

SENATE DEMOCRATS LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Announced on June 19, 2020

“Juneteenth”

Criminal Justice & Police Accountability

Banning Chokeholds & Other Unnecessary Police Actions

To combat police brutality and end dangerous and unnecessary police actions

Prosecutorial Reform

To empower an Inspector General to investigate cases of police misconduct and use of force

Decertifying Police Officers

To decertify police convicted of misconduct

Banning "No Knock" Warrants

To prevent police from executing "no knock" warrants and entering a property without notification

Duty to Intervene

To require police to intervene if another is engaging in brutality or misconduct

Requiring Body Cameras

To ensure all Connecticut police are equipped with body cameras

“Walking While Black” & Custodial Arrest Reform

To reform arrest policies in order to curb unnecessary detentions and custodial arrests

Increasing the Power of Civilian Review Boards

To provide more power to Civilian Review Boards when reviewing an investigation

Amy Cooper Law

To charge persons who call 9-1-1 making false accusations against someone based on race, gender, or religion

Better Police Training

To provide better and more frequent anti-bias training for police

Economic Opportunity

Renaissance Districts

To create “renaissance” investments in affordable housing, retail, and social services programs that are focused on the education, health, and economic development for of the residents of in that neighborhood

Supporting Minority-Owned Businesses

To provide additional support for minority-owned businesses

Expanding Workforce Development

To get more students involved in job-training programs

Educational Inequality

Minority Teacher Support and Recruitment

To address the racial diversity of our teaching staff

Expanding Access to High-Opportunity School Districts

To break down the historic inequities in our public education system where a child's zip code too often determines the quality of their education

Addressing Entrenched Educational Disparities in Connecticut

To address the educational disparities highlighted and exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic

Native American History in School Curriculums

To ensure the history of Native Americans is taught in our public schools

Health Care Reform

Addressing Overall Health Equity Issues

To address major health disparities by race and ethnicity which result in poorer health, premature deaths and hundreds of millions of dollars in health care costs

Strengthening COVID-19 Testing and Contact Tracing

To improve Connecticut's approach to key COVID-19 prevention tools and to ensure a more equitable response

Addressing Disproportionate Cases and Deaths of Minority Populations from COVID-19

To address entrenched health disparities and strengthen state resources in the event of future public health emergencies

Strengthening Telehealth

To expand telehealth services used during the COVID-19 pandemic

Capping Insulin Costs

To cap exorbitant insulin costs and provide patients access to emergency insulin supplies

Supporting Community Health Workers

To fund community health workers who are an essential liaison between the health care and social services systems

Health Care Data Collection and Reporting

To expand data collection and reporting by race, gender, and other guidelines in order to expose health disparities and better guide health policies

Nursing Home Safeguards

To increase protections and strengthen procedures for nursing homes

Curbing Junk Health Insurance

To regulate the practices of so-called “junk” health insurance policies which deliberately target minority communities and people who have lost their jobs

Protecting Workers

To ensure everyone injured on job, especially those impacted by COVID-19, get increased protections, including workers’ compensation

Tackling Insurance Premiums

To examine and regulate expected insurance rate increases during a time of economic distress and record insurance company profits

Housing, the Environment, Voting Rights, and Recognition

Increasing Affordable Housing Opportunities

To increase access to and the availability of affordable housing, especially in areas with disproportionately low amounts of affordable housing

Addressing Unequal Zoning Restrictions

To address the major impact that local zoning laws contribute to housing discrimination

Addressing Environmental Injustice

To tackle the racial inequities exacerbated by pollution and emissions, which disproportionately impact minorities

Expanding Access to Absentee Ballots

To provide increased access to absentee ballots for voters and election workers concerned about their health and safety during the coronavirus pandemic

Juneteenth as a State Holiday

To establish Juneteenth, June 19, as a state holiday