



The candidates listed below for have been endorsed by the members of District 1199 based on their support of our issues and their alignment with our union's values.



**Ned Lamont
for Governor**

A businessman and state university professor running for Governor, Ned Lamont started his own company with the vision to provide better service for a cheaper price without compromising worker's wages and benefits. Lamont supports a \$15 minimum wage, paid family leave and access to quality, affordable healthcare. He has committed to opposing "Right to Work" legislation and will work to expand access to pension plans so every worker can have retirement security. In 2006, he ran against Joe Lieberman for State Senate feeling that wars in the Middle East were draining resources that should be focused on pressing domestic issues.

He challenged the Democratic establishment on an issue he believed in and won the primary against Mr. Lieberman. Ned Lamont will be the Governor Connecticut needs to get back on the track for state residents, a champion of working people who has the experience and vision to get the job done.



Susan Bysiewicz served as state representative for the 100th District for three terms between 1992 and 1998, representing 22,000 constituents in Middletown, Middlefield and Durham. As a State Representative, she wrote legislation to ban "drive-through" mastectomies and ensure that women had proper cancer care.

She also wrote the law that bans lobbyists from giving gifts to legislators. In 1998 she won election as Secretary of the State, serving three terms in that office, where she developed Connecticut's first electronic filing system for voter registration and implemented new voting technology that helped Connecticut voters with disabilities vote securely and independently. She also advocated successfully for the passage of a constitutional amendment that allows 17 year olds to vote in primaries. As a life-long Democrat, she believes in a woman's right to choose, pay equity and equal rights for all in our state.



**Susan Bysiewicz
for Lieutenant-
Governor**



**Denise Merrill
for Secretary of the State**

Denise Merrill is running for her third term as Connecticut's Secretary of the State. Denise has focused her time in office on protecting and expanding the right of Connecticut citizens to participate in free and fair elections and on making registering and voting easier and more convenience. She has taken the lead in making it easier for Connecticut's voters to register, successfully fighting for Election Day Registration, online voter registration, and, most recently, automatic voter registration through the DMV and the federal "Motor Voter" law.

She continues to be in the forefront of the fight to make casting a ballot more convenient by advocating the implementation of early voting in Connecticut. Prior to her service as Connecticut's Secretary of the State, Denise was the State Representative from Mansfield from 1995 to 2011, serving as Majority Leader in the Connecticut House from 2009 to 2011.



Shawn Wooden
for Treasurer

Shawn Wooden was born and raised in the North End of Hartford and formerly served as President of the Hartford City Council. Early in his career, Shawn worked for the AFL-CIO's Office of Investment in Washington D.C., helping direct their investment of pension money. Currently, he is an attorney with Day Pittney LLC where he leads the firm's public pension plan investment practice. He also served as a member of the Connecticut Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board, the body which interprets and enforces the state's ethics laws and oversees the Connecticut Office of State Ethics.



Kevin Lembo is running for his third term as Connecticut State Comptroller. Lembo spent decades working as a public health advocate before his first successful election for state comptroller in 2010 and is the first openly gay statewide elected official in Connecticut. Comptroller Lembo has used his position as administrator of the state health plan to develop preventive care and wellness programs, reduce costs and improve care quality, acting to protect the state plan and employees from the outrageous costs of medically unnecessary and unregulated compound drugs following a sudden and questionable surge in compound prescriptions.



Kevin Lembo
for Comptroller

A strong advocate for fully funding the state employee's pension fund, he is also leading the development of a voluntary retirement savings program that will serve up to 600,000 Connecticut workers in the private sector who currently have no workplace retirement savings option.



William Tong
for Attorney-General

A Connecticut native born to immigrant parents, William Tong has always fought for families like his who have worked hard to find opportunity here in our state and our nation. Growing up in the Hartford area, the Tong's owned a Chinese restaurant where William worked alongside his parents before going on to college and law school, where he studied under then-President Barack Obama. He is currently a lawyer at Finn, Dixon & Herling LLP, one of Connecticut's leading law firms where he practiced law for 14 years.

As the House Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, William took on fights that matter to Connecticut families and won: against the NRA, against the system of mass incarceration to give those who made mistakes a second chance and against right-wing extremists, helping to pass civil rights laws. William's record of fighting for Connecticut's citizens and most vulnerable communities shows he's ready to take on the fight against the powerful interests that only care about their bottom line, not Connecticut families. And he's ready to take on the harmful policies coming out of Donald Trump's Washington, D.C.



5th Congressional

Jahana Hayes is running for Connecticut's Congressional District 5, currently represented by Elizabeth Esty. Jahana grew up the Berkeley Heights Housing Projects and currently lives in Wolcott with her husband. She was a member of 1199 for 13 years, working at the Southbury Training School, and credits the union as being one reason she was able to go back to school and earn her degree. She previously was a Social Studies teacher at John F. Kennedy High School where she was the 2016 National Teacher of the year. Currently she is the Talent and Professional Development Supervisor for WaWterbury Public Schools.



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for Congress