



Central CT DSA

Proposed CCT Questionnaire 2022

Contact Info

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Campaign Mailing Address:

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Municipality/District:

Office running for:

CM Info (put N/A if none)

Campaign Manager Name:

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Socialism in campaigns/elected office

1. What are your top three priorities as an elected official? Why?
2. Are you a socialist? Why or why not? If yes, what does “socialism” mean to you?
3. Why do you want an endorsement from Central Connecticut DSA?
4. Have you been active in DSA? In what capacity?
5. If your campaign is endorsed, will you join a DSA caucus of all elected officials in the state and work to support one another?
6. If elected, how would you relate to DSA?
7. How do you plan to use your campaign and your seat in office to organize working class people and build the movement we need to win more transformative change?
8. Are you open to working with DSA when developing your platform?
9. Are you open to hiring DSA members to be staff on your campaign team?
10. Will you have DSA-run canvasses and other volunteer opportunities?

11. Can you describe what you want your relationship to be with DSA as you run your campaign?
12. Are you interested in joining a DSA slate if one is available / advantageous for the Chapter and candidates?

Candidate

1. What is your profession/employer? Is a significant portion of your income derived from capital holdings (e.g., investments, rent, etc.)?
2. Describe your record of organizing and public service.
3. What community organizations are you a part of?
4. What relationships do you have in your district that could form a base of support, through activism, organizing, work or personal networks?
5. What is your estimated number of votes needed to win? What is expected overall turnout & have you run before and if so how many votes did you get?
6. What party lines will you be seeking for the general election? Have you applied for the endorsement of the Working Families Party? Have you sought the endorsement of your Democratic Town Committee? Will you be in a primary election for any of those ballot lines?
7. If you are facing a primary election, please list your opponents.
8. How much money will you need to successfully compete in this race and what is your plan to raise it?
9. What percentage of your campaign funds do you plan to spend on the following: Digital (ads, tools, etc.), Field (staff, literature), Mail, Campaign Management, Data, Communications, Political, and any other expenditures?
10. What additional endorsements are you going to seek & how will you seek their endorsement? Including but not limited to elected officials, political organizations, unions and community leaders.
11. Do you have a favorite pizza order? If you are not able to eat pizza - what is your preferred pizza substitute?
12. What are your favorite hobbies?

Labor

1. How do you see the relationship between electoral politics and the labor movement?
2. Please describe your past or present labor and union experience if any. If a member of a union, please include the name of your union and local.
3. How do you plan to fight legislation like Right to Work in our state?
4. What legislation do you support that will strengthen workers' rights in your district/state? Please be explicit.
5. Explain your position on family leave as it relates to your constituents.

Healthcare

1. Do you pledge to be a champion of healthcare for all at the local/state/national level, including fighting for state-level single-payer healthcare, supporting Medicaid expansion, advocating for removing the profit-incentive from healthcare, and fighting against the insurance industry?
2. Do you support universal and free access to reproductive healthcare for all, including abortion on demand, provision of all contraceptive methods, fertility support, prenatal and obstetric services, and postnatal support for new parents? Do you consider yourself unwavering on all reproductive justice issues?
3. Do you support full access to healthcare for all, including to undocumented immigrants and transgender people?

Education

1. What's wrong with the current education system? What reforms would you like to see, and has the contemporary educational reform movement been effective at achieving them?
2. What is the role of charter schools in your desired education system? Would you support an immediate moratorium on charter schools?
3. Do you pledge to fight for universal childcare, universal pre-K, fully funding public schools, free college and technical programs for all, against school voucher programs, and against school segregation?
4. Do you support cancelling student debt?
5. How would you fight in your position for a fairer, more equitable school funding formula that addresses socioeconomic differences across your state?

6. Do you support a statewide prohibition on exclusionary school discipline (i.e., suspensions and expulsions)? What other steps would you support to end the “school-to-prison pipeline”? Please include your views on the role of police in schools.
7. Do you support regionalization of Connecticut school districts, particularly between disadvantaged school districts and more affluent school districts?

Climate and Environment

1. Do you support a Green New Deal for your district/city/state? What would this legislation entail?
2. Do you support public ownership of utilities?

Housing

1. Describe your vision for housing justice. How will you use your campaign and elected office to advocate for this vision? Please cite any specific policy examples.
2. Do you support universal rent control?
3. How will you use your campaign to build support for tenant’s unions and social housing?

Criminal Justice

1. Do you support defunding the police? How would you use your role to advance this work?
2. What policies do you support to reduce and end mass incarceration?
3. What is your stance on decriminalizing all drugs?
4. Explain how you would resolve the issue of marijuana legalization coupled with mass incarceration of people with marijuana-related offenses.
5. Do you support decriminalizing sex work? How will you advocate for the rights of sex workers in your elected role?

Civil Rights

1. How would you use your office to fight racial oppression, and help to secure equity in public services and quality of life for people of color?
2. How would you improve current laws designed to aid and protect people with disabilities?

3. What will you do to support LGBTQ rights in your community?
4. How will you fight discrimination, violence, and oppression against LGBTQ people?
5. How would you fight to ensure tribal nations have autonomy and authority to protect their own people?
6. Do you consider yourself a feminist? Why or why not?
7. What will you do in office to address the problem of sexual harassment and assault against women, especially those in precarious situations, whether in housing, immigration, or low-wage work?

Immigration

1. Do you support abolishing ICE?
2. What does “sanctuary” mean to you?
3. How would you use your office to combat oppression of immigrants and fight for their ability to participate as equals in our society?
4. If you have detention centers in your district, would you promise to launch investigations into their conditions? How would you make the realities of immigration detention more transparent?

Foreign Policy

1. What would you do locally to oppose western imperialist foreign policy and the runaway influence of the military-industrial complex?
2. Do you support the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement?
3. Do you oppose local or state legislative and executive efforts that penalize individuals, universities, and entities that boycott Israel's apartheid regime and complicit institutions and companies?

Democracy Reform

1. What reforms do you support to increase voter registration and voter participation?
2. Do you support alternative voting systems to First Past The Post? If yes, describe what you support.
3. Do you support a move toward multi-member districts or proportional representation?

4. Do you pledge to accept no money from for-profit corporate donors, for-profit corporate PACs, real estate developers, or lobbyists for for-profit corporations? If yes, how will you ensure your donor base is primary small-dollar donors?
5. Do you support campaign finance reform? Please explain any specific policies you support.

Taxation

1. How do you propose to change your city/state's budget and tax structure to better fund public services and redistribute wealth?

Other Issues

Is there anything else you would like us to know about?