

State Elections Enforcement Commission

Press Release



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WINNERS OF 2008 CONNECTICUT PRIMARIES PARTICIPATED IN THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM

HARTFORD, CT— August 13, 2008 – The winners of the 2008 Connecticut primaries all participated in the Citizens' Election Program. The Program is voluntary and allowed primary candidates to compete without reliance on special interest money and on a level playing field.

The winners from the State Senate Democratic primaries are John Fonfara District 1, Anthony Musto District 22, and Duane Perkins from District 24. The State Senate GOP primary winner is Kevin Witkos from District 8. The winners of the State House Democratic primaries are Marie Kirkley-Bey District 5, Hector Robles District 6, Jason Rojas District 9, Susan Johnson District 49, Corky Mazurek from District 80, Gary Winfield District 94, Deborah Heinrich District 101, Christopher Caruso District 126, Andres Ayala District 128, Auden Grogins District 129, and Ezequiel Santiago from District 130. The winners of the State House GOP primaries are Clifton Thompson District 9, Timothy LeGeyt District 17, and incumbent Selim Noujaim from District 74.

During today's regular Commission meeting the following grants were awarded to qualifying candidates participating in the Program for the 2008 General Election: Mike Alberts, Peggy Reeves, Mike Lawlor, Christopher Davis, Veronica Kivela, Edwin Jutila, Michael Vitali, Melanie O'Brien, and Paul Davis.

To date, 238 candidates have opted to join the Citizens' Election Program. Eighteen candidates for State Senator and eighty-three candidates for State Representative have been awarded public grants from the program.

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SEEC Grants Awards to Candidate Only Three Commission Meetings Remain

HARTFORD, CT – September 26, 2008 – The State Elections Enforcement Commission approved 27 grant applications at the Commission meeting Wednesday. The grant application deadline is October 10th

The final three Commission meetings to consider grant applications are October 1st, October 8th and October 15th. Candidates who have not yet applied for a grant must submit their applications before 5:00 p.m. October 2nd to be considered at the October 8th meeting. The Commission has encouraged applicants to apply early to avoid missing critical deadlines which would result in failure to qualify for a grant.

To date, 270 candidates have declared that they intend to participate in the Citizens' Election Program for the 2008 General Election; 62 State Senate candidates and 208 State Representative candidates.

Since the program was launched June 3, 2008, 155 candidates have received General Election Grants from the Citizens' Election Program; 22 State Senate grants and 133 State Representative grants.

The following candidates received grants Wednesday: Themis Klarides, Lori Musco, Bob Duff, Catherine Johnson, Michelle Cook, David Bauer, Scott Saunders, Ellen Wink, Deb Peruzotti, Kathy Tallarita, Richard Ferrari, Robert Russo, Michael Royston, John Rigby, Timothy O'Brien, Lawrence Miller, John Harkins, Brett Eisenlohr, Gail Hamm, John Hetherington, Robert Godfrey, Jim O'Rourke, Ryan Barry, John Piscopo, Robert Heagney, Matthew Conway and Christopher Perone.