



# Stephanie Thomas

DEMOCRAT FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

For Norwalk, Wilton & Westport

**FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS    FOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE    FOR STRONG GUN LAWS  
FOR AFFORDABLE COLLEGE    FOR BRINGING VOICES TOGETHER  
FOR VOTING RIGHTS    FOR GETTING THINGS DONE    FOR CONNECTICUT**

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## CANDIDATE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 143<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT

- Includes most of Wilton, some of Norwalk, and a bit of Westport.
- No Democrat on the ballot since 2014.
- Running against Gail Lavielle [la-v-elle], Incumbent, first elected in 2010.

## ABOUT STEPHANIE

- **I rose out of poverty, working hard, excelling in academics and leadership.** Working my way through college at New York University and graduate school where I received my master's degree in nonprofit management, helping others was always front and center.
- **I opened my own business** as a fundraising consultant, helping nonprofits raise tens of millions of dollars each year. As a business owner and consultant, you have to be nimble in your thinking, open to new ideas, able to problem solve quickly, and build bridges to get the job done.
- **My work in the nonprofit sector brings me face to face with the people who fall through the gaps left by government** whether a flood victim, the homeless, or a student unable to go to college. **No sector knows better how to effect change for the greatest number of people for the least amount of money!**
- After the 2016 Presidential election, I downsized my business to get more involved locally. I live with my husband Greg in Norwalk and am a member of the Democratic Town Committee. **It is time for common sense, new energy and a new approach.**

## HOW WOULD SHE VOTE?

- **I will proactively fight to pass legislation BEFORE attacks come from the Federal government and I will fight to correct our financial position with equity in mind.**
  - We need to raise our collective voices to promote fiscal responsibility and innovation, sensible gun laws, strong public schools, affordable college, environmental protections, and a strong infrastructure.
- The so-called moderate Republican can easily swing further right in a right-leaning system, which is what happens if we lose the governorship or a Democratic majority in the House. **My opponent has voted the straight Republican party line on issues that matter to Democrats.**
  - Voted AGAINST allowing early voting and AGAINST Election Day registration
  - Voted AGAINST an increase in the minimum wage
  - Voted AGAINST repealing the death penalty
  - Voted AGAINST prohibiting discrimination on basis of gender identity
  - Voted AGAINST in-state tuition for illegal immigrants even when legal at the federal level and made contingent upon having applied for legal status
- **I vote FOR all of the above and want to be your voice in Hartford. We need strong leadership to push this agenda forward, putting people over politics.**