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# CEUI COPE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENTS



On Wednesday, September 5, 2012, the CEUI COPE (Committee on Political Education) met to discuss political endorsements for the November 6, 2012 election. When the COPE committee evaluates a candidate for local or national office, they focus on labor issues. The candidates who support the financial, health, and retirement security for working families will get our endorsement. Our priority issues are as follows:

- The right to have a union and collective bargaining
- job security
- Decent wages to support our families
- Adequate and affordable health insurance for all working families
- Pension and retirement security for all workers

Continued funding for a healthy Federal Social Security and Medicare system (no privatization, vouchers, or Wall Street controlling the security of our seniors)

The Committee gathers information via questionnaires completed by the candidates and/or interviews with the candidates. Past voting records, public statements and interviews (positive or negative towards the support of working families) are taken into account.

The members of the COPE Committee are as follows: Martha Pedersen, Chair; Kevin Backman, Vice Chair; Leslie Maddocks, Les Archer, John Birtwistle, Lou Bombaci, Bruno Cappellucci, David Cummings, Stephen Day, Alan Ference, Dwight Johnson, Paul Kalajian, Paul Mangiafico, John Marchese, Lars Murchinson, Rich Pelletier, Diane Quarty, Stephen Rice, Ruth Strontzer, Doug Racicot.

If you are interested in joining the CEUI COPE committee please contact Jim Vigue at 860-343-8736

### National Endorsements:

- Office of President:** President Barack Obama
- United States Senate:** Christopher Murphy
- 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District:** John Larson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District:** Joe Courtney
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District:** Rosa DeLauro
- 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District:** Jim Himes
- 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District:** Elizabeth Esty

### State Senate Endorsements

Name	Senate District	Towns Represented
John Fonfara	1	Hartford
Steve Cassano	4	Manchester
Terry Gerratana	6	New Britain
Karen Jarmoc	7	Enfield
Daniel Seger	8	Canton
Toni Harp	10	New Haven
Martin Looney	11	New Haven
Ed Meyer	12	Guilford
Dante Bartolomeo	13	Meriden
John "Corky" Mazurek	16	Wolcott
Cathy Osten	19	Baltic/Norwich
Andres Ayala	23	Bridgeport
Carlo Leone	27	Stamford
Don Williams	29	Brooklyn
David Roche	31	Bristol
James Gambardella	32	Watertown
James Crawford	33	Westbrook
Steve Fontana	34	North Haven
Susan Eastwood	35	Ashford
Daniel Dauplaise	36	Stamford

## State House Endorsements

Name	House District	Towns Represented
Matt Ritter	1	Hartford
Ed Vargas	6	Hartford
John Murphy	8	Coventry
Henry Genga	10	East Hartford
Geoff Luxenberg	12	Manchester
Joe Diminico	13	Manchester
Carol Driscoll	14	South Windsor
David Barum	15	Bloomfield
Andrew Fleischmann	18	West Hartford
Mike Demicco	21	Farmington
Rick Lopes	24	New Britain
Robert Sanchez	25	New Britain
Peter Tercyak	26	New Britain
Sandy Nafis	27	Newington
Russ Morin	28	Wethersfield
Tony Guerrero	29	Rocky Hill
Joe Aresimowicz	30	Berlin
Joe Serra	33	Middletown
Phil Miller	36	Essex
Diana Urban	43	North Stonington
Mae Flexer	44	Danielson
Linda Orange	48	Colchester
Susan Johnson	49	Willimantic
Bryan Hurlburt	53	Tolland
Greg Haddad	54	Mansfield
Jason Bowsza	57	Broad Brook
David Kiner	59	Enfield
Roberta Willis	64	Torrington
Michelle Cook	65	Torrington
Ernest Brunelli	71	Waterbury
Larry Butler	72	Waterbury
Victor Cuevas	75	Waterbury
George Langer	78	Bristol
Chuck Marcella	80	Wolcott
Dave Zoni	81	Southington
Mary Mushinsky	85	Wallingford
Brendan Sharkey	88	Hamden
Vickie Nardello	89	Prospect
Pat Dillon	92	New Haven
Toni Walker	93	New Haven
Gary Winfield	94	New Haven
Rolan Lemar	96	New Haven
James Albis	99	East Haven
Matt Lesser	100	Middletown
David Arconti	109	Danbury
Bob Godfrey	110	Danbury
Robert Dumbroski	112	Monroe
Aldon Hynes	114	Woodbridge
Stephen Dargan	115	West Haven
Lou Esposito	116	West Haven
Terry Masters	120	Stratford
Jack Hennessy	127	Bridgeport
Ezequiel Santiago	130	Bridgeport
Chris Perone	137	Norwalk
Kevin Ryan	139	Oakdale
Kate Tepper	142	Norwalk
Michael Pollard	144	Stamford
William Tong	147	Stamford
Stephanie Paulmeno	150	Greenwich

**VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6th!**

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