



2016 ELECTIONS: CT GENERAL ASSEMBLY CANDIDATE GUIDE

The 2016 election cycle is upon us and there will be significant changes to the Connecticut General Assembly. Twenty-two House of Representative members have announced their retirements, including the House Speaker, along with two State Senators. The remaining legislative members will be seeking reelection.

Currently, the Democrats hold majorities in both the Senate (21-15) and House (87-64). Connecticut's Constitutional Officers are not on the ballot: however, with the Presidential race, a US Senate race and all five Congressional Democrats seeking reelection expect a high turnout election.

Before getting to the general election in November there will be several primaries taking place on August 9th. On the Democratic side, there will be three Senate primaries and seven House primaries while Republicans will have two House primaries.

In terms of the General Election there are about twenty-five competitive House races and six Senate seats that are also expected to be closely contested. Democrats will also have about five competitive House primaries and three in the Senate. With at least this many competitive races, both chambers have the potential to flip from the control of Democrats to Republicans.

Of note is that forty-two House seats and four Senate seats are not being contested. In the House sixteen Democratic incumbents do not have an opponent and another twenty-four Republican incumbents will also have a clear path to reelection. This represents over a quarter of all House races and more than ten percent of all Senate races that will go uncontested by the opposing party.

Expect Republicans to try to tie legislative Democrats to budget problems and to the Governor who is not on the ballot but whose polling is very low. Democrats will likely try to brand Republicans as the party of "no", rooting for failure while trying to tie Republicans to Donald Trump.

Below is a synopsis of the legislative races broken down by region.

HARTFORD METRO

Senate:

1st District (Hartford, Wethersfield) (D- incumbent):

Senator John Fonfara (D- Hartford) has held this seat for almost two decades. He faces **Barbara Ruhe (R- Wethersfield)** who has been soundly defeated by Fonfara on several occasions. Fonfara should win reelection and likely continue in his role as Finance Committee Co-Chair.

2nd District (Bloomfield, Hartford, Windsor) (D- incumbent):

Senator Eric Coleman (D- Hartford), the Judiciary Committee Co-Chair, is the longtime incumbent of this strong Democratic seat. He faces a challenge from **Theresa Tillett (R- Windsor)**. Expect Coleman to win another term and continue as Judiciary Chair.

3rd District (East Hartford, East Windsor, Ellington, South Windsor) (D- incumbent):

Senator Tim Larson (D- East Hartford) faces a challenge from **Carolyn Mirek (R- South Windsor)**. Mirek is the Deputy Mayor in South Windsor with a strong history of local service but faces an uphill battle with Larson's strong base of support in East Hartford. Larson should continue to serve this district.

4th District (Andover, Bolton, Glastonbury, Manchester) (D- incumbent):

Senator Steve Cassano (D- Manchester) will go head to head with **Lorraine Marchetti (R- Glastonbury)**. Cassano, a former Manchester mayor, may face a tough race against Marchetti who is a former Glastonbury Board of Education and Town Council member. With Manchester representing the bulk of the district, Cassano is still the favorite to win reelection.

5th District (Bloomfield, Burlington, Farmington, West Hartford) (D- incumbent):

Senator Beth Bye (D- West Hartford), the Appropriations Committee Co-Chair, will face **Mark Merritt (R- West Hartford)**. Bye has become a leader in the Senate since becoming Appropriations Chair and will be a heavy favorite against the first time candidate Merritt who plans to focus on budgetary issues.

6th District (Berlin, Farmington, New Britain) (D- incumbent) (competitive primary*):

Senator Terry Gerratana (D- New Britain), three term incumbent and Public Health Co-Chair, faces a primary against New Britain Board of Education President **Sharon Beloin-Saavedra (D- New Britain)**. Gerratana has consistently won reelection but a low turnout primary in August will force Gerratana to turn out the vote if she is to advance. **Charles Paonessa (R- Berlin)** is the endorsed Republican candidate and will be an underdog against the victor in the Democratic primary.

House:

1st District (Hartford) (D- incumbent):

Rep. **Matthew Ritter (D- Hartford)** holds the first district seat and faces opposition from **Ken Lerman (R- Hartford)**. Ritter should win reelection. He is one of the favorites to become Majority Leader as current Majority Leader Aresimowicz is expected to be elected Speaker in January 2017 if the Democrats hold the House majority after the 2016 elections.

3rd District (Hartford) (D- incumbent):

Long-time Representative **Minnie Gonzalez (D- Hartford)** does not face a known challenge in 2016.

4th District (Hartford) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Angel Arce (D- Hartford) also has an uncontested race and is seeking a third term in the legislature.

5th District (Hartford, Windsor) (D- incumbent):

The Hartford/Windsor seat is held by Rep. Brandon McGee (D- Hartford). McGee faces a race against Paul Panos (R- Windsor), a Board of Education member, who he previously defeated in 2012.

6th District (Hartford) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Edwin Vargas (D- Hartford) does not have a challenger and will likely be elected to a third term.

7th District (Hartford) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Douglas McCrory (D- Hartford) is the incumbent and as with most of the Hartford based seats does not have a Republican opponent. McCrory will likely hold on to this North End seat.

9th District (East Hartford, Manchester) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Jason Rojas (D- East Hartford) also does not have an endorsed Republican challenger. Rojas enjoys a close relationship with the likely incoming Speaker and should continue to have an important role in the legislature in the upcoming biennium.

10th District (East Hartford) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Henry Genga (D- East Hartford) seeks a sixth consecutive term and will face Travis Simpson (R- East Hartford), the endorsed Republican candidate. Simpson has been active locally but Genga has served the town in multiple capacities over the last four decades and is expected to win election again.

11th District (East Hartford, Manchester, South Windsor) (D- incumbent):

First term incumbent Rep. Jeffrey Currey (D- East Hartford) does not have an endorsed Republican opponent.

12th District (Manchester) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Kelly Luxenberg (D- Manchester) will be challenged by the Republican endorsed candidate John Topping (R- Manchester), a former Hartford police officer, who is a registered Democrat. Republicans expressed disappointment in not having a candidate from the right. Luxenberg is a strong favorite to hold the seat.

13th District (Glastonbury, Manchester) (R- incumbent):

The 13th District will see a rematch from 2014 with incumbent Rep. Mark Tweedie (R- Manchester) being challenged by former Rep. Joseph Diminico (D- Manchester). Expect this suburban district to be competitive come November.

14th District (South Windsor) (open seat):

With the retirement of longtime Rep. Bill Aman this seat will be open for the first time in over a decade. Current Mayor Tom Delnicki (R- South Windsor) will go head to head with the immediate past South Windsor Mayor Saud Anwar (D- South Windsor). This will be one of the most hotly contested races in 2016.

15th District (Bloomfield, Windsor) (D- incumbent):

Rep. David Baram (D- Bloomfield) will be challenged by **Patrick DeLorenzo (R- Bloomfield)**. DeLorenzo has served on the Town Council but will face a tough matchup with Baram being the prohibitive favorite.

16th District (Simsbury) (D- incumbent):

Rep. John Hampton (D- Simsbury) will be challenged by the Republican endorsed candidate and longtime Board of Education member **Lydia Tedone (R- Simsbury)**. Hampton has often voted against the Democratic majority especially on budgetary issues and his independent reputation could give him a slight advantage in winning reelection.

17th District (Avon, Canton) (R- incumbent):

Rep. **Timothy LeGeyt (R- Canton)** does not have an endorsed Democratic opponent and will likely win a fifth term.

18th District (West Hartford) (D- incumbent):

Longtime incumbent Rep. **Andrew Fleischmann (D- West Hartford)** will be opposed by Republican endorsed candidate **Robert Levine (R- West Hartford)**. Levine will have an uphill battle in his run against the Education Committee Co-Chair.

19th District (Avon, Farmington, West Hartford) (open seat):

With the retirement of Rep. Brian Becker, this seat opens up. **Derek Slap (D- West Hartford)**, the former Chief of Staff for Senate Democrats, will have a challenging matchup against West Hartford City Councilor **Christopher Barnes (R- West Hartford)**. Slap is the slight favorite considering the bulk of the district is in the democratic stronghold of West Hartford.

20th District (West Hartford) (D- incumbent):

West Hartford Rep. **Joe Verrengia (D- West Hartford)** does not have an endorsed challenger and should cruise to victory.

21st District (Farmington) (D- incumbent):

Rep. **Mike Demicco (D- Farmington)** will be challenged by the Republican endorsed candidate **Christopher Forster (R- Farmington)**. Farmington has often had competitive races locally and on a state level so expect this to also be close. Demicco has been popular and as the incumbent will be the favorite but expect the newcomer Forster, who works as the Controller at the Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education, to make this a competitive race.

24th District (New Britain, Newington) (D- incumbent):

Rep. **Rick Lopes (D- New Britain)** will face off against the Republican nominee Alderman **James Sanders (R- New Britain)**. Despite Republican Mayor Stewart's popularity, it will be tough for any Republican to win a seat in New Britain during a presidential election year.

25th District (New Britain) (D- incumbent):

Rep. **Robert Sanchez (D- New Britain)** does not have any declared opposition and figures to win reelection.

26th District (New Britain) (D- incumbent):

Labor Committee Chair Rep. Peter Tercyak (D- New Britain) is set to match up against political newcomer Desiree Agosto (R- New Britain). Tercyak has held the seat since 2003 and is a strong favorite against Agosto who seeks to follow in the footsteps of Mayor Stewart and appeal to younger voters.

27th District (Newington) (R- incumbent):

Rep. Gary Byron (R- Newington), a local DJ and business owner, won this long-time Democratic held seat in 2014. Democrats have nominated 28 year old attorney Joshua Shulman (D- Newington) who is the Board of Education Vice-Chair. Expect a close race between Byron and Shulman.

28th District (Wethersfield) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Russell Morin (D- Wethersfield) will face challenger Mike Hurley (R- Wethersfield). Morin, who voted against the budget because of state employee layoffs, will have strong labor support. Hurley who is a Republican Town Councilman will face an uphill battle to win this seat.

29th District (Newington, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Tony Guerrero (D- Rocky Hill), the longtime Chair of the Transportation Committee, faces Todd Brown (R- Rocky Hill). Brown has previously lost to Guerrero and will be challenged to compete with Guerrero.

31st District (Glastonbury) (R- incumbent):

Rep. Prasad Srinivasan (R- Glastonbury) will be challenged by Matthew Saunig (D- Glastonbury), a political newcomer. Srinivasan, an allergist by trade, is the Ranking Member on the Public Health Committee and seeking a fourth term. Saunig will have a tough time against the amicable incumbent.

CENTRAL CT

Senate:

9th District (Cromwell, Middletown, Newington, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield) (D- incumbent):

Senator Paul Doyle (D- Wethersfield) faces opposition from Earle Roberts (R- Middletown). Doyle has held the seat since 2007 and has a moderate record often joining the minority on budgetary and criminal justice issues. Roberts, a former Middletown City Councilor, has previously lost to Doyle and will have a difficult race against the popular Doyle.

13th District (Cheshire, Meriden, Middlefield, Middletown) (D- incumbent):

Senator Dante Bartolomeo (D- Meriden) again faces off against former Senator Len Suzio (R- Meriden). The two have gone head to head in both 2012 and 2014 with Bartolomeo winning by small margins on both occasions. Suzio has consistently run on the message of being tough on crime but Bartolomeo has neutralized the issue and voted against many of the Governor's criminal justice initiatives. Expect this to be another close race with the presidential race at the top potentially helping the incumbent.

16th District (Cheshire, Prospect, Southington, Waterbury, Wolcott) (R- incumbent):

Senator Joe Markley (R- Southington) represents this suburban Waterbury district. Markley has served as ranking member on both the Public Health and Human Services Committees. Ryan Rogers (D- Southington), a political newcomer, will face a difficult task at unseating Markley who is a popular conservative closely aligned with the tea-party wing of the Republican Party.

31st District (*Bristol, Harwinton, Plainville, Plymouth, Thomaston*) **(R- incumbent):**

Senator **Henri Martin (R- Bristol)** is facing reelection for the first time. Democrats have nominated **Michael Nicastro (D- Bristol)** a businessman that comes from a prominent Bristol family. Senate Democrats have put this at the top of their target list so expect a close race between Martin and Nicastro.

15th District (*Middlebury, Naugatuck, Waterbury*) **(D- incumbent):**

Senator **Joan Hartley (D- Waterbury)** has been a staple in this Waterbury district. Republicans have not nominated an opponent.

House:

22nd District (*New Britain, Plainville*) **(D- incumbent):**

In what will be one of the most competitive and high profile races in the state, incumbent Rep. **Betty Boukus (D- Plainville)** will be challenged by **William Petit (R- Plainville)**. Boukus, a popular longtime incumbent, is the Bonding Subcommittee Co-Chair and has been able to leverage this position in bringing significant bonding dollars to her community and many of her colleagues' communities. Petit has been a public figure for many years after his family was tragically murdered in Cheshire a decade ago. Since that time he has been a local community advocate. It could become a priority race for both parties.

30th District (*Berlin, Southington*) **(D- incumbent):**

House Majority Leader **Joe Aresimowicz (D- Berlin)** holds this Berlin based seat. For Aresimowicz to become the next Speaker of the House he will first have to defeat **Christopher Morelli (R- Berlin)**. Morelli is a recent Berlin High School graduate and the newcomer will have a difficult challenge against the popular leader.

32nd District (*Cromwell, Portland*) **(R- incumbent):**

Rep. **Christie Carpino (R- Cromwell)** is also a member of the large Republican class of legislators who were elected in 2010. Her opponent will be **Myron Johnson (D- Cromwell)**, a former first selectman. Carpino should hold the seat as she has done in previous elections.

33rd District (*Middletown*) **(D- incumbent):**

Rep. **Joseph Serra (D- Middletown)** will be the prohibitive favorite to hold this seat. Serra, who seeks a thirteenth term, will be challenged by **Linda Szykowitz (R- Middletown)** who has previously run for this seat.

34th District (*Colchester, East Haddam, East Hampton*) **(R- incumbent):**

Rep. **Melissa Ziobron (R- Colchester)**, the Ranking Member on the Appropriations Committee, has become a leader on the Republican side of the aisle. Democrats have failed to field an opposition candidate.

68th District (*Watertown, Woodbury*) **(R- incumbent):**

Rep. **Eric Berthel (R- Watertown)** will face off against **Cynthia Tun (D- Watertown)**. This seat has been Republican held for many years and Berthel should be expected to win reelection.

71st District (Middlebury, Waterbury) (R- incumbent):

Rep. Anthony D'Amelio (R- Waterbury) does not have any Democratic endorsed opposition.

72nd District (Waterbury) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Larry Butler (D- Waterbury) has a primary opponent in David Cueto (D- Waterbury) but should win the primary and move on to November where Republicans have not endorsed an opponent.

73rd District (Waterbury) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Jeffrey Berger (D- Waterbury), the Finance Committee Chair, holds this Waterbury seat. His endorsed opponent is Steven Giacomi (R- Waterbury). Giacomi is a local Alderman but will have a difficult task trying to unseat the longtime Representative.

74th District (Waterbury) (open seat):

With the retirement of Rep. Selim Noujaim (R- Waterbury) this Waterbury east end seat will be open and should be closely contested. Stephanie Cummings (R- Waterbury), an Alderman and local attorney, is the Republican endorsed candidate and will face Wendy Tyson-Wood (D- Waterbury).

75th District (Waterbury) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Geraldo Reyes (D- Waterbury) will defend a seat he just won in an April special election against Republican endorsed Raymond Work (R- Waterbury). Reyes should win again.

77th District (Bristol) (R- incumbent) (competitive primary*):

Incumbent Rep. Cara Pavalock will face either the endorsed Democratic candidate Laura Bartok (D- Bristol) or her opponent Christy Matthews (D- Bristol). Whoever survives will be an underdog against the first term freshman Pavalock.

78th District (Bristol, Plymouth) (R- incumbent):

Rep. Whit Betts (R- Bristol) will be challenged by the Democratic endorsed Krystal Myers (D- Bristol). Myers, a political newcomer, will have a tough time against Betts who is an active and visible participant at the Capitol and in his district.

79th District (Bristol) (open seat):

Rep. Nicastro (D- Bristol) is retiring from the legislature and for the first time since 2006 this will be an open seat. Democrats are backing Christopher Ziogas (D- Bristol), a former City Councilor, and Republicans will try to take the seat with Peter Del Mastro (R- Bristol), a local businessman.

80th District (Southington, Wolcott) (R- incumbent):

Rep. Rob Sampson (R- Wolcott), one of the most conservative members and the Insurance Committee Ranking Member in the legislature, currently does not have an opponent.

81st District (Southington) (D- incumbent):

Rep. David Zoni (D- Southington) holds this seat and is looking for a third term. Republicans will look to John Fusco (R- Southington), a political newcomer, to take on the incumbent. Zoni is a favorite but if it is a strong year for Republicans this seat could be competitive.

82nd District (Meriden, Middlefield) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Buddy Altobello (D- Meriden) has held this seat since 1995 and should continue in 2017 as Republicans have not endorsed an opponent.

83rd District (Berlin, Meriden) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Catherine Abercrombie (D- Meriden) is seeking a seventh term against **Joseph Vollano (R- Meriden)**. Abercrombie, who has been a vocal critic of the Governor and a leader on human services and public health issues, should hold this seat.

84th District (Meriden) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Hilda Santiago (D- Meriden) holds this seat. Her only opponent is Green Party candidate Matthew Went (Meriden). Santiago should win and is expected to become the Black & Puerto Rican Caucus Chair next year.

85th District (Wallingford) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Mary Mushinsky (D- Wallingford), the longest tenured legislator in the House, has represented Wallingford since 1980. Her opponent is **Serge Mihaly (R- Wallingford)**. It would be very surprising to see Mushinsky lose this seat after her decades of service.

90th District (Cheshire, Wallingford) (open seat):

Long-time Representative Mary Fritz (D- Wallingford) announced her retirement before passing away. The will leave a very competitive race for this seat which had been held by Fritz since 1986. Democrats will look to **Patrick Reynolds (D- Wallingford)**, a retired teacher on the Board of Education, with Republicans nominating **Craig Fishbein (R- Wallingford)**, a local City Councilor.

100th District (Middletown) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Matthew Lesser (D- Middletown) is being challenged by Republican endorsed **Anthony Moran (R- Middletown)**, a college student. Lesser, one of the most progressive members of the legislature, should have no problem winning another term.

103rd District (Cheshire, Southington, Wallingford) (open seat):

The retirement of Al Adinolfi (R- Cheshire) has left this as another potentially competitive race. Republicans will seek to replace Adinolfi with **Andrew Falvey (R- Cheshire)** an insurance professional and former Town Councilor. **Liz Linehan (D-Cheshire)**, a local Councilor, will challenge for this Cheshire based seat.

NORTHEAST/NORTHCENTRAL CT

Senate:

35th District (Ashford, Chaplin, Coventry, Eastford, Ellington, Hampton, Pomfret, Stafford, Tolland, Union, Vernon, Willington, Woodstock) (R- incumbent):

Senator Tony Guglielmo (R- Stafford Springs) will defend his long held seat against **Arlene Avery (D- Stafford Springs)**, an active local Democrat. Guglielmo should remain in the Senate.

29th District (*Brooklyn, Canterbury, Killingly, Mansfield, Putnam, Scotland, Thompson, Windham*) **(D-incumbent):**

First-term Senator Mae Flexer (D- Danielson) is seeking reelection to this Northeast corner district seat. She faces a rematch against John French (R- Willimantic). The race was very competitive in 2014, and is expected to be tight again. If UConn students come out and vote in high numbers for the Presidential election as they did in 2012, that will strongly favor Flexer.

19th District (*Columbia, Franklin, Hebron, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Marlborough, Montville, Norwich, Sprague*) **(D- incumbent):**

Senator Catherine Osten (D- Sprague) continues to serve as both a State Senator and First Selectwoman for Sprague. Her challenger will be Barbara Crouch (R- Sprague), the former registrar of voters. Osten is a very visible presence in the district and will be favored to hold the seat.

7th District (*East Granby, Enfield, Granby, Somers, Suffield, Windsor, Windsor Locks*) **(R- incumbent):**

Since 1993 Senator John Kissell (R- Enfield) has represented this district. Annie Hornish (D- Granby), a former House member and the Humane Society Director, is challenging Kissell. It would be surprising to see Kissell lose after years of serving the area.

House:

8th District (*Columbia, Coventry, Tolland, Vernon*) **(R- incumbent):**

Rep. Timothy Ackert (R- Coventry) will be challenged by Thomas Currier (D- Columbia). Currier is active in Columbia local government but Ackert has done a good job appealing to his district and working with Democrats on energy, higher education and other issues. Ackert is a strong favorite.

45th District (*Griswold, Lisbon, Plainfield, Sterling, Voluntown*) **(open seat):**

Freshman Rep. Paul Brycki (D-Griswold) has decided not to seek reelection leaving the Republican endorsed candidate Kevin Skulczyck (R- Griswold) as the likely winner of this seat. Democrats have only nominated a "placeholder" candidate and are unlikely to field a strong challenge against Skulczyck who is the First Selectman in Griswold.

47th District (*Canterbury, Chaplin, Franklin, Hampton, Lebanon, Lisbon, Norwich, Scotland, Sprague*) **(R-incumbent):**

Rep. Doug Dubitsky (R- Chaplin), a local attorney, will seek reelection for the first time. Democrats have endorsed Kate Donnelly (D- Hampton), the former First Selectwoman of Hampton. Donnelly is well known in Hampton but the sprawling Eastern CT district will favor the incumbent.

48th District (*Colchester, Lebanon, Mansfield, Windham*) **(D- incumbent):**

Long time Representative Linda Orange (D- Colchester) will have a rematch against Evan Evans (R- Colchester). Deputy Speaker Orange should retain this seat.

49th District (*Windham*) **(D- incumbent):**

Rep. Susan Johnson (D- Windham) will be challenged by the Republican endorsed Tony Fantoli (R- Windham). Fantoli, a Windham City Councilor, will have an uphill battle against the incumbent.

50th District (*Brooklyn, Eastford, Pomfret, Union, Woodstock*) (*open seat*):

Rep. Mike Alberts (R- Woodstock) is retiring from the legislature leaving a potentially competitive race for this Northeast corner seat. Republicans have endorsed **Nora Valentine (R- Woodstock)** while Democrats are supporting **Patrick Boyd (D- Pomfret)**. Valentine has been an active Windham Republican while Boyd, a former teacher, is now the President of the Pomfret Fire Department. This could be a very competitive race.

51st District (*Killingly, Putnam, Thompson*) (*D- incumbent*):

Rep. Daniel Rovero (D- Putnam) is being challenged by **Brian Lynch (R- Thompson)**. Rovero is one of the most conservative members of the Democratic caucus and his independent reputation should help him withstand the challenge from Lynch.

52nd District (*Somers, Stafford*) (*R- incumbent*):

First term Rep. Kurt Vail (R- Stafford) is being challenged by the endorsed Democrat Kathleen Bachiochi (D- Stafford). Vail, an insurance agent, will be a strong favorite to hold the seat.

53rd District (*Ashford, Tolland, Willington*) (*R- incumbent*):

Rep. Sam Belsito (R- Ashford) is being challenged by the Democratic endorsed candidate Susan Eastwood (D- Ashford). Eastwood, a local advocate and Democratic town Chair, will have a difficult race against Belsito.

54th District (*Mansfield*) (*D- incumbent*):

Rep. Gregory Haddad (D- Mansfield) will be challenged by **Mark Sargent (R- Mansfield)**. This district encompasses the University of Connecticut which favors Haddad although Sargent, a recent graduate and former Student Government President, could appeal to college-aged voters.

55th District (*Andover, Bolton, Hebron, Marlborough*) (*open seat*):

After one-term, Rep. Gayle Mulligan (R- Hebron) is moving out of the district leaving a vacancy. In her place Republicans have endorsed **Robin Green (R- Marlborough)** while Democrats do not have a candidate.

56th District (*Vernon*) (*open seat*):

After eight terms Rep. Claire Janowski (D- Vernon) has decided to retire from the legislature. In her place Democrats are backing **Michael Winkler (D- Vernon)** against Republican **James Tedford (R- Vernon)**. Both Winkler and Tedford are Vernon City Councilors. Despite the seat being held by a Democrat for years, it could be competitive in November.

57th District (*East Windsor, Ellington*) (*R- incumbent*):

Rep. Christopher Davis (R- Ellington), the Finance Committee Ranking Member, does not have a Democratic endorsed challenger. Davis should hold this seat.

58th District (*Enfield*) (*D- incumbent*):

Rep. David Alexander (D- Enfield) has shown an independent streak often voting against leadership. He is being challenged by **Gregory Stokes (R- Enfield)**. Stokes, a Republican Councilman, has been active in Enfield for a number of years and could be a tough match against Alexander.

59th District (*East Windsor, Enfield*) (*open seat*):

Democrats are seeking to replace Rep. David Kiner (D- Enfield) with Anthony DiPace (D- Enfield), a local business owner. Republicans have nominated Town Councilor Carol Hall (R- Enfield) who could make this a very competitive race.

60th District (*Windsor, Windsor Locks*) (*open seat*):

Deputy Speaker Peggy Sayers (D- Windsor Locks) has decided to retire from the legislature. Tim Curtis (D- Windsor), past Chairman of the Windsor Democratic Town Committee, is the endorsed Democratic candidate. The Republicans have endorsed Scott Storms (R- Windsor Locks), a Board of Education member, local lawyer, former town attorney and former candidate for this seat. Sayers has faced close races in the past, including one from Storms, and with the newly open seat you can expect this to be a very competitive race.

61st District (*East Granby, Suffield, Windsor*) (*R- incumbent*):

Rep. Tami Zawistowski (R- East Granby) seeks a second full term while Democrats have endorsed Michael Malloy (D- East Granby). Malloy, who has no relation to the Governor, is an active Democrat and local business owner. Zawistowski should be strongly favored in this race.

SOUTHEASTERN CT

Senate:

20th District (*Bozrah, East Lyme, Montville, New London, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Salem, Waterford*) (*R- incumbent*):

First term Senator Paul Formica (R- Niantic) is seeking reelection to this shoreline seat. He faces the Democratic endorsed candidate Ryan Henowitz (D- New London). In the past this has been a Democratic seat but Formica is a popular local leader and the owner of Flanders Fish Market. Henowitz, a military veteran and youthful political activist, will have a tough time taking this seat.

33rd District (*Chester, Clinton, Colchester, Deep River, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, Westbrook*) (*R- incumbent*):

Two-term Senator Art Linares (R- Westbrook) seeks reelection against Essex First Selectman Norman Needleman (D- Essex). Linares first won the seat in 2012 in a competitive three-way race and subsequently had no problem defeating the 2014 Democratic nominee. In 2016 he will face off against Needleman, the owner of a manufacturing company who could make this race competitive. However, Linares remains popular and is considered the favorite to hold the seat.

18th District (*Griswold, Groton, North Stonington, Plainfield, Preston, Sterling, Stonington, Voluntown*) (*open seat*):

Five-term Senator Andy Maynard is retiring from this Southeastern CT seat. Senate Republicans see this as the most likely seat to flip from blue to red especially as Republicans have made gains in the legislature throughout Southeastern CT. Republican Heather Somers (R- Groton) will face former Representative Timothy Bowles (D- Preston). Somers is the former Groton Mayor who was the Republican candidate in 2014 to become Lieutenant Governor. Bowles is a former one-term State Representative who was defeated in 2014. Somers, who comes from the most populous part of the district, is the slight favorite over Bowles in a race that both parties think they can win.

House:

23rd District (*Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Westbrook*) **(R- incumbent):**

First-term incumbent **Rep. Devin Carney (R- Old Saybrook)** does not have an endorsed Democratic opponent and will likely win reelection.

36th District (*Chester, Deep River, Essex, Haddam*) **(D- incumbent):**

Rep. Philip Miller (D- Essex) will face a challenge from **Robert Siegrist (R- Haddam)**, a past candidate for this seat. Miller will likely hold this seat as his environmental focus appeals to the district.

37th District (*East Lyme, Salem*) **(open seat):**

With Rep. Ed Jutila's retirement this should be a competitive open seat. The Democrats have endorsed **Beth Hogan (D- East Lyme)** while the Republicans have put forth **Holly Cheeseman (R- East Lyme)**. Hogan, an attorney and Board of Finance member, is the former First Selectman of East Lyme. Cheeseman who previously ran for the seat is also active in town and is currently an East Lyme Selectman.

38th District (*Montville, Waterford*) **(R- incumbent):**

In another potentially competitive matchup, first term **Rep. Kathleen McCarty (R- Waterford)** will face **Sharon Palmer (D- Waterford)** and Green Party candidate Lauren Shaw (D-Waterford). This seat was previously held by a Democrat and Palmer is fairly well known as the former Labor Commissioner; however, the Green Party candidate could hurt the Democrat.

39th District (*New London*) **(D- incumbent) (competitive primary*):**

Rep. Ernest Hewett (D- New London) is the longtime State Representative in this district. He faces primary opposition from **Christian Soto (D- New London)**, a youthful US Coast Guard graduate, who runs a non-profit organization. Hewett has focused on education funding but this could be a close matchup based on turnout. The winner will not have any significant challenger in November.

40th District (*Groton, Ledyard*) **(R- incumbent):**

In another potentially competitive race **Rep. John Scott (R- Groton)** will defend his seat from the Democratic nominated **Christine Conley (D- Groton)**. Scott, who runs an insurance company and won this seat in 2014, will be a target for Democrats in this majority Democratic district. Conley is an attorney and serves as the Democratic leader of the Representative Town Meeting.

41st District (*Groton, New London*) **(R- incumbent):**

In what was perhaps the biggest surprise in 2014, 18-year old **Rep. Aundre Bumgardner (R- New London)** won this seat from a longtime incumbent. He will have another tough race this year against **Joseph de la Cruz (D- Groton)**, a Groton Town Councilor. This is one of the Democrats' top targets for 2016.

42nd District (*Ledyard, Montville, Preston*) **(R- incumbent):**

Rep. Mike France (R- Ledyard) represents this Southeastern CT district. This is another seat that was previously Democratic but in 2016 an opponent has not yet emerged. Expect France to hold the seat.

43rd District (North Stonington, Stonington) (D- incumbent):

Long-time incumbent Rep. Diana Urban (D- North Stonington) seeks a ninth term to this shoreline seat. Republicans have endorsed **Nicholas Mullane (R- North Stonington)**, the former First Selectman of over 30 years. Urban is the favorite but Mullane's long local experience could make this race close.

46th District (Norwich) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Emmett Riley (D- Norwich) looks to win a third term to the legislature. Riley will have a rematch with the Republican endorsed candidate **Robert Dempsy (R- Norwich)**. Riley should prevail.

139th District (Bozrah, Montville, Norwich) (D- incumbent):

Deputy Speaker Rep. Kevin Ryan (D- Montville) has held this seat since 1993 and will be a strong favorite against **Joseph Mark Taraya (R- Montville)**, a Navy technician who recently moved to Montville.

NORTHWEST CT

Senate:

30th District (Brookfield, Canaan, Cornwall, Goshen, Kent, Litchfield, Morris, New Milford, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, Torrington, Warren, Winchester) (open seat):

This district encompasses most of the Northwest and is represented by Senator Clark Chapin who has announced his retirement. **Rep. Craig Miner (R- Litchfield)** is the favorite to hold the seat for Republicans. He faces a challenge from **David Lawson (D- New Milford)**- the longtime New Milford Board of Education Chair.

8th District (Avon, Barkhamsted, Canton, Colebrook, Granby, Hartland, Harwinton, New Hartford, Norfolk, Simsbury, Torrington) (R- incumbent):

Senator Kevin Witkos (R- Canton), the Minority Leader Pro Tempore, has held this seat for four terms after serving three terms in the House. He is the number two Republican leader in the Senate, a retired police sergeant and is the heavy favorite to beat **David Pena (D- Avon)**, a local Town Councilor.

24th District (Bethel, Danbury, New Fairfield, Sherman) (R- incumbent):

Senator Michael McLachlan (R- Danbury) faces a challenge from **Kenneth Gucker (D- Danbury)**, a small business owner and community activist. McLachlan is the favorite to retain this longtime Republican held seat.

32nd District (Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Middlebury, Oxford, Roxbury, Seymour, Southbury, Washington, Watertown, Woodbury) (R- incumbent):

Senator Rob Kane (R- Watertown) since 2011 has served as Ranking Member on the Appropriations Committee. Kane faces **Gregory Cava (D- Roxbury)**, an attorney who focuses on land development issues and has served on local boards. Kane will be the overwhelming favorite to hold this seat.

House:

2nd District (Bethel, Danbury, Newtown, Redding) (open seat):

With Rep. Dan Carter (R- Bethel) running for U.S. Senate this will be an open seat for the first time in years. The race will feature a likely matchup between **William Duff (R- Bethel)**, an active local leader in Bethel, and **Raghib Allie-Brennan (D- Bethel)**, a political newcomer. The race could be competitive as both Republicans and Democrats have held this seat in the past.

62nd District (*Barkhamsted, Granby, Hartland, New Hartford*) **(R- incumbent):**

Rep. William Simanski (R- Barkhamsted) does not have an endorsed challenger and is expected to hold this seat.

63rd District (*Colebrook, Goshen, Torrington, Winchester*) **(R- incumbent):**

Rep. Jay Case (R- Winsted) also does not have any Democratic opposition, however, he does face a primary from David LaPointe (R- Winsted). Case should not have a problem holding this seat.

64th District (*Canaan, Cornwall, Goshen, Kent, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, Torrington*) **(open seat):**

With the retirement of Rep. Roberta Willis (D- Lakeville) this should be a very competitive race. For the Republicans Brian Ohler (R- Canaan) is the endorsed candidates. Democrats have endorsed William Riiska (D- Lakeville). Ohler ran close to Willis in 2014 and could flip this seat from blue to red.

65th District (*Torrington*) **(D- incumbent):**

Rep. Michelle Cook (D- Torrington) is being challenged by Christopher Diorio (R- Torrington). Cook is very popular and has been a major advocate on fire issues and early childhood. However, Torrington has been increasingly moving right. Diorio will make it a close race and potential pickup opportunity for Republicans.

66th District (*Bethlehem, Litchfield, Morris, Warren, Woodbury*) **(open seat):**

With Rep. Miner running for State Senate that leaves a race between the endorsed candidates Republican David Wilson (R- Litchfield) and Democrat Gayle Carr (D- Litchfield). Wilson is the Litchfield Town Treasurer and Carr is a local attorney and Board of Education member. The seat favors Republicans although the last time it was an open seat was 2000.

67th District (*New Milford*) **(open seat):**

The 67th is another open seat with Rep. Cecilia Buck Taylor (R- New Milford) not seeking reelection. Republicans have endorsed William Buckbee (R- New Milford), a local firefighter and active volunteer, while Democrats are backing Mary Lundgren (D- New Milford), a local town councilwoman. This seat could be competitive as Democrats in New Milford made gains in municipal elections last year.

69th District (*Bridgewater, Roxbury, Southbury, Washington*) **(R- incumbent):**

One of the longest tenured Republicans in the House Rep. Arthur O'Neil (R- Southbury) is running unopposed. O'Neill will retain the seat.

76th District (*Burlington, Harwinton, Litchfield, Thomaston*) **(R- incumbent):**

Rep. John Piscopo (R- Thomaston) faces Myrna Watanabe (D- Harwinton), an active local Democrat. Piscopo has one of the most conservative voting records in the legislature but has remained popular winning fourteen consecutive terms. Piscopo is a strong favorite.

107th District (*Bethel, Brookfield, Danbury*) **(R- incumbent):**

Rep. Stephen Harding (R- Brookfield) seeks his first full term after winning in a special election in 2015. Democrats have endorsed Thomas Burke (D- Bethel); however, he has now backed out of the race. Harding will hold this seat.

108th District (Danbury, New Fairfield, New Milford, Sherman) (R- incumbent):

Rep. Richard Smith (R- New Fairfield) is seeking his fourth term in the legislature and should win as a challenger has not emerged.

109th District (Danbury) (D- incumbent):

Rep. David Arconti (D- Danbury) should be the favorite to hold this Danbury seat. His opponent will be Republican Veasna Roeun (R- Danbury), a veteran active in the Cambodian community.

110th District (Danbury) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Bob Godfrey (D- Danbury) is seeking a thirteenth term in the House. He will have a tough opponent in Emanuela Palmares (R- Danbury). Palmares is the editor of the Tribuna Newspaper, a biweekly English, Portuguese and Spanish publication, and is active in the state Latino community. However, Godfrey with his years of experience should have an advantage.

138th District (Danbury, New Fairfield, Ridgefield) (open seat):

Republican Rep. Janice Giegler (R- Danbury) has decided to retire from the legislature. The general election will pit Republican Michael Ferguson (R- Danbury), a local school board member, against Democrat Jeffrey Tomchik (D- Danbury), a local firefighter. With Giegler's retirement this could be a closer race than in prior years.

NEW HAVEN METRO

Senate:

10th District (New Haven, West Haven) (D- incumbent):

Senator Gary Winfield 's (D- New Haven) strong progressive voice will remain in the Senate as a challenger for the seat has not emerged.

11th District (Hamden, New Haven, North Haven) (D- incumbent):

Senate President Martin Looney (D- New Haven) has held this seat for over two decades and served as a leader in the Senate since 2003. Looney and the Democrats should also hold this New Haven based seat.

12th District (Branford, Durham, Guilford, Killingworth, Madison, North Branford) (D- incumbent):

Senator Ted Kennedy (D- Guilford), serving his first term, represents this seat that straddles the shoreline between New Haven and Southeastern CT. In a rematch from 2014 Kennedy will face Bruce Wilson (R- Madison), a local Board of Education member. Kennedy should hold this seat.

14th District (Milford, Orange, West Haven, Woodbridge) (D- incumbent):

Senator Gayle Slossberg (D- Milford) is seeking a seventh term in the State Senate. Republicans have endorsed Patricia Libero (R- West Haven) to run in November. Slossberg, the Education Committee Co-chair will be favored to defeat Libero who is a longtime educator and serves on the Board of Education.

34th District (Durham, East Haven, North Haven, Wallingford) (R- incumbent):

Leonard Fasano (R- North Haven), the Republican Minority Leader, holds this suburban New Haven seat. Fasano serves as Minority Leader in the Senate and in his role has been a strong critic of the Governor

and legislative Democrats. He does not have a challenger meaning Fasano will likely continue as Minority Leader or if Republicans gain the majority would likely become President Pro Tempore.

House:

35th District (*Clinton, Killingworth, Westbrook*) **(R- incumbent):**

Rep. **Jesse MacLachlan** (R- Westbrook) seeks reelection for the first time against the Democratic endorsed candidate **Mary Ellen Dahlgren** (D- Clinton). MacLachlan is the favorite but this is a seat that had been in Democratic control for many years so it could be a competitive race.

86th District (*Durham, Guilford, North Branford, Wallingford*) **(R- incumbent):**

Rep. **Vincent Candelora** (R- North Branford) is a Deputy Minority Leader for House Republicans with expertise on finance issues. He faces no endorsed opposition and should be reelected.

87th District (*North Haven*) **(R- incumbent):**

Rep. **David Yaccarino** (R- North Haven) is seeking a fourth term. Democrats have endorsed **Steve Gifford** (D- North Haven) to challenge the incumbent. Yaccarino is respected and is favored to win.

88th District (*Hamden*) **(open seat):**

The Speaker of the House **Brendan Sharkey** (D- Hamden) has decided not to seek reelection. In his place Democrats have endorsed **James Pascarella** (D- Hamden), the City Council President, who faces a primary against political newcomer **Joshua Elliott** (D- Hamden). Pascarella is a strong favorite to win the primary and defeat Republican **Marjorie Bonadies** (R- Hamden) in November.

91st District (*Hamden*) **(D- incumbent):**

Rep. **Michael D'Agostino** (D- Hamden) is being challenged by the Republican endorsed candidate **James Lynch** (R- Hamden). Lynch, a member of the Hamden Legislative Council, will be an underdog against D'Agostino who is an attorney that could be in line to chair a legislative committee next year.

92nd District (*New Haven*) **(D- incumbent):**

Rep. **Patricia Dillon** (D- New Haven) has been a presence at the Capitol since the 1984 election. Dillon is without a challenger and should be reelected to a seventeenth term.

93rd District (*New Haven*) **(D- incumbent):**

The Appropriations Committee Co-Chair Rep. **Toni Walker** (D- New Haven) is running against Representative **Matt Ritter** (D-Hartford) for Majority Leader in 2017. Walker should have no trouble defeating the endorsed Republican **Douglas Losty** (R- New Haven)

94th District (*Hamden, New Haven*) **(D- incumbent):**

Rep. **Robyn Porter** (D- New Haven) is seeking another term and, as with many of the New Haven based seats, does not have any opposition.

95th District (*New Haven*) **(D- incumbent):**

Rep. **Juan Candelaria** (D- New Haven) does not have any opposition and also should be elected to another term.

96th District (East Haven, New Haven) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Roland Lemar (D- New Haven) also does not face opposition and will hold on to this East Rock based seat.

97th District (New Haven) (open seat):

With the retirement of Rep. Robert Megna (D- New Haven) this will be the only open seat in New Haven. The Democratic candidate is Alphonse Paolillo (D- New Haven), a local City Councilor. He does not have any opposition so Democrats are expected to hold this seat.

98th District (Branford, Guilford) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Sean Scanlon (D- Guilford) is without opposition and should be elected to a second term.

99th District (East Haven) (D- incumbent):

Rep. James Albis (D- East Haven) has emerged as a respected leader and chair of the Environment Committee. Republicans are supporting Vincent Spaduzzi (R- East Haven), a Town Councilor, who will have a tall task if he wants to defeat the incumbent.

101st District (Durham, Madison) (R- incumbent):

Rep. Noreen Kokoruda (R- Madison) is another incumbent without a challenger. Kokoruda, who is a strong advocate on children and education issues, is expected to be reelected.

102nd District (Branford) (D- incumbent):

Energy Co-Chair Rep. Lonnie Reed (D- Branford) faces a challenge from the Republican endorsed candidate Raymond Ingraham (R- Branford). Ingraham is a member of the Representative Town Meeting and chair of the Republican Town Committee. Reed has been a fiscal moderate who voted against the Democrats' 2015 biennium budget. The race could be closely contested but Reed should be favored.

115th District (West Haven) (D- incumbent):

The long-time Chair of the Public Safety Committee Rep. Stephen Dargan (D- West Haven) is looking for another term and will face the Republican endorsed candidate Bart Chadderton (R- West Haven). Chadderton is a former mayoral candidate. He will have a difficult race against Dargan.

116th District (New Haven, West Haven) (D- incumbent) (competitive primary*):

Rep. Louis Esposito (D- West Haven) will face a difficult primary matchup. Democrats have endorsed Michael DiMassa (D- West Haven), a city employee who serves as Clerk to the City Council and has the backing of local Democrats. The primary winner will face Richard DePalma (R- West Haven).

117th District (Milford, Orange, West Haven) (R- incumbent):

Rep. Charles Ferraro (R- West Haven) is seeking a second term after winning in a close competition in 2014. His challenger will be local councilor and police officer Democrat Sean Ronan (D- West Haven). Expect this to be a closely contested race.

118th District (Milford) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Kim Rose (D- Milford) may also face a competitive race. Republicans have endorsed Rick Varrone (R- Milford), a local business owner who could make this contest very interesting.

119th District (Milford, Orange) (R- incumbent):

Freshman incumbent **Rep. Pam Staneski (R- Milford)** is also seeking another term. Democrats have endorsed **Benjamin Gettinger (D- Milford)** who is a local attorney that is active in town government. As with most of the Milford area seats, expect a close race.

THE VALLEY TO BRIDGEPORT

Senate:

17th District (Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Hamden, Naugatuck, Woodbridge) (D- incumbent):

Senator **Joe Crisco (D- Woodbridge)** has held this seat since 1993. Republicans have endorsed a newcomer **George Logan (R- Ansonia)** who could make this a competitive race; however, the longtime incumbent Crisco will be difficult to beat.

21st District (Monroe, Seymour, Shelton, Stratford) (R- incumbent):

Senator **Kevin Kelly (R- Stratford)** is being challenged by **Prez Palmer (D- Stratford)**. Kelly, who is an elder law attorney, has not had a problem winning reelection to this seat. Palmer, who previously lost to Kelly in 2014, is a veteran who now works as a real estate agent. Kelly will be favored to hold this seat.

22nd District (Bridgeport, Monroe, Trumbull) (D- incumbent) (competitive primary*):

Senator **Marilyn Moore (D- Bridgeport)** faces a primary from Bridgeport City Council President **Tom McCarthy (D- Bridgeport)**. McCarthy unanimously received the Democratic endorsement but Moore has the power of incumbency and a history of taking on the party choice. Moore, who won in 2014 without the Democratic Party endorsement, will have union and Working Families Party support. Expect a close race that will come down to turnout in the August primary. The winner will be favored to beat the Republican endorsed **Elaine Hammers (R- Trumbull)**.

23rd District (Bridgeport, Stratford) (D- incumbent) (competitive primary*):

The current Senator **Ed Gomes (D- Bridgeport)** faces a tough primary from the endorsed candidate **Dennis Bradley (D- Bridgeport)**. Gomes is no stranger to primaries, having won and lost in the past. This battle will pit Gomes and his strong labor support against Bradley who is the Board of Education Chair and has the support of the Bridgeport Democratic Party. The primary winner will likely retain the seat against the Republican nominee **Mike Garrett (R- Bridgeport)**.

House:

70th District (Naugatuck) (R- incumbent):

Rep. Rosa Rebimbas (R- Naugatuck) is the Ranking Member on the Judiciary Committee and has become an important voice on judiciary issues in the legislature. Rebimbas does not have any endorsed Democratic opposition and should be reelected without a problem.

89th District (Bethany, Cheshire, Prospect) (R- incumbent):

Rep. Lezlye Zupkus (R- Prospect) also does not have a challenger and is expected to be reelected for another term.

104th District (Ansonia, Derby) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Linda Gentile (D- Ansonia) will be challenged by **Joseph Jaumann (R-Ansonia)** who is a local attorney active in the community. For the last two years Gentile has served in the powerful role as Co-

Chair of the Screening Committee which recommends what legislation should be taken up on the House floor. Gentile should be favored.

105th District (Beacon Falls, Derby, Seymour) (D- incumbent):

In what is expected to be one of the most competitive House races Rep. Theresa Conroy (D- Seymour) will defend her seat against the Republican endorsed Nicole Klarides-Ditria (R- Seymour) who is the Deputy First Selectwoman and the sister of the House Minority Leader. Both parties will focus on this seat which has been represented by legislators from both parties in the past.

113th District (Shelton) (R- incumbent):

Rep. Jason Perillo (R- Shelton) will face a primary with Ruth Parkins(R-Shelton). Perillo should prevail before having to defend the Shelton seat against the Democratic challenger Adam Heller (D- Shelton). Expect Perillo to win a sixth term to the legislature.

114th District (Derby, Orange, Woodbridge) (R- incumbent):

House Minority Leader Rep. Themis Klarides (R- Orange) is without opposition and should be elected to a tenth term. Klarides is expected to continue serving as the Minority Leader but would like to become Speaker of the House if the Republicans can win enough races.

120th District (Stratford) (R- incumbent):

Rep. Laura Hoydick (R- Stratford) is being challenged by the Democratic endorsed candidate Dr. Frederick "Jerry" Streets (D- Stratford). Hoyduck is a Deputy Minority Leader and is favored although Dr. Streets, the former Yale University chaplain, is well known in the community and could make the race more competitive.

121st District (Stratford) (D- incumbent)

Rep. Joe Gresko (D- Stratford) will face reelection for the first time in November. Gresko, a former House staffer, won the seat in 2015 in a special election. He faces Jason Santi (R- Stratford), a local Councilman. This longtime Democratic seat favors Gresko.

122nd District (Shelton, Stratford, Trumbull) (R- incumbent):

Rep. Ben McGorty (R- Shelton) does not have any Democratic opposition so should be back in the legislature in 2017.

123rd District (Trumbull) (R- incumbent):

Seeking a third term is Rep. Dave Rutigliano (R- Trumbull) who will face the Democratic endorsed candidate Lino Costantini (D- Trumbull). Rutigliano is a restaurateur who served as Ranking Member on the Labor Committee. Costantini is a local businessman who has been active in Trumbull including service on the Police Commission. Rutigliano should be favored to hold the seat.

124th District (Bridgeport) (D- incumbent) (competitive primary*):

Rep. Andre Baker (D- Bridgeport) is seeking a second term in the legislature. He faces a primary against Charles Coviello (D- Bridgeport), a past mayoral candidate. Bridgeport primaries are always tricky but Baker should be favored to win the primary and the general election against Jose Quiroga (R- Bridgeport) in November.

126th District (Bridgeport) (D- incumbent) (competitive primary*):

Rep. Charlie Stallworth (D- Bridgeport), a strong ally of Mayor Ganim, also faces opponents in both the primary and general election. Maria Pereira (D- Bridgeport) will face Stallworth in the primary and the winner will face Republican endorsed candidate **Anthony Pizighelli (R- Bridgeport)**. Expect the Democratic primary winner to hold the seat.

127th District (Bridgeport) (D- incumbent):

Rep. John Hennessy (D- Bridgeport), the longest tenured member of the Bridgeport delegation, is seeking a seventh term. Republicans have endorsed **Ruben Coriano (R- Bridgeport)** who will have a difficult task unseating the long serving Hennessy.

128th District (Bridgeport) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Christopher Rosario (D- Bridgeport) is seeking a second term in the legislature. Rosario, who had previously worked in the Finch mayoral administration, is being challenged by **Ethan Book (R- Bridgeport)**. As with all Bridgeport based seats, the Democrat will be favored.

129th District (Bridgeport) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Steven Stafstrom (D- Bridgeport) is also running for reelection in this Bridgeport district which includes Black Rock. Republicans have endorsed **Peter Perillo (R- Bridgeport)** who may face a primary against **John Slater (R- Bridgeport)**. Expect Stafstrom to prevail.

130th District (Bridgeport) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Ezequiel Santiago (D- Bridgeport) will face **Melissa Borres (R- Bridgeport)** in November. Santiago is also a favorite to be reelected.

131st District (Naugatuck, Oxford, Southbury) (R- incumbent):

Rep. David Labriola (R- Oxford) is set to square off against Scott Flaherty (D- Oxford). Labriola should be favored as he seeks an eighth term against the Democrat.

LOWER FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Senate:

25th District (Darien, Norwalk) (D- incumbent):

Senate Majority Leader Bob Duff (D- Norwalk) is a considerable favorite to hold this seat. Republicans have endorsed **Gregory Ehlers (R- Darien)**. Duff is in line to become the next Senate President if or when Senator Looney becomes Lt. Governor or decides not to run again.

26th District (Bethel, New Canaan, Redding, Ridgefield, Weston, Westport, Wilton) (R- incumbent):

Senator Toni Boucher (R- Wilton) is seeking to continue as the only female Republican Senator. Democrats have endorsed **Carolanne Curry (D- Westport)**. Curry, an active Democrat who has worked in municipal government, will be the underdog against the diminutive and energetic Senator.

27th District (Darien, Stamford) (D- incumbent):

Senator Carlo Leone (D- Stamford) will face **Gino Bittino (R- Stamford)**. Leone should be considered a strong favorite having served in the House from 2003 until becoming a Senator in 2011. Bittino, a doctor, will have an uphill battle against the popular incumbent.

28th District (*Easton, Fairfield, Newtown, Weston, Westport*) **(R- incumbent):**

The incumbent, **Senator Tony Hwang** (R- Fairfield), won this open seat in 2014 and seeks reelection against Democrat **Philip Dwyer** (D- Fairfield). Hwang is potentially seeking higher office in 2018 but for the time being will be favored against Dwyer, the Fairfield Board of Education Chair.

36th District (*Greenwich, New Canaan, Stamford*) **(R- incumbent):**

Senator Scott Frantz (R- Greenwich) will be the prohibitive favorite against Democrat **John Blankley** (D- Greenwich). Frantz is the Ranking Member on the Finance Committee and has been a constant critic of the state's bonding habits and overall indebtedness. Blankley has been active in town government and a previous candidate for the legislature.

House:

106th District (*Newtown*) **(R- incumbent):**

Rep. Mitch Bolinsky (R- Newtown) will be seeking a third term. Opposing Bolinsky will be **Eva Bermudez Zimmerman** (D- Newtown), a former Town Councilor. Bolinsky could be vulnerable in this swing district although the power of incumbency still makes him a favorite.

111th District (*Ridgefield*) **(R- incumbent):**

Rep. John Frey (R- Ridgefield), a longtime Republican National Committeeman, will be strongly favored in his bid for a tenth term. His challenger will be **Joseph Dowdell** (D- Ridgefield) an electrical engineer who is new to politics.

112th District (*Monroe, Newtown*) **(R- incumbent):**

Rep. J.P. Srediznski (R- Monroe) should receive a second term in the legislature as an opponent has not stepped forward.

125th District (*New Canaan, Wilton*) **(R- incumbent):**

Rep. Tom O'Dea (R- New Canaan) also does not have any opposition in 2016. O'Dea, an attorney and Ranking Member on the Transportation Committee, will likely continue to serve in 2017.

132nd District (*Fairfield*) **(R- incumbent):**

Rep. Brenda Kupchick (R- Fairfield) is being challenged by the Democratic endorsed candidate **Dru Georgiadis** (D- Fairfield). Despite being active in Fairfield Georgiadis will have a tough race against Kupchick who is seeking a fourth term.

133rd District (*Fairfield*) **(D- incumbent):**

Rep. Cristin McCarthy-Vahey (D- Fairfield) looks to defend this seat for the first time. Republicans have endorsed **Raymond Neuberger** (R- Fairfield) who is active in local government. McCarthy-Vahey usually voted with Democrats but voted against the 2015 budget after concerns were raised by General Electric, a company previously with headquarters in her district. The incumbent is favored but expect a competitive campaign.

134th District (*Fairfield, Trumbull*) **(R- incumbent):**

Rep. Laura Devlin (R- Fairfield) is seeking a second term against **Frederick Garrity** (D- Trumbull). The district is split between Fairfield and Trumbull and with both candidates from different towns this could be a close race.

135th District (Easton, Redding, Weston) (open seat):

With current Rep. John Shaban running for Congress this seat could be more competitive. Republicans are backing **Adam Dunsby (R- Easton)** with Democrats endorsing **Bonnie Troy (D- Weston)**. Dunsby is the Easton First Selectman and will be the favorite against Troy who is focused on environmental issues.

136th District (Westport) (D- incumbent):

Rep. **Jonathan Steinberg (D- Westport)** is one of the few incumbent Democrats along the “Gold Coast.” His opponent will be Republican **Catherine Walsh (R- Westport)** who has previously served as Town Zoning Chair. Steinberg has the advantage of incumbency but this district is always competitive.

137th District (Norwalk) (D- incumbent):

Commerce Committee chair Rep. **Chris Perone (D- Norwalk)** is seeking a seventh term. Perone should strongly be favored against the Republican endorsed candidate **Darline Perpignan (R- Norwalk)**.

140th District (Norwalk) (D- incumbent):

Rep. **Bruce Morris (D- Norwalk)** should have no problem holding this seat. Republicans did not endorse an opponent although **Edmund Ryan (R- Norwalk)** could run on the Republican line.

141st District (Darien, Norwalk) (R- incumbent):

Rep. **Terrie Wood (R- Darien)** will have a race against Democrat **Randell Klein (D- Darien)**. Wood is the Ranking Member on the Human Services Committee and works well with her Democratic counterparts. Klein is the husband of the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and will be a significant underdog.

142nd District (New Canaan, Norwalk) (R- incumbent):

Rep. **Fred Wilms (R- Norwalk)** is on a path to win a second term as no opponent has stepped forward.

143rd District (Norwalk, Westport, Wilton) (R- incumbent):

Rep. **Gail Lavielle (R- Wilton)** also does not have an opponent and should return to office in 2017.

144th District (Stamford) (D- incumbent):

Rep. **Caroline Simmons (D- Stamford)** is looking for her second term in the legislature. Republicans have endorsed a millennial **Steven Kolenberg (R- Stamford)** who currently serves on the local Board of Representatives. Simmons should be strongly favored to hold the seat.

145th District (Stamford) (D- incumbent):

Rep. **Patricia Billie Miller (D- Stamford)** will face **William Kemp (R- Stamford)**. Miller, a Deputy Speaker, has continually been reelected with huge margins in this district and should do so again.

146th District (Stamford) (D- incumbent) (competitive primary*):

Rep. **Terry Adams (D- Stamford)** will face a primary against **Daniel Dauplaise (D- Stamford)**. Dauplaise has run for the legislature before and could be competitive. Whoever should prevail will be favored against the Republican in the race **Arkadiusz Jakubowski (R- Stamford)**.

147th District (Darien, Stamford) (D- incumbent):

Judiciary Co-chair Rep. William Tong (D- Stamford) will defend his seat against the Republican endorsed candidate Barry Weston (R- Stamford). Tong has had close races in the past but should win a sixth term.

148th District (Stamford) (D- incumbent):

Rep. Daniel Fox (D- Stamford) has a race against Philip Balestriere (R- Stamford) who has previously run for this seat unsuccessfully. Fox should continue to represent the east side of Stamford in 2017.

149th District (Greenwich, Stamford) (R- incumbent):

Rep. Livvy Floren (R- Greenwich) will not face any opposition in her bid for a ninth term.

150th District (Greenwich) (R- incumbent):

Rep. Mike Bocchino (R- Greenwich) also will not have an opponent as he seeks a second term.

151st District (Greenwich) (R- incumbent):

Rep. Fred Camillo (R- Greenwich) has held this seat since 2009 and as with all of the Greenwich House members does not have any endorsed opposition.