



Connecticut Voter Guide 2020 — House of Representatives

Cannabis Voter Guide Connecticut State House of Representatives November 3, 2020 General Election

See below for a voter guide outlining where each candidate for the Connecticut State House of Representatives stands on legalizing and regulating cannabis for adults.

Candidates in **green** have indicated their support for legalization in response to our two-question candidate survey, in a public statement, by sponsoring or cosponsoring a legalization bill, or by voting to advance a legalization bill out of committee. Candidates in **red** expressed opposition to legalization, and candidates in **orange** are not known to have taken a public stance or replied that they are undecided.

If you don't know your state House district, you can look it up [here](#). After you fill in your town/city, street name, and street number, your legislators will display. Look for the district listed as "State House, District ____."

The Connecticut Coalition to Regulate Marijuana (of which MPP is a convening member) sent the following two survey questions to candidates for state House. The voter guide below is based on their responses, public statements, and incumbents' past votes. If a candidate in your district has not taken a public position, we strongly encourage you to ask them these questions yourself! We would be happy to update the voter guide with their answers (please email [DeVaughn Ward](mailto:DeVaughn.Ward@mpp.org) with any updates).

(1) Eleven states, including neighboring Massachusetts, have passed laws making cannabis possession legal for adults. Do you support making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut?

(2) Massachusetts, Maine, and eight other states have passed laws regulating and taxing the production and retail sale of cannabis for use by adults. A bill proposed by Gov. Lamont to allow the production, sale, regulation, and taxation of cannabis for adults stalled last year due to a COVID-related capitol closure. Do you support regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older?

After you've looked up your House candidates, click here for our state Senate voter guide [here](#).

House District 1

Rep. Matthew Ritter (D) — Rep. Ritter responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older.

House District 2

Rep. Raghiv Allie-Brennan (D) — Rep. Allie-Brennan responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older.

Dan Carter (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 3

Rep. Minnie Gonzalez (D) — In 2019, Rep. Gonzalez voted in support of HB5595 — An Act Authorizing and Regulating the Sale of Marijuana.

House District 4

Rep. Julio Concepcion (D) — Rep. Concepcion responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older. Additionally, Rep. Concepcion voted in favor of advancing a 2019 legalization bill out of the Judiciary Committee.

Barry D'Andrea (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 5

Rep. Brandon McGee (D) — Rep. McGee responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older.

Charles Jackson (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 6

Rep. Edwin Vargas (D) — Rep. Vargas responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older. Additionally, Rep. Vargas proposed a legalization bill in 2015.

House District 7

Rep. Joshua Malik Hall (D) — In 2019, Rep. Hall was a cosponsor of HB5595 — An Act Authorizing and Regulating the Sale of Marijuana.

House District 8

Brenda Falusi (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Tim Ackert (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, Rep. Ackert sponsored a bill in 2019 to allow medical marijuana patients to grow their own cannabis.

House District 9

Rep. Jason Rojas (D) — Rep. Rojas responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older. Additionally, Rep. Rojas spoke in favor of Regulate CT's CCEA study, saying, "This report serves as a reminder of a missed opportunity to implement a well regulated legal cannabis system that provides the state a new and stable source of revenue." Rep. Rojas also supported a 2019 bill to legalize and tax adult use marijuana like alcohol.

Cathy Hopperstad (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 10

Rep. Henry Genga (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. Supported House Bill No 5394, cannabis legalization, in 2018.

House District 11

Rep. Jeffrey Currey (D) — In 2019, Rep. Currey voted in support of HB5595 — An Act Authorizing and Regulating the Sale of Marijuana.

Matt Harper (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 12

Rep. Geoff Luxenberg (D) — Rep. Luxenberg responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older. Additionally, in 2019 Rep. Luxenberg voted in favor of advancing a legalization bill out of the Judiciary Committee.

Jeff Sullivan (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 13

Rep. Jason Doucette (D) — In 2019, Rep. Doucette voted in support of HB5595 — An Act Authorizing and Regulating the Sale of Marijuana.

House District 14

Genevieve Coursey (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Tom Delnicki (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 15

Rep. Bobby Gibson (D) — Has not responded to candidate survey. In February 2020, Gibson **said** he is undecided on legalization and gathering more information.

House District 16

Rep. John Hampton (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, in 2017, Rep. Hampton voted against a legalization bill.

House District 17

Eleni Kavros DeGraw (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Leslee Hill (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 18

Rep. Jillian Gilchrest (D) — In 2019, Rep. Gilchrest voted in support of HB5595 — An Act Authorizing and Regulating the Sale of Marijuana.

Rick Bush (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 19

Rep. Tammy Exum (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. Stated in a 2019 debate, “Legalizing anything that can be addictive is always a difficult choice, but the reality is marijuana is [legal in states] all around us.” She also said there are also public health issues, but that legalizing marijuana would allow for regulation and a safer product. She added that restricting it to those 21 and older is crucial, but she has concerns related to addiction. Finally, Exum noted that the social justice piece is critically important, “There needs to be a social justice component to it for these communities that have been ravaged.”

House District 20

Kate Farrar (D) — Farrar responded to our questionnaire, saying she (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older.

House District 21

Rep. Mike Demicco (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

John Brockelman (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 22

Rep. William Petit (R) — Rep. Petit responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Opposes making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Opposes regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older. Rep. Petit **said** in 2020 that legalization has "many downsides" involving "the safety of our roads and highways and increase in hospital room visits if there is legalization." Petit also cites studies showing marijuana use decreases memory function over the long haul. "It shouldn't come down to money," he said. "Other states with legalization have also seen the price of car insurance go up."

House District 23

David Rubino (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Devin Carney (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 24

Manny Sanchez (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Alden Russell (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 25

Rep. Bobby Sanchez (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, Rep. Sanchez voted in favor of authorizing medical marijuana in 2011.

Jerrell Hargraves (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 26

Rep. Peter Tercyak (D) — Rep. Tercyak responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older. Additionally, Rep. Tercyak said in a 2017 newsletter that one of the items on his agenda was "legalizing the use of recreational marijuana and taxing its sale and distribution to raise much-needed revenue."

Piotr Ceglarz (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have

taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 27

Rep. Gary Turco (D) — Rep. Turco responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older. Additionally, Rep. Turco supported a 2019 bill to legalize marijuana for adult use.

Michael Camillo (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 28

Amy Bello (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Patrick Pentalon (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 29

Rep. Kerry Szeps Wood (D) — Rep. Wood responded to our questionnaire, saying she (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older.

Henry Vasal (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 30

Joanna Angelico-Stetson (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Donna Veach (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 31

Rep. Jill Barry (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Stewart Beckett (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 32

Rep. Christie Carpino (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, in 2019 Rep. Carpino voted against advancing a bill to legalize adult use out of the Judiciary committee.

House District 33

Brandon Chafee (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Linda Szykowicz (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 34

Rep. Irene Haines (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 35

Christine Goupil (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

John Hall III (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 36

Rep. Christine Palm (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, in 2019, Rep. Palm signed on as a cosponsor of HB5595 — An Act Authorizing and Regulating the Sale of Marijuana.

Robert Siegrist (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have

taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 37

Cate Steel (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, Cate’s campaign website cites legalizing and taxing marijuana as a way to balance the budget post-COVID.

Rep. Holly Cheeseman (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and has consistently opposed legalization. In a 2020 interview with the *CT Examiner*, Rep. Cheeseman said the potential tax revenue to be gained from legalization would not be worth the added risks. She did express support for some other reforms, saying, “I have no problem with expunging criminal records for low-level marijuana possession...And because we’ve decriminalized small amounts for possession, if people went to drive to Massachusetts, drive home, bring it home, and use it in the privacy of their home then they are free to do it.”

House District 38

Baird Welch-Collins (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, a 2020 article by *The Day* stated, “Welch-Collins fully supports legalizing marijuana and pardoning nonviolent cannabis offenses. His reasons are economic: He wants to use tax revenue from cannabis sales for tax relief and public services. It’s one of the plans he backs for revitalizing an economy in tough shape due to the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Rep. Kathleen McCarty (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. A 2020 article by *The Day* stated, “It is McCarty’s work in education that makes her slow to support legalizing marijuana. She thinks the state should pay attention to and engage in research on what effects marijuana has on the developing brain. While she isn’t opposed to the concept, she’s OK with the state taking its time to make sure it’s done correctly.”

House District 39

Rep. Anthony Nolan (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Kat Goulart (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 40

Rep. Christine Conley (D) — Rep. Conley responded to our questionnaire, saying she (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating

and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older. In 2018, an article in *The Day* said, “Conley is solidly in support of legalizing marijuana for those over 21, for the state to tax it and use that revenue to deal with some of our deficits.” Rep. Conley also voted in favor of advancing a 2019 legalization measure out of the Judiciary Committee.

Lauren Gaither (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 41

Rep. Joe de la Cruz (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Alexander Antipas (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 42

Anne Sabrowski (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Mike France (R) — Rep. France responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Opposes making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) opposes regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older.

House District 43

Rep. Kate Rotella (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Greg Howard (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 44

Christine Rosati Randall (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire, and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Anne Dauphinais (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, in 2019, Rep. Dauphinais supported HB 6849, which would have allowed medical marijuana patients to grow a limited number of marijuana plants.

House District 45

Mark DePonte (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Brian Lanoue (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 46

Rep. Emmett Riley (D) — In 2019, Rep. Riley signed on as a cosponsor of HB5595 — An Act Authorizing and Regulating the Sale of Marijuana.

Robert Bell (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 47

Kate Donnelly (D) — Ms. Donnelly responded to our questionnaire, saying she (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older.

Rep. Doug Dubitsky (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, Rep. Dubitsky voted against advancing a 2019 legalization measure out of the Judiciary Committee.

House District 48

Rep. Brian Smith (D) — Rep. Smith responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older.

Julie Shilosky (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 49

Rep. Susan Johnson (D) — Rep. Johnson responded to our questionnaire, saying she (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older. Rep. Johnson also commented, “The Time is

NOW.”

House District 50

Rep. Pat Boyd (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 51

Rep. Rick Hayes (R) — Rep. Hayes responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older.

Larry Groh, Jr. (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 52

Greg Post (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Kurt Vail (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 53

Rep. Pat Wilson Pheanious (D) — In 2019, Rep. Wilson-Pheanious voted in support of HB5595 — An Act Authorizing and Legalizing the Retail Sale of Marijuana.

Tammy Nuccio (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 54

Rep. Gregory Haddad (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, in 2019, Rep. Haddad cosponsored HB5595 — An Act Authorizing and Legalizing the Retail Sale of Marijuana.

House District 55

John Collins (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Robin Green (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, in 2017, Rep. Green said that she did not support marijuana legalization to help bring in more revenue.

House District 56

Rep. Michael Winkler (D) — Rep. Winkler responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older. Rep. Winkler also commented that he “considers legalization a public health issue and believes the lower the taxation, the smaller the illegal market.”

Laura Bush (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 57

Jaime Foster (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

David Stephens (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 58

Rep. Tom Arnone (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, in 2019, Rep. Arnone supported HB5595 — An Act Authorizing and Legalizing the Retail Sale of Marijuana.

Mary Ann Turner (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 59

Gerald Calnen (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Carol Hall (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a

public stance on legalization.

House District 60

Rep. Jane Garibay (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Scott Storms (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 61

Jackie Henrie (D) — Mr. Henrie responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older. Mr. Henrie also commented, “CT's failure to act was allowing other states to grab a piece of the market which should have been ours. That has continued to be the case and I implore CT to act. I will gladly take the torch on this issue. There also must be legislation to expunge the records of those incarcerated for marijuana possession. I would actually argue that it should be expanded to free people who are jailed for non-violent crimes. The war on drugs affected POC far more significantly than white people even though POC did not use more than whites. Therefore, we must take action to reform our criminal justice system and to end systemic racism throughout America.”

Rep. Tami Zawistowski (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, Rep. Zawistowski was one of 13 House members to vote against expanding the medical marijuana law to allow cannabis-derived medications to be used for seriously ill children.

House District 62

Audrey Lampert (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Mark Anderson (R) — Mr. Anderson responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older. He also commented, “I will not support a bill that over-regulates, i.e., sets up barriers and preferences to producers and retailers. I support a free enterprise system that makes legal marijuana cheaper than the black market, hence putting the black market out of business.”

House District 63

Noel Rodriguez (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Jay Case (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 64

Rep. Maria Horn (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Brian Ohler (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, Mr. Ohler was cited in a 2017 *Norfolk Now* article as supporting controlled medical use of marijuana but not for full legalization.

House District 65

Rep. Michelle Cook (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire

Christopher Beyus (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 66

Matt Dyer (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. David Wilson (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 67

Hilary Ram (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. William Buckbee (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, in 2018, Rep. Buckbee stated on the issue of legalization in a *CT News Junkie* Survey, “I am open to this discussion. I do not see it as a viable ‘money grab’ but need to ensure the costs do not outweigh the benefits, socially and physically. I believe it is something we need to discuss in open debate.”

House District 68

Sean Butterly (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Joe Polletta (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, in 2017, Rep. Polletta opposed an amendment that would have legalized marijuana for recreational use.

House District 69

Michele Zommer (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Cindy Harrison (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 70

Stephen Samela (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Rosa Rebimbas (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, Rep. Rebimbas voted against advancing a 2019 legalization measure out of the Judiciary Committee.

House District 71

Rep. Anthony D'Amelio (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 72

Rep. Larry Butler (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Vernon Matthews (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 73

Rep. Ronald Napoli, Jr. (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, in 2018, Rep. Napoli was cited in the *Waterbury Observer* as believing that cannabis is a gateway drug. He said, “The opioid problem doesn’t discriminate and got me to rethink the issue. I tend to link drug use to addiction, but I’m a teacher and I’m willing to listen and learn as the debate unfolds.”

House District 74

Michael DiGiovancarlo (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Stephanie Cummings (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, Rep. Cummings voted against advancing a 2019 legalization measure out of the Judiciary Committee.

House District 75

Rep. Geraldo Reyes (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, Rep. Reyes cosponsored a 2017 legalization measure.

House District 76

Paul Honig (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. John Piscopo (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 77

Andre Rasmussen-Tuller (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Cara Pavalock-D'Amato (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 78

Rep. Whit Betts (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. In 2016, Rep. Betts voted

in favor of a bill to provide medical marijuana to children with serious illness.

House District 79

Rep. Christopher Ziogas (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

David Rackliffe (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 80

John Mazurek (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Gale Mastrofrancesco (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. An op-ed published on her official website states, “With Democrats having an even larger majority, they will attempt to pass legislation like tolls, paid family medical leave, increasing the minimum wage to \$15, legalizing recreational marijuana, reducing funding to our towns and more gun control to name a few. This type of legislation will further erode businesses and put an additional tax burden on families.”

House District 81

Dagmara Scalise (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. John Fusco (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 82

Michael Quinn (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Mike Skelps (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 83

Rep. Catherine Abercrombie (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. A 2017 *Record-Journal* article quoted Rep. Abercrombie as saying that Connecticut should tax marijuana if it becomes legal, but the revenue shouldn't be a determining factor. She said she has remained hesitant on legalization, claiming, "I'm still of the old school that marijuana is a drug."

Lou Arata (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 84

Rep. Hilda Santiago (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, in 2019, Rep. Santiago cosponsored HB5595 — An Act Authorizing and Legalizing the Retail Sale of Marijuana.

Richard Cordero (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 85

Rep. Mary Mushinsky (D) — In 2019, the *Hartford Courant* reported Rep. Mushinsky said she hopes that the legislature does not legalize because it would lead to "social fallout" across the state.

Weston Ulbrich (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 86

Vincent Mase (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Vincent Candelora (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire, but has been a vocal opponent of legalizing and regulating cannabis. In 2020, *Channel 3 WFSB* reported Rep. Candelora said he's open to helping people hurt by possession-related convictions and to home cultivation but remains opposed to regulating the sale of it.

House District 87

Kathy Grant (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Dave Yaccarino, Sr. (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 88

Rep. Josh Elliott (D) — Rep. Elliott responded to our questionnaire saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older.

Kathleen Hoyt (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 89

E.J. Maher (D) — Mr. Maher responded to our questionnaire saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older. Mr. Maher also commented, “I believe that we must consider the immediate vacation of any current minor/non-violent marijuana related incarcerations. Furthermore, discussion regarding the clearing of criminal records of similar offenses should be a priority.”

Rep. Lezlye Zupkus (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 90

Jim Jinks (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Craig Fishbein (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. However, Rep. Fishbein voted against advancing a 2019 bill to legalize and tax marijuana out of the Judiciary Committee.

House District 91

Rep. Michael D'Agostino (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. Rep. D'Agostino sponsored a 2019 legalization bill.

House District 92

Rep. Patricia Dillon (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. In 2018, Rep. Dillon sponsored an adult-use legalization bill.

House District 93

Rep. Toni Walker (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. In 2018, Rep. Walker sponsored a legalization bill.

House District 94

Rep. Robyn Porter (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. In 2018, Rep. Porter cosponsored a legalization measure. In 2019, Rep. Porter voted to advance a legalization measure out of the Judiciary Committee.

House District 95

Rep. Juan Candelaria (D)— Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. In 2018, Rep. Candelaria sponsored a bill to tax and regulate adult-use marijuana.

House District 96

Rep. Roland J. Lemar (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. In 2017, Rep. Lemar sponsored a bill to tax and regulate adult-use marijuana.

Eric Mastroianni (R) — Mr. Mastroianni responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older.

House District 97

Rep. Alphonse Paolillo (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Erin Reilly (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 98

Rep. Sean Scanlon (D) — In 2019, Rep. Scanlon was quoted in the *CT Patch* as saying that , “... if recreational marijuana is eventually legalized that he absolutely agrees with the need to distribute

some of the funding taken in to distressed communities and would like a portion of the revenue to go towards mental health and substance use disorder treatment.”

House District 99

David Yaccarino, Jr. (D) — Mr. Yaccarino responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older.

Rep. Joseph Zullo (R) — In 2019, *Zip06.com* noted Rep. Zullo said he wants to see more data and, “As of right now, I am opposed to it.”

House District 100

Rep. Quentin Phipps (D) — Rep. Phipps responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older.

Anthony Gennaro (R) — In 2019, Mr. Gennaro was reported by the *Hartford Courant* as being opposed to adult-use marijuana.

House District 101

John-Michael Parker (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Noreen Kokoruda (R) — A 2020 *CT Patch* article quoted Rep. Kokoruda as opposing the legalization of retail marijuana.

House District 102

Rep. Robin Comey (D) — In 2018, when asked by the *Branford Eagle* if she would support legalizing marijuana, Rep. Comey responded, “It’s a hard question. I do support the decriminalization of marijuana, and I do support the medical use. We’ve done the medical marijuana program really well in Connecticut. I think if we were to go in the direction of recreational marijuana, that we would have an opportunity for some additional funding for the opiate crisis and some of our social service programs that are severely underfunded at this time. If the revenue from marijuana would be earmarked for recovery programs and social service programs, it would be quite helpful.”

Marc Riccio (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 103

Rep. Liz Linehan (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Pam Salamone (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 104

Rep. Kara Rochelle (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Myra Rivers (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 105

Christopher Bowen (D) — Mr. Bowen responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older.

Rep. Nicole Klarides-Ditria (R) — Rep. Klarides-Ditria stated in 2017, “Raising taxes, implementing tolls, and legalizing marijuana will not solve our state’s fiscal woes.”

House District 106

Rebekah Harriman-Stites (D) — Ms. Harriman-Stites responded to our questionnaire, saying she (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older.

Rep. Mitch Bolinsky (R) — In 2018, on the issue of marijuana legalization, Rep. Bolinsky stated to *WLAD*, “there’s no way for police to test if a driver is under the influence, and that’s a big concern about saying yes.”

House District 107

Kerri Colombo (D) — Ms. Colombo responded to our questionnaire, saying she (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and

taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older.

Rep. Stephen Harding, Jr. (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. A 2015 *NewsTimes* article cited Rep. Harding as being opposed to the legalization of recreational marijuana.

House District 108

Danette Onofrio (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Pat Callahan (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 109

Rep. David Arconti, Jr. (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Michael Henry (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 110

Rep. Bob Godfrey (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Erin Domenech (R) — Ms. Domenech responded to our questionnaire, saying she (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older. In 2018, Ms. Domenech told *WLAD* she agrees with legalizing recreational marijuana and compared it to selling alcohol in the state.

House District 111

Aimee Berger-Girvalo (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Bob Hebert (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 112

Rep. J.P. Sredzinski (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. In 2018, a *CT Mirror* article quoted Rep. Sredzinski as saying at the time that, “there is plenty of testimony from psychiatrists and other medical professionals who’ve established cannabis is addictive, and that a portion of recreational users will become dependent on the drug.”

House District 113

Elaine Matto (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Jason Perillo (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. In 2016, Rep. Perillo supported a bill to authorize limited use of medical marijuana for children.

House District 114

Mary Welander (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Den DeBarba (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 115

Rep. Dorinda Keenan Borer (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 116

Rep. Michael DiMassa (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 117

Tony Sutton (D) — Mr. Sutton responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older.

Rep. Charles Ferraro (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. In 2017, Rep. Ferraro was quoted on his House GOP website as saying, “At this time, I believe we should stay focused on medical marijuana and not rush to legalize it for recreational use.”

House District 118

Frank Smith (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Erik Smith (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 119

Bryan Anderson (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Kathy Kennedy (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 120

Philip Young (D) — In 2019, Rep. Young supported HB5595 — An Act Authorizing and Legalizing the Retail Sale of Marijuana.

Jim Feehan (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 121

Rep. Joe Gresko (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Edward Scinto (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 122

Jose Goncalves (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have

taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Ben McGorty (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. In 2019, Rep. McGorty voted against a bill that would have legalized the retail sale and possession of marijuana. He was quoted in the *Shelton Herald* saying, "The legalization money grab should not move and I will be working with my colleagues to defeat the proposal."

House District 123

Sujata Gadkar-Wilcox (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. David Rutigliano (R) — In 2019, Rep. Rutigliano voted against advancing a General Law bill that would have legalized and regulated marijuana.

House District 124

Rep. Andre Baker (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Jasmin Sanchez (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 125

Rep. Tom O'Dea (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. A 2019 *Hartford Courant* article quoted Rep. O'Dea opposing legalization at the time. He said, "Let's protect our youth for a little while longer. Look at the studies from the National Institutes of Health and join me in delaying it a little longer."

House District 126

Rep. Charlie Stallworth (D) — Rep. Stallworth responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older. Additionally, at a February 2020 press conference, Rep. Stallworth **said**, "Much like alcohol prohibition in the 1920s, our efforts to deal with cannabis using law enforcement and the criminal justice system have been a total failure. Regulation will free up resources so that police can focus on more serious crimes and will also help improve police/ community relationships. And, instead of continuing to fuel organized crime, the money spent on cannabis in our state can and should be used to help revitalize communities that have been disproportionately harmed by enforcement of laws against cannabis."

Lee Grisby II (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 127

Rep. John Hennessy (D) — In 2019, Rep. Hennessy supported HB5595 — An Act Authorizing and Legalizing the Retail Sale of Marijuana.

Peter Perillo (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 128

Rep. Christopher Rosario (D) — Rep. Rosario testified in favor of Gov. Lamont's 2020 legalization proposal.

Ethan Book (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 129

Rep. Steven Stafstrom (D) — Rep. Stafstrom supported Gov. Lamont's 2020 legalization proposal. Additionally, in 2018, Rep. Stafstrom sponsored HB5458 — An Act Concerning the Regulation of the Retail Sale of Marijuana.

Helene Kouassi (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 130

Rep. Antonio Felipe (D) — Rep. Felipe responded to our questionnaire, saying he (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older.

Terry Sullivan (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 131

Rep. David Labriola (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. In 2012, Rep. Labriola voted in favor of authorizing medical marijuana.

House District 132

Jennifer Leeper (D) — Ms. Leeper responded to our questionnaire, saying she (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older.

Rep. Brian Farnen (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 133

Rep. Cristin Vahey (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Joanne Romano-Csonka (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 134

Carla Volpe (D) — Ms. Volpe responded to our questionnaire, saying she (1) Supports making it legal for adults 21 and older to possess cannabis in Connecticut and (2) Supports regulating and taxing cannabis for retail sale to adults 21 and older.

Rep. Laura Devlin (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 135

Rep. Anne Hughes (D) — In 2019, Rep. Hughes introduced a bill authorizing and regulating the retail sale of marijuana.

John Shaban (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 136

Rep. Jonathan Steinberg (D) — In 2018, the *Westport News* reported Steinberg gave a qualified “Yes” to the question of whether he’d support the legalization of recreational marijuana, saying he’d want the program to be strictly regulated like Connecticut’s medical marijuana program.

Chip Stephens (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 137

Rep. Chris Perone (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Ellen Wink (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 138

Rep. Kenneth Gucker (D) — In 2019, Rep. Gucker introduced HB5595 — An Act Authorizing and Legalizing the Retail Sale of Marijuana.

Emile Buzaid (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 139

Rep. Kevin Ryan (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. Rep. Ryan supported a 2016 bill to legalize medical cannabis for seriously ill. He is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Caleb Espinosa (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 140

Rep. Travis Simms (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

John Flynn (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 141

Rep. Terrie Wood (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 142

Rep. Lucy Dathan (D) — In January 2020, Rep. Dathan was quoted in *Nancy On Norwalk* as saying, “My concern is, do the social costs outweigh that? So I am studying this issue very closely, because I do have a lot of concerns,” Dathan said. “I also feel that if you legalize it, you normalize it.”

Fred Wilms (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 143

Stephanie Thomas (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Patrizia Zucaro (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 144

Rep. Caroline Simmons (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 145

Rep. Patricia Miller (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire. In 2019, Rep. Miller publicly said she was undecided on a legalization measure that originated in the Judiciary Committee.

J.D. Ospina (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 146

Rep. David Michel (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

George Hallenbeck (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 147

Rep. Matt Blumenthal (D) — In 2019, Rep. Blumenthal was quoted in the *Darien Times* as being in favor of legalizing marijuana and urged the idea of doing so before surrounding states beat Connecticut to it. “We’ll be missing out on the revenue and also we won’t have a comprehensive plan,” which he said needs to involve coping with driving under the influence and expunging convictions of those who had been arrested for possession.

Dan Maymin (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 148

Rep. Dan Fox (D) — In 2019, Rep. Fox voted against advancing a legalization measure out of the Judiciary Committee.

Wilm Donath (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 149

Kathleen Stowe (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Kimberly Fiorello (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 150

Rep. Steve Meskers (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Joe Kelly (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

House District 151

WHector Arzeno (D) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.

Rep. Harry Arora (R) — Has not responded to our candidate questionnaire and is not known to have taken a public stance on legalization.
