remaining 2022 Meetings:*

**Oct 20th**  
**Nov 17th**  
**Dec 15th**

## Marching to the Midterms

We hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer with friends and family and are now ready to share in the excitement of entering the height of the midterm election season this fall. Since our last issue, the SRTC has worked steadfastly to build momentum for the upcoming elections. Over 30 members and friends of the SRTC proudly marched in the annual July 4th Stonington Borough parade to celebrate our nation's independence and all of those who have sacrificed to preserve our liberties and our country's foundational principles. What a heartwarming experience it was to share in this tradition! Our friendly hand waves and outreach were met with warm smiles, "thumbs up", and a few parade goers who decided to join in our happy march!

Efforts to support the larger community continued with our roadside clean up initiative along a portion of Route 1. Several SRTC members spent a Saturday morning making our roads cleaner and preserving the beauty of our treasured Stonington scenery. We have welcomed newcomers and friends to the SRTC at informal gatherings throughout town, where we share positive discussion and exchange ideas to benefit our community. Please feel free to reach out to the SRTC's emails on the last page of this newsletter to learn more about these gatherings.



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# What's New in SRTC

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## Marching to the Midterms (Cont'd)

Of course, we have also been very busy supporting our candidates with fundraisers, phone calls, door knocking, and spreading the word about their commitment to making Connecticut a wonderful place to live. This issue will be your guide to the election season with information on polling locations and absentee voting. We have included profiles of the candidates, where to find more information about each one, and how you can become involved to help their campaigns. *We recently joined with other local RTCs and the CT GOP to open the new Groton Victory Office at 86 Plaza Court, Groton, CT.* Please stop by to learn how you can help our candidates succeed in November! There are so many ways you can assist our efforts, and we are happy to match your skill sets to the right initiative. Success in November will be achieved with your support. All hands on deck! Let's win on Tuesday, November 8, 2022!

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## SRTC Mission

The SRTC is a group of individuals who love and serve our community and country. We believe in the individual liberty and self-determination of all persons to seek their dreams in a climate of mutual respect for one another, the law, and the environment. Fiscal responsibility on the part of local government is crucial. We believe that government can support residents and local businesses with sound policies that maintain public safety, infrastructure and quality education without overburdening residents with excessive taxes and regulations. We firmly assert parental choice – the right of parents and guardians to direct their children's upbringing, care, and education without government interference. We value all perspectives and welcome all to our party.



## Get Involved

We always seek new members to join the SRTC. Don't wish to be a member at this time? There are still numerous ways you can help to organize events, assist with campaigns, or offer your input on a policy matter. Please reach out to us, come to a meeting, or one of our more informal gatherings, and we will be happy to discuss how you can contribute to our efforts.

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*Republican candidates, Heather Somers and Bob Boris, join members of SRTC to keep Stonington's roads clean.*



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# Are You Ready for Midterms? Key Voting Logistics and News

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## Verify Your District & Where to Vote

As detailed in our inaugural issue, please remember that as a result of redistricting according to the State of Connecticut's Reapportionment Commission's decision to realign 151 House Districts based on population shifts, *some polling locations have changed*. New polling locations and districts are as follows:

### *New Stonington Polling Locations:*

District 1	Stonington Fire House
District 2	Board of Education Bldg (former Pawcatuck Middle School)
District 3	St Michael Church in Pawcatuck
District 4	Stonington Middle School
District 5	Former School Admin Offices Old Mystic

To verify where you should vote on November 8, 2022, please consult the *Town of Stonington website at [www.stonington-ct.gov/registrars-of-voters/pages/polling-places](http://www.stonington-ct.gov/registrars-of-voters/pages/polling-places)*. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the attachment to look up your street and determine your correct district and polling location prior to voting on Election Day. You may also contact the *Registrar of Voters at 860-535-5054*.

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## How to Get Your Absentee Ballot

Absentee ballots may be obtained from the Stonington Town Clerk's office. You are eligible to receive an absentee ballot if you cannot appear at your assigned polling place on Election Day due to:

- 1) active service in the military
- 2) absence from town
- 3) illness or physical disability
- 4) religious tenets forbid secular activity on Election Day
- 5) duties as an election official at a polling place other than your own during all voting hours

To receive your absentee ballot, you must complete and sign an application and return it to the Town Clerk. Please visit [www.stonington-ct.gov/town-clerk](http://www.stonington-ct.gov/town-clerk) and click on Absentee Ballot/Absentee Voting in the drop down menu on the left hand side of the page for more detailed information on the process of obtaining an absentee ballot. You may also call the Town Clerk's office at 860-535-5060 to discuss obtaining absentee ballots.



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## Republicans Release Contract with CT

Connecticut's Republican State House leaders released on September 22, 2022 their Contract with Connecticut. If given the opportunity with your vote and support on Election Day, November 8th, House Republicans upon assuming office will go into action to:

- 1) Make Connecticut More Affordable
- 2) Support Law Enforcement and punish criminals
- 3) Ensure Parents are the Primary Decision Makers in their children's lives
- 4) Ensure that Connecticut's government at all levels is Transparent, Accessible, and Accountable
- 5) Respect Local Government Control.

In union with House Republicans, Bob Stefanowski and Laura Devlin announced their CT First plan to rebuild Connecticut's economy and solve the soaring costs of living in our state. Their plan will cut \$2 billion in middle-class taxes, a stark contrast to the \$2 billion in new taxes that Connecticut Democrats and the Ned Lamont administration thrust upon Connecticut families.

State Republican Chairman, Ben Proto, in response to the news said, "Republicans are running on making Connecticut more affordable and safer, protecting parents and local control, and fighting for good government. Not only are these the priorities of the Republican Party, but, more importantly, these are the priorities of the people of Connecticut. When you elect Republicans this November, these are the things we will deliver. Republicans are running to make Connecticut State Government work for you."

To learn more about the Contract with Connecticut, please visit [www.contractwithct.com](http://www.contractwithct.com) and to find more details on Bob and Laura's CT First plan, visit [www.bobforgovernor.com](http://www.bobforgovernor.com).

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# Vote Republican. Vote for Real Change.

## Our Candidates..Want to Work for You

In our last issue, we profiled our local candidates running for the following offices:

### Local Candidates

- Mike France, U.S. House of Representatives 2nd Congressional District
- Heather Somers, State Senator 18th District
- Greg Howard, CT State House Rep District 43
- Robert Boris, CT State House Rep District 41

On the following pages, we update you on their campaign efforts and provide you with profiles of the other Republican candidates running for state and US Congressional offices. On the final pages of the campaign guide, we provide a complete list of all of the Republican candidates and their associated websites and social media for you to learn more about their candidacy and to keep up with their progress in the weeks ahead.

Support our candidates in November! We have a strong slate of highly qualified and trustworthy candidates to revive Connecticut from years of Democrat policies that have resulted in Connecticut

being ranked 43rd in terms of cost of living compared to other states in the country. *That puts Connecticut on the Top 10 list of least affordable states to live* and has led numerous companies and residents to vacate our state. United Van Lines reported that there were only three states that had more people move out in 2021 than Connecticut. Vote Republican to make Connecticut affordable again!

- Our candidates commit to policies that *reduce living costs* for individuals to give you greater control of your finances and improve your quality of life.
- Our candidates back policies to *preserve and bolster parental choice* because they firmly believe *parents do have a voice in their child's education and healthcare*.
- Our candidates promote policies that *support our police* to enable them to do their job effectively rather than hinder it, because they *believe your tax dollars should keep you safe*.

For real results, vote Republican on Tuesday, November 8, 2022!



## CT Republican Candidates for State Office

### Bob Stefanowski

#### Governor



Bob has built a career grounded in accountability, leadership, and humility while raising a family rooted in faith, honesty and respect. He is both a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Financial Analyst. His experience spans the globe and includes leadership positions with some of the world's largest companies, including General Electric, Pricewaterhouse Coopers, and UBS. His financial expertise is exactly what Connecticut needs to root out waste, fraud, and abuse and ensure that every dollar taxpayers contribute are spent with respect for the hard work they put into earning those dollars. He understands how important fiscal discipline and financial leadership are to governing responsibly. Bob has the expertise to carry out turnarounds to make government accountable to individuals and families. He will get Connecticut working for the people again, not political insiders.

As Governor, Bob will immediately implement policies to: 1) make Connecticut more affordable, 2) make our communities safer through common sense public safety measures, 3) reform government so it is accountable to the people, and 4) empower parents who feel their voice has been lost when it comes to raising their children.

Bob has a plan. It is to put Connecticut First. He will rebuild the economy rather than make the state ranked among some of the highest in terms of state and local taxes in the nation, as the current administration has done. Bob understands that high taxes coupled with soaring inflation – the highest rate in almost 40 years - hits everyone's wallet, and many simply can't afford to live here anymore. He will jump start immediate tax relief, enforce accountable state spending, and identify reforms to lower the highest utility rates in the country. He wants everyone to find relief from the skyrocketing costs of living we have all suffered under Democrat control.

As he has traveled the state, Bob has listened to the pleas of residents and community leaders to solve soaring crime rates resulting from the current administration's failed policies.

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## ***Bob Stefanowski (Cont'd)***

He will invest in reforms to address early intervention and support our law enforcement. Bob will also tackle the culture of complacency and reckless spending in Hartford that has set in from years of one party Democrat rule. He knows each individual works hard, values every dollar earned, and wasteful government spending cannot be tolerated. Bob will prioritize transparency and will call for an immediate review of all state accounts. He will strengthen ethics laws, promote tax transparency, and eliminate political perks. As a family man, Bob will strengthen parental rights by securing quality education through school choice and restoring parent's voice over children's health care decisions.

Bob's life began in New Haven, where his family lived in a three-family home with his grandparents on the first floor. His childhood days instilled in him a strong sense of family and responsibility. Eventually, Bob's parents saved enough to move to North Haven. His father worked his way up from the mailroom at SNET (Southern New England Telephone) to management, while his mother worked as a unionized clerk. His upbringing taught him the value of a dollar and the importance of hard work, as both parents worked multiple jobs to support the family.

Bob attended Fairfield University and earned his MBA from Cornell University. He served as a Wharton Business School Fellow and taught as an adjunct faculty at NYU Stern Business School, Cambridge University, and as a visiting professor of management practice at Oxford University.

Bob is also a proud father of three daughters, who capture what's most important in life.

**“We will conduct a comprehensive audit of every state government department and agency to identify and eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse in government, and pass a sweeping tax relief plan aimed at reducing the impact of inflation on already overburdened Connecticut taxpayers, while putting the state on course to be more affordable and economically competitive.” - Bob Stefanowski and Laura Devlin**

## **Laura Devlin**

### ***Lieutenant Governor***



Laura Devlin has served as State Representative of the 134th Assembly District covering Fairfield and Trumbull since 2015. She began her fourth term in January 2021, when she was appointed Deputy House Leader. Laura serves on the legislature's committees on Education, Finance, Revenue and Bonding, and Transportation. In her terms in office, Laura has aggressively advocated to end the destructive tax policies that push businesses and residents out of Connecticut. She has supported significant environmental legislation to preserve Long Island Sound's resources. Laura was a strong critic of Governor Lamont's plan to introduce highway tolls to generate additional revenue for transportation projects. She organized public hearings around the state to raise awareness on this issue and is credited with having a significant role in rendering that plan defunct.

Bob Stefanowski selected Laura as his running mate for Lieutenant Governor because of her legislative experience and impact in “managing the no-tolls process extraordinarily well.” He attests that Lamont's plan for highway tolls would not have been abandoned if it were not for Laura's steadfastness and efforts in defeating that disastrous initiative. Like Bob, Laura understands the devastating consequences fiscal mismanagement has had on families. She is committed to reversing the relentless state tax hikes, lack of affordability, and breakdown of trust in government experienced with the Lamont administration. Laura cares about Connecticut's local communities and works tirelessly to keep them thriving and protect them from detrimental public policy.

Laura is the daughter of an elementary school teacher and entrepreneur, who was also a WWII veteran, having landed at Normandy on D-Day. She was raised to appreciate the value of hard work, to be responsible, and to put family first. Laura began working at 15 and largely put herself through college, graduating from the University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana. After graduation, she began a career in New York City and settled in Fairfield. She followed her father's entrepreneurial spirit and started her own communications firm in CT to be closer to family and the community that was her home. In 2011, frustrated with incessant property tax increases and concerned about town finances, she launched her career into politics and was elected to Fairfield's Board of Assessment Appeals. Laura subsequently ran and was successfully elected to represent District 3 on Fairfield's RTM. Her commitment to community service is exemplified through her involvement in organizations, including but not limited to Fairfield schools, Girl Scouts of America, and Food Collection Outreach.”

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# CT Republican Candidates for State Office

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## Dominic Rapini

### Secretary of State



Dominic has over 35 years of extensive technology experience, including 25 years of proven success with Apple Inc. In his early career with Microtech International, Dominic developed consumer and commercial computer storage products and brought new products to market. He later joined Apple, where his work ethic, drive, and innovative approach to business twice earned him Salesperson of the Year. During the 2018 elections, Dominic became dismayed with stories of wet ballots, missing ballots, late floods of election day registrations, and very late reporting of results from Connecticut's major cities. He went into action and led grassroots efforts focused on election integrity issues in his pivotal role as the Board Chair of Fight Voter Fraud, Inc. His breadth of knowledge on election issues, technological savvy, effective business approach, and ability to work efficiently with large teams are exactly what Connecticut residents need to confront and resolve the complex election concerns of today. Dominic has what it takes to fulfill the vital role of Secretary of State, the office solely responsible for running the state's elections and maintaining a wide array of public records and documents.

While organizing grassroots election efforts beginning in 2018, Dominic engaged with voters and lawmakers on the important challenges and developed a network of professionals, advisors, and experts in the field in Connecticut and nationwide. His work has earned him acclaim for his ability to: 1) defend and promote election integrity using analytical tools and investigative strategies; 2) be a proven policy and legal advocate, offering expert testimony, recommendations, and alternatives to election laws; 3) apply his technological acumen to establish databases for the essential purpose of researching patterns and anomalies in the voting process.

Dominic was born in New Haven, CT. His father was a WWII veteran and a self-employed tile-man, and his mother worked at Pratt & Whitney and Yale University while raising three sons. Growing up, Dominic played youth sports and had his own landscaping business. He graduated from Trinity College earning All-New England Honors in football and track.

He has been actively involved in the community, serving as a coach and leader of Hamden Pop Warner youth football for over 30 years and earning him a reputation as an innovator in

coaching and league management. Dominic was the 2019/2020 Chair of the CT GOP Advisory Council and is a State Certified Election Moderator. Among other charitable endeavors, Dominic co-chaired the 2016 Easter Seals Celebrate campaign and has volunteered with New Reach LLC, a non-profit dedicated to implementing new and unique approaches to help the homeless in New Haven and Fairfield counties. He currently resides in Branford, CT with his wife and their three children.

**“As Secretary of State, I will fight for Common Sense Voter ID Laws, keep the voting rolls updated in accordance with the highest standards of data integrity, make sure the next generation of election equipment meets the highest standards of data security, and ensure our elections are trusted. Voting should be more secure than buying groceries.” - Dominic Rapini**

## Harry Arora

### State Treasurer



Harry has over 25 years of experience in investment management with a proven track record of outperformance and exceeding goals. He founded and led a successful investment management firm, winning acclaim as a strategic thinker with a solid understanding of economic trends and financial instruments. As the firm's leader, he built high-performance collaborative teams and effectively utilized data science and technology to make sound decisions. Five years ago, Harry chose to pivot to a career dedicated to public service. He is not a career politician. Harry currently serves as the State Representative for District 151. He was re-elected to serve his first full term in 2020 after winning a 2019 Special Election. Harry is the Ranking Member of the Labor & Public Employees Committee and serves on the Energy & Technology and Human Services Committees.

His Committee assignments reflect Harry's focus on supporting the state's workforce, Connecticut's most important resource, and promoting policies that will help create better and higher paying jobs here in our state. While serving in the legislature, he has consistently shown the ability to work effectively through the legislative process, collaborate with various Connecticut agencies, and work across party lines to build consensus. Listening to and fighting tirelessly for his constituents defines Harry's public service.



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## Harry Arora (Cont'd)

Harry seeks the office of State Treasurer because he wants to fix Connecticut's financial problems, and he has the drive, knowledge, and leadership to put teams into motion to restore our state's financial strength for the benefit of residents. As Treasurer, Harry will: 1) reduce excessive debt and interest expense; 2) improve and protect the state's pension returns, which have consistently underperformed a passive index under Democrat control, by improving asset allocation and reducing fees; 3) promote policies to mitigate inflation by halting excessive spending; 4) increase due diligence on debt issuances and bonding programs to reduce waste; and 5) promote financial literacy by providing information, education and tools to help CT residents improve their financial health. Focused on solving problems for his constituents, Harry is persistent and does not give up. He will be the Treasurer that actually has the experience in the role for which he is elected – managing our pensions and debt – and will be the Treasurer that can solve the tough problems that stand in our way.

An immigrant from India, Harry is no stranger to hard work or the promise of the American Dream. He came to the United States as a graduate student 27 years ago and naturalized as an American citizen in 2004. He earned his Bachelors of Engineering from Delhi University and his Masters in Business Administration from the University of Texas, Austin. Harry also holds a Masters in Policy Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School. He is an active member of his community and has advocated for and supported numerous local non-profits, including the YWCA, Boy and Girls Club of Greenwich, and Kids in Crisis. Harry and his wife are happily raising their three children in Greenwich.

**“Past and current Treasurers have used the Treasurer’s office to advance political and social agendas at massive costs to Connecticut residents. As your next State Treasurer, I will define a new financial strategy focused on reducing our debt and improving our investment performance.” - Harry Arora**

## Mary Fay

### State Comptroller



Mary Fay has an extensive background in finance and is currently a Financial Services Senior Executive. She has previously held senior business leadership roles with Fortune 100 companies and was Senior Vice President and General Manager of Sun Life Financial and Senior Vice President at both GE Capital and ING. An active member of the community, Mary has been a member of the Finance, Budget, and Administration subcommittee of the West Hartford Town Council since she was first elected. She understands Connecticut residents are concerned about the state's economy, high taxes, jobs, public safety and the financial outlook. Her experience as a senior financial executive and town council woman will bring much needed transparency and efficiencies to the Comptroller position.

The State Comptroller acts as the state's chief fiscal guardian, charged with a wide array of responsibilities that include developing the accounting and financial policies to administer employee and retiree benefits, provide oversight, and prepare financial reports for state, federal, and municipal governments and the public. Throughout her career and public service, Mary has tackled such duties with a fierce independence and integrity that won her a reputation for results. Those results include successfully implementing fiscal responsibility, honest reporting and forecasting, and operational efficiencies. She is the change that the State Comptroller office needs to turn around the state.

Raised in East Hartford, CT, Mary is the daughter of a schoolteacher and attended public schools. She went on to earn her B.S. in business/accounting and a minor in government from Skidmore College. There, she played basketball and started the women's softball team. Mary earned her M.B.A. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

She has a history of extensive community involvement. In addition to her service on the West Hartford Town Council, she was appointed to the West Hartford Library Board, volunteers at the Marley School, and is active in Concerned Citizens of West Hartford and Save Our Water, CT. She also serves on the board of overseers for Newton-Wellesley Hospital and was named a

# CT Republican Candidates for State Office

## Mary Fay (Cont'd)

“Top Women in Business” by Hartford Business Journal. Mary feels blessed to be the happy mother of her wonderful daughter, Katie.

**“Restoring integrity, tightening financial controls, increasing efficiency and improving accuracy of reporting and forecasting will be my priorities.”**

*- Mary Fay*

## Jessica Kordas

### Attorney General



Jessica has had a dynamic career in law and has earned acclaim as an impeccably prepared and steadfast advocate. Super Lawyers named Jessica as one of the “Rising Stars” in the legal profession six years in a row. She is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association, the Fairfield County Bar Association, the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, and the National Association for Criminal Defense Lawyers. She is licensed to practice in Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey, where she has had the advantage of appearing in multiple jurisdictions, including all state courts in Connecticut and Town, Village and Supreme Courts in New York. Jessica seeks the office of Attorney General “because she genuinely wants to make a difference here in Connecticut.” She has fought to protect and defend the Constitution her entire career and believes it is time to stand up and demand that the government, and the state’s largest law firm (the Attorney General’s office) works for the people rather than self-interested politicians.

Jessica has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to public service fostered by her grandfather, who often advised her, “if you don’t like it, you have to do something” to fix it. Heeding his advice, Jessica became involved this past January as a political outsider in the fight against mask mandates in Norwalk. She firmly believes that “parents should be in a position to make choices (for their children). They know their kids and their family situation better

than anyone else, and certainly better than the school administration and definitely better than the Governor making mandates under executive orders.” As Attorney General, Jessica will protect the people of Connecticut and uphold our laws and Constitution. She will promote parent’s rights, freedom of speech, and a return to integrity and accountability in government and the law.

Jessica is a Norwalk native and came from a family that worked extremely hard with emphasis on giving back to others. She attended Norwalk Public Schools, and her mother still lives in the house in which she was raised. Attorney Kordas earned her BGS from the University of Connecticut in Law and Society. She obtained her Juris Doctorate from Pace University School of Law, graduating Cum Laude, while working full time for a financial firm. Jessica works for the Maddox Law Firm, where she strives daily to be a true lawyer for the people. She is the proud mother of two wonderful children.

**“We need an Attorney General that’s willing to push back on our leaders, protect the people of Connecticut, uphold our laws, and defend our Constitution.”**

*- Jessica Kordas*

**Make Your Choice...**

**Vote Republican  
November 8, 2022**

**For a Better Tomorrow**



**Republicans Work for CT Residents!**

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# CT Republican Candidates for US Congress

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## Mike France

*U.S. House of Rep. 2nd Congressional District*



Representative Mike France has dedicated his entire adult life to our nation. After graduating from the University of Southern California with a degree in electrical engineering, Rep. France became an accomplished engineer, bringing his expertise to 20 years of active duty service in the U.S. Navy and continuing that service in the private sector following his retirement. He is currently serving his fourth term as State Representative for the 42nd District. This past year, Rep. France became the Ranking Member of the Appropriations Committee and continues his work on the General Administration and Elections Committee. He is highly regarded for his leadership as the Chairman of the Connecticut General Assembly Conservative Caucus.

Rep. France's experience in the military, private sector and legislature, combined with his dedication to public service, showcase his unique strength as a candidate to represent the needs of constituents in the U.S. 2nd Congressional District. If elected, Rep. France would strive to promote legislation that enables the free market to create jobs in Southeastern Connecticut. He is dedicated to the principles of limited government, economic freedom, and individual liberty.

Rep. France resides with his wife in Gales Ferry, where he previously served on the Ledyard Town Council and was Chair of the Finance Committee. He has six children and six grandchildren and spends his spare time enjoying tennis, golf, and genealogy.

**“My family instilled in me the value of hard work, service, and above all, responsibility for ourselves, our community and our future.” - Mike France**

## Leora Levy

*U.S. Senate*



Leora Levy is proud to have served as the Republican National Committeewoman for CT since 2016. She has helped Republicans for over 40 years, organizing events for Republican organizations and candidates from around the country. Born in Cuba, Leora is thankful to have escaped Castro's Communist Revolution with her family in 1960. She believes her life is blessed and is driven by values to “repair the world” – to raise her sons well and to give back to her community and to her country for her blessings. Leora appreciates the United States as a haven and heaven for her family. During her early career, she worked hard, broke the glass ceiling, and became a trader at Phibro Salomon, one of only a handful of women worldwide to achieve that position at the time. Leora was honored to be nominated for the office of US Ambassador to Chile in October 2019. These accomplishments Leora understands were possible only through the opportunities and freedoms we have in America. As Senator, Leora's priority will be to preserve those freedoms because she knows what happens when you lose them.

Leora will always defend Parental Rights and Freedom of Choice, cemented in her belief that parents know what is best for their child, not government. At a time when we have witnessed parental rights under attack, Leora will fight relentlessly to strengthen the voice of parents. She firmly believes Americans have the right to bear arms to protect their family, themselves, and their property. Leora asserts what is happening at our southern border is a travesty. Closing the U.S. border is key to restoring safety and security for our country. She will fight to reverse Democrat policies that have brought great harm to our U.S. border. Leora is pro-life with some exceptions (rape, incest, and life of the mother). She believes in the miracle of life and as a mother of three, recognizes motherhood is her greatest accomplishment. Leora understands voters are tired of out-of-touch politicians with special interests. She won't be a rubber stamp. Leora is who CT residents need in Washington to fight for their interests.

Steadfast support of our active duty military and veterans has been a cornerstone of Leora's legacy. As Director of Soldier Strong, she helped provide exo-skeleton suits for paralyzed veterans, enabling them to stand and walk. She has also actively supported ECAD, which trains and provides service dogs to veterans. Leora graduated from Brown University with a degree in International Relations in 1978. She and her husband, Steve, have lived in Greenwich for 34 years and have happily raised three sons and seven dogs there.

# Local Republican Candidates for CT General Assembly

## Heather Somers

*State Senate District 18*



Senator Somers leads with courage and delivers results for Eastern CT, while challenging the status quo in Hartford. Heather is determined to protect the interests of her community and is recognized for making CT safer and more affordable for residents by advancing legislation that provides tax relief and reduces health care costs. Her ability to navigate beyond one-party control has led to several leadership roles. She is the new Chair of the Bipartisan Tourism Caucus, where she will be a strong advocate for our growing tourism industry. Heather has led the Public Health, Transportation, and Executive & Legislative Nomination Committees and has served on the Appropriations Committee and the Governor's Council on Women and Girls. She is the ideal candidate for District 18.

While in office, Heather has shown a proven track record for combating inflation and lowering Connecticut's punitive tax burden. She has worked across party lines to deliver a \$600 million tax cut, eliminate retirement taxes for seniors, and combat burdensome property taxes. Small businesses have a voice in Heather, who has fought to repeal onerous regulations, fees, and new taxes, including a proposal to tax health care coverage. She has battled against out-of-control energy and fuel costs by securing a suspension of the gas tax and holding monopolistic power companies and quasi-public utilities accountable. When it comes to addressing constituents' healthcare needs, Heather's determination is unmatched, having received numerous awards for her "tireless" advocacy on behalf of vulnerable pediatric patients, those with mental health challenges and intellectual disabilities, and individuals in assisted living & long-term care facilities.

Heather lives with her husband, Mark, and children on the Mystic side of Groton. She graduated from the University of Connecticut with a BA in Economics, served 5 terms on the Groton Town Council, and was Mayor of the Town of Groton from 2012-2014.

**"I humbly ask for your vote. As your state senator, I am working to combat inflation, reduce out-of-control gas and energy costs, improve access to affordable, quality health care, safeguard and strengthen health care for women, hold public agencies accountable and roll back Connecticut's punitive tax burden." - Heather Somers**

## Greg Howard

*State House Rep District 43*



Rep. Greg Howard, current State House Representative of the 43rd District, is a veteran Stonington police detective. Greg views public service as a natural extension of his law-enforcement career. He enjoys collaborating with members from both parties to address community concerns. Rep. Howard sits on the budget-writing Appropriations Committee and the Judiciary Committee. The House leadership has recognized Greg as the only freshman named a ranking member of a legislative committee, the Public Safety and Security Committee. There, he authored a bill to increase protections for children by mandating background checks for adults involved in youth sports and camps and consistently advocated for improved public safety measures.

Greg's first-term record reflects his commitment to improve affordability for CT residents, to protect the local shellfish industry, to maintain local control of zoning, and to expand and preserve jobs in southeastern CT. His future policy goals focus on making Connecticut more affordable through sound tax relief measures. He will continue to push for reforms to our state justice system and public safety. Greg's focus on meeting the needs of children, especially with respect to their educational progress and safety, will remain paramount.

Greg continues to serve honorably with the Stonington Police Department and currently resides with his wife and two children.

# Local Republican Candidates for CT General Assembly

## Greg Howard (Cont'd)

**“I care about the people of our district and the future of Connecticut. My public service has spanned more than two decades and representing the great people of Connecticut is an honor that expands on that experience. I look forward to continuing to be the people’s voice in our capital.” - Greg Howard**

## Robert Boris

*State House Rep District 41*



Robert “Bob” Boris is President of Command Technology, a Groton-based information database company, and is running for the 41st House District Seat. Upon graduation from the London School of Economics, Bob utilized his entrepreneurial spirit to grow Command Technology into a global supplier of cloud computing software, providing state-of-the-art software tools to various institutions. In his 40 years in Groton, Bob has been a dedicated volunteer, serving on Groton's Economic Development Commission, Mystic & Ocean Community Chambers of Commerce, Groton Rotary and the Groton Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention, and many more. His business acumen and commitment to public service has won him bi-partisan support with endorsements from The Connecticut State Building Trades Council and the Independent Party of Connecticut. The Stonington Police Union, COPS Local 137, has also endorsed Bob for his commitment to Public Safety and support of local law enforcement.

Bob has new ideas and solutions free from petty politics. As a business leader with a background in economics, he understands what it takes to bring down prices and create 21st century jobs. His plan is based on three “Core Principles” - Growth & Stewardship, Eco-Friendly Economics, and Open Dialogue. As Bob sees it, effectively representing a community is contingent upon legislators having open communications with their constituents and valuing all points of view. Only then do leaders truly understand the unique perspective of their voters, necessary for serving their best interests.

With his personal and professional experience as a Leader, Volunteer, and Father, Bob is uniquely qualified to foster high paying, long-term jobs that support clean energy production; provide access to quality education, job training, and capital; and leverage the 41st District’s diversity as a catalyst for growth.

**“The residents I’ve spoken to want educational opportunities that align with an educationally sustainable future. They want tax dollars invested transparently – on infrastructure and services that benefit our community, preserve its unique character, and generate long term sustainable growth.” - Robert Boris**

Feeling the blues from years of Democrat overreach?

Want relief from the burden of high taxes?

Is your wallet taking a hit from rising living costs?

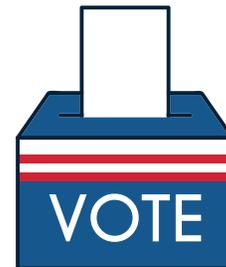
Feeling you have lost your voice?

**IT'S TIME FOR LEADERSHIP CHANGE  
...CHOOSE REPUBLICAN**

**We want to put control back in your hands**

**We want to restore your  
financial and personal freedom**

*It is your vote that can bring the change....*



**Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022**

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## US Congressional Candidates

### U.S. House of Rep. (2nd Congressional District)

#### Mike France

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### U.S. Senate

#### Leora Levy

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### CT State Senate - District 18

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### CT State House of Representatives

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## Please Join Us for These Upcoming Events

The Honorable Rob Simmons  
State Representative Greg Howard  
18th District SCC Member Dan Hetzel  
18th District SCC Member Brett Mastroianni  
cordially invite you to join them in supporting

# Mike France

FOR CONGRESS

FOR AN AFTERNOON RECEPTION  
**WINE AND CHEESE  
WHISKEY AND CIGARS**

Sunday, October 2nd, 2022  
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
at the home of  
Betty Perkowski  
106 Hangman Hill Road  
North Stonington, CT

RSVP TO  
Anne Hyde Dunsmore  
(860) 322-2649  
adunsmore@cap-camp.com

THE STONINGTON REPUBLICAN TOWN  
COMMITTEE PRESENTS:  
*An Evening at the Vineyard*  
CANDIDATE MEET AND GREET

OCTOBER 5, 2022  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
SALTWATER FARM VINEYARD  
349 ELM STREET, STONINGTON

**\$50 DONATION**  
PIZZA, SALAD, DESSERTS  
CASH BAR

Acoustic Music by Marc Philip  
Door Prize Entry  
Plus, a spectacular basket raffle!

★ CHECKS PREFERRED AT THE DOOR ★

*Hosted by the Republican Women's Book Club*

Questions? Contact: Carole Nossek cjnossek210@aol.com

## Please Join Us for These Upcoming Events

### CT GOP SUPER SATURDAY!

October 8, 2022  
10:30am - 5pm

GROTON VICTORY OFFICE  
86 GROTON PLAZA, GROTON, CT

Phone banking/door to door/  
other voter outreach will be  
HAPPENING!

*Be part of the  
ACTION!*



- First group of door to door volunteers will depart soon after 10:30am and again at 1pm. Office will assist any volunteers who arrive at other times.
- CT GOP will provide Coffee, Donuts, and Pizza later in the afternoon.

### SAVE THE DATE

For an Important Debate!

*Mike France*

vs.

*Joe Courtney*

October 12, 2022

Garde Arts Center  
325 State St, New London, CT

Attendees asked to be seated by 6:45pm  
More details to come



### Meet the Candidates Night! Preston & Ledyard RTC Fundraiser

October 15, 2022  
6 - 9pm

Preston Ridge Vineyard  
Preston, CT

\$30

Contact Stan Juber at [stanjub@juno.com](mailto:stanjub@juno.com)  
for more information!



### Walk Door to Door to Victory!

Saturday, October 15:

Arrive between 10:30am & noon to  
obtain literature and assignments

Sunday, October 16:

noon - 2pm

Meet at Groton Victory Office  
86 Plaza Court, Groton, CT

*Join with Other Volunteers to Go Door to Door in Groups  
to Support Heather Somers and Other Candidates*



### ALL CAMPAIGN SIGNS AVAILABLE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Norwich Victory Office, 507 New London Turnpike,  
Norwich, CT  
has lawn signs for most campaigns.

Contact Meracus Hernandez for more information at  
[hernandezmeracus@gmail.com](mailto:hernandezmeracus@gmail.com)

Show Your Support  
with Candidate Lawn Signs  
Available at the above dates/times  
and Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm

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# Stonington Town News

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## Stonington Approves Leases for West Broad Street School and Boathouse Park

*September 12, 2022*

At a Special Town Meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022, residents voted 283-4 to approve an agreement allowing St. Michael School to lease the former West Broad Street School for the next 15 years, with an option to renew for an additional 10 years. Under the terms of the new lease, the school will pay rent of \$300 per month and will be responsible for all operational costs (electricity, heating, interior repairs, landscaping, and snow removal) and capital repairs and improvements to the building. Over the past summer, the school made significant roof, chimney, and gutter repairs to the building. The Town stated that the school has invested \$365,000 to complete considerable improvements and has committed countless volunteer hours to those initiatives. The school now plans to make additional improvements, including repointing, cleaning and sealing exterior brick, repainting exterior trim, and renovating bathrooms and repairing/replacing windows.

Residents also voted 279-8 to approve a 25-year lease between the Town and Stonington Community Rowing Inc. to enable the rowing organization to build a boathouse on the proposed Mystic River Boathouse Park site on Route 27. Under the lease, all construction and improvements of the boathouse and docks will be paid by the rowing center, and the town will assume ownership once construction is complete. In exchange, the Town agrees to lease the property for \$1 per year for the term of the lease, with an option to renew for another 25 years. The town will take responsibility for capital repairs up to an annual \$25,000 and will maintain the park property and building exteriors. The rowing center will be granted use of the park and access to the Mystic River during practices, races and other events.



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## Campbell Grain Project Update

*September 14, 2022*

Based on considerable community feedback, the Campbell Grain Project has been redesigned, and representatives of WinnDevelopment returned on September 14, 2022 to present its new proposal during a public informational session. The changes incorporated in the redesign include:

- Reconfigure the project as a 100% age 55+ senior community on the 1.9 acre site
- Reduce the number of apartments from 82 to 70
- Reduce the size of proposed building by 25,000 square feet
- Increase the parking ratio to 1.3
- Implement a more traditional architectural design
- Abandon fixed assessment request

No funding from the Town of Stonington is sought, and none is required to finance the project. Residents and town officials provided valuable input on the new proposal and shared their questions and concerns. The Project remains under careful consideration.



Source - <https://www.campbellgrain.com/>





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# Save the Dates

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## **Regular Meetings of the Town of Stonington Boards**

### ***Stonington Board of Selectmen***

2nd & 4th Wednesday of Every Month  
Stonington Police Station Community Room  
5:30 PM

### ***Stonington Board of Education***

Thursday, October 13, 2022  
Thursday, November 17, 2022  
Thursday, December 8, 2022  
Board of Education Offices  
District Office Board Room  
6:30PM

### ***Stonington Board of Finance***

1st Wednesday of Every Month  
Stonington Police Station Community Room  
7:15 PM

Prior to each meeting, please consult the town website at [www.stonington-ct.gov](http://www.stonington-ct.gov) for possible meeting updates or cancellations.

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## ***Chairman's Corner - A Special Tribute to A Dear Friend***

I stated in the first edition of our newsletter that I would use my space to tell the larger Republican and Unaffiliated community about the members of the Republican Town Committee. In the last issue, I introduced Anthony Lombardo, our longest serving member. In this issue, I would like to tell you about Dave Motherway, who tragically passed away just a few weeks ago at the age of 54.

I met Dave when he joined the Board of Finance after winning election in 2019. I was immediately impressed with his financial acumen and his sense of humor. Dave grew up in Stonington and was an athlete at Stonington High School, where he graduated in 1986. From there, he went to the Coast Guard Academy, earning his commission as an Ensign. After visiting 6 continents with the Coast Guard, Dave earned his MBA at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Few people may know that Dave was an avid sailor long before he entered the Academy. Former SRTC Chairman and long serving member of the Board of Finance, Bryan Bentz, has many fond memories of racing a jet-14 with Dave as the crew. Dave was a fast learner and was extremely nimble on board. Bryan was at the tiller and asked Dave to collapse the spinnaker. The halyard was jammed, and they had to switch places while under sail. I believe they still won the race!

I enjoyed many dinners with Dave and his wife, Kathie, and we spent a great deal of time going through the town's budget. Dave was committed to gaining value for the taxpayer's dollar. He took that and all of his responsibilities very seriously, and he had many. He was Commodore of the Wadawanuck Club, a member of the Old Mystic Fire District's Board of Directors, Scout Master of Troop 10 (Westerly), his son's troop, Treasurer of the Stonington Rowing Club, and member of both the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick and the Groton Sportsmen's Club. Even with all of the organizations of which he was an active part, he was a dedicated husband and father to three wonderful children. As a Committee, we express our sympathies to his family. We miss him, his love of life, and his appreciation for our town and the freedoms we enjoy.

Glenn Frishman  
Chairman, SRTC

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