

# State Elections Enforcement Commission

## Press Release



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### STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION LAUNCHES CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM FOR THE 2008 GENERAL ELECTION KEYNOTE SPEAKER: GOVERNOR M. JODI RELL

**Date: Tuesday, June 3rd , 2008**  
**Time: 2:00 p.m.**  
**Location: State Capitol – Room 310**

**HARTFORD, CT** – The State Elections Enforcement Commission will host a Press Conference to officially launch the Citizens' Election Program for the 2008 General Election.

#### **A Landmark Approach to Public Campaign Financing**

In December 2005, the Connecticut General Assembly enacted, and Governor M. Jodi Rell signed, the most sweeping reform of the State's campaign finance laws since the post Watergate era. This campaign reform legislation has been heralded as a model for the U.S.

The 2008 elections for the Connecticut General Assembly will be the first regular election in which legislative candidates may participate in the Citizens' Election Program.

The Citizens' Election Program is a voluntary program which allows qualifying candidates for statewide offices and the General Assembly to receive full public financing. To qualify for the Program, a candidate must forego PAC money, raise small contributions from individuals and adhere to campaign spending limits and other restrictions. The Program, financed by the Citizens' Election Fund, does not rely on tax revenue.

#### **Key Partners**

Joining the Commission for this event will be our government and community partners that came together to enact this landmark legislation:

*Governor M. Jodi Rell*

*Leaders and Members of the General Assembly*

*Connecticut State Officers*

*Government Administration and Elections Committee*

*Common Cause*

*The League of Women Voters*

*The Connecticut Citizens Action Group*

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