

CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE 4TH DISTRICT Two-Year Term

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What specific fiscally responsible steps will you promote to bring about our economic recovery?



CHRISTOPHER SHAYS
Republican

- Remove toxic financial instruments to renew financial market liquidity, preserving Americans pensions, 401(k)s, college savings, bank accounts, homes.
- Improve regulatory oversight preventing financial meltdown.
- Maintain low tax rates.
- Expand bilateral free trade.
- Create jobs by improving our transportation, energy, water infrastructures and turning brownfields to greenfields
- Attract businesses to cities creating jobs and increasing revenues

- Pass long-term energy plan: requiring conservation; increasing investment in renewables (solar, wind, geothermal); expanding domestic oil, natural gas, nuclear power production.
- Extend unemployment benefits, expand trade assistance, create more effective job training programs.
- Fully fund No Child Left Behind and IDEA. Increase funding: college loans; Early and Head Start programs; student access to technology; literacy initiatives; new math and science SMART grants.

Prominent moderate, leading reformer, expert on terrorism, strong urban renewal advocate, nationally recognized environmentalist. Senior member, Government Reform, Homeland Security and Financial Services Committees. Ranking Member, National Security Subcommittee. NYU: MBA, MPA.



MICHAEL ANTHONY CARRANO
Libertarian

An economy, being a chaotic system, entails a sensitive dependency on initial conditions. This means that even slight adjustments to the system create small variables that progressively transfigure into unprecedented economic shockwaves. In fact, this recession is a direct repercussion of politicians, who aren't economists, tampering with a system that's as far outside of their area of expertise as are quarks in a cloud chamber.

According to Ludwig von Mises, the father of Austrian economics, history argues solely for one system: laissez faire capitalism. Ayn Rand was right: not only is capitalism the soundest economic policy, but it's also the most ethical since no other system punishes the helmsman of unscrupulous industry in equal magnitude. In conclusion, market deregulation is our only option.

American-born autodidact M.A.Carrano is the intellectual architect behind Imperativism: a multidisciplinary approach to critical thinking and value analysis. An experimental philosopher, he lives in North Haven.



JIM HIMES
Democrat/Working Families

For decades, our prosperity has rested on a simple promise: if you work hard and play by the rules, you'll have a real shot at the American Dream. Raised by a single working mom, I learned the value of that promise firsthand. Now, between my Wall Street and non-profit experience, I understand how our economy works and how to get it back on track. We need to build confidence in our markets by restoring the sensible oversight that can prevent abuses like the sub-prime fiasco. And to restore consumer confidence and stimulate the housing market, I've proposed specific tax credits for education, homeownership, and savings. Ultimately, our economic future depends on our innovative capacity and creating new jobs. We can accomplish all this responsibly by ending the misguided investments of recent years - including tax breaks for oil companies and the Iraq War, which costs us \$13 billion a month.



RICHARD Z. DUFFEE
Green

Three decades of bailing out banks on odd-numbered years made banks addicted to bail-outs. I'll pay no more to banks. I'll loan money to people with variable-rate mortgages and loans and have the loans re-negotiated at lower and stable rates. I'll prevent bankruptcies from medical bills. I'll abolish the Federal Reserve Bank; the Constitution gives the right to control the money supply to Congress and Congress had no right to alienate that power. I will drastically increase taxes on every business with production plants in other countries. I will not allow any CEO to pay himself more than 5 times as much as the least-paid employee. I will guarantee the right to work and an income at least half the median, and abolish the right to expected profit on investment. I'll require expenditure bills to state the origin of funds and tax bills to state the purposes of money raised.

CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATOR 26TH DISTRICT Two-Year Term

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1) Given the worsening international, domestic and human consequences of the current energy crisis, describe in detail your ideas for both immediate and long-term solutions for Connecticut. 2) What more can Connecticut do to improve the accessibility and affordability of health care?



TONI BOUCHER
Republican

State Representative, Board of Education Chair, Selectman, State Board of Education, Business executive, entrepreneur and director, MBA, series 7&63, mother of 3, married 38 years.

1. We must increase domestic oil and gas production and promote widespread adoption of alternative energy. There is no excuse, however, for not addressing the one factor the legislature controls: we must cut and cap the gas tax. One of Connecticut's gas taxes goes up every time the price of gas rises! The state makes windfall profits while only a fraction of that revenue is reinvested in transportation. I will work to create tax credits for fuel cell and renewable energy technologies; and to provide incentives for consumers to adopt these technologies in their homes, businesses and vehicles. I will encourage universities to focus on green technology talent and research. The state must take more responsibility for conservation programs and implement a comprehensive state energy policy.

2. Our strategy must provide high-quality healthcare to the 6% of Connecticut residents who are uninsured, without damaging the system that insures 94% of the state. With Governor Rell, we created the Charter Oak Health Plan, which is beginning to provide coverage to thousands of previously uninsured people. Charter Oak puts affordable healthcare within reach of small business employees, people between jobs, recent graduates, and early retirees.

We also must lower costs for those who currently have insurance by limiting the number of health insurance mandates. While individual mandates may seem fair, state law now includes 50 separate ones, which collectively result in large increases to your premiums. Moreover, with some of the highest medical malpractice costs in the nation, our doctors in high risk specialties are being forced to leave their practices. I will continue to lead efforts to reform burdensome regulations that drive up malpractice and health insurance costs.



JOHN HARTWELL
Democrat/Working Families

1. We're in an economic and energy crisis. Gas and home heating oil prices are skyrocketing, and everyone is feeling the pinch. We need a comprehensive energy plan of investment, generation, and conservation.

Transportation and buildings are two major users of energy, and we need to change our approach to both to succeed. Investing in alternative energies and sustainability will drive down energy costs in the long run, is good for our environment and for our quality of life.

My ideas:

- Dedicate gas taxes to public transportation to make it a more effective alternative
- Extend rail service to New Milford, reducing Route 7 traffic
- Establish "subway schedule" local rail service between New Haven and Greenwich
- Increase parking at every station and expand connecting shuttle bus service
- Invest in alternative energy
- Rewrite building codes to promote "green" buildings
- Reward businesses that invest in conservation measures

2. We need affordable health care for families and small businesses, without adding an expensive new bureaucracy. The cost of healthcare is stopping entrepreneurs from starting new ventures, killing existing businesses, bankrupting families and increasing taxes.

Small businesses, schools, towns, and non-profits should be able to join the State healthcare plan to drive down costs. Allowing small businesses to buy into the State healthcare plan will encourage new startups. This plan would also cover teachers, police officers, and other crucially important municipal employees, helping to reduce property taxes.

Healthcare is a right, not a privilege, and we must make sure that all children are covered. I know what it means to have to consider your family's healthcare coverage when thinking about changing jobs or going out on your own. Affordable health care is the way to ensure the long-term prosperity of Connecticut's residents, businesses, and the economy.