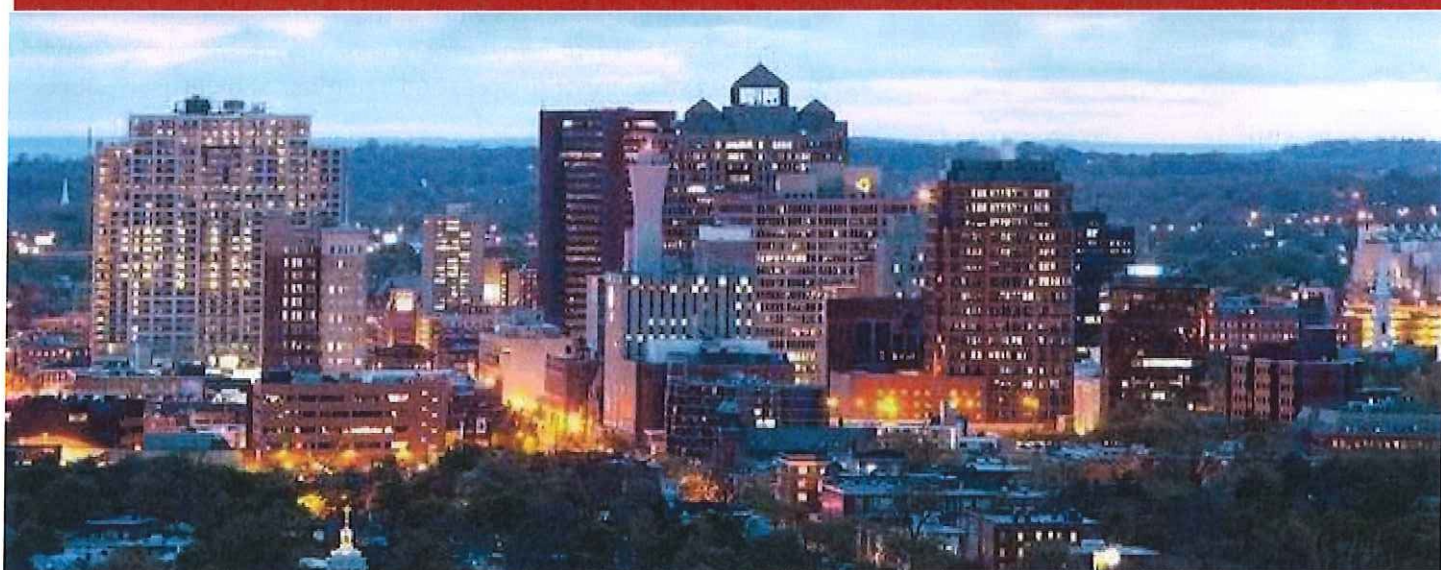


# GREATER NEW HAVEN VOTE 2018 CANDIDATE GUIDE

Information on background of gubernatorial candidates,  
proposed policies, ballot question and election day logistics.



Greater New Haven VOTE 2018 is a nonpartisan, collaborative effort through The Community Foundation *for* Greater New Haven that brings together more than a dozen community partners to register and mobilize new voters from historically disenfranchised voting populations. Greater New Haven VOTE 2018's key issue areas are: Education, Immigration, Healthcare, Criminal Justice - Reentry and Second Chance, and Affordable Housing



# Candidate Backgrounds



## Ned Lamont

In 1976, Lamont earned his Bachelor of Arts from Harvard University, and in 1980, he graduated from the Yale School of Management with a Master of Business Administration.

Lamont spent most of his early professional years working in media. He served as the editor for *The Black River Tribune* in 1977 and founded a cable television company, Campus Televideo in 1980. Today, he continues his work in the media field as the chair of a media investment firm, Lamont Digital Systems. He has served on a variety of board of trustees and a number of bipartisan public councils.

Ned says he is running because, "To fix Connecticut's budget crisis and create a more vibrant economy, we need a different approach. ...I believe in our state. I want to be the governor who reminds you why Connecticut will be the place we always call home, and a place where our kids can find hope and opportunity."

Source: <https://www.nedlamont.com/>

Lamont's candidacy has been criticized by his opposition as being a continuance of the policies of Governor Malloy's agenda over the past eight years.

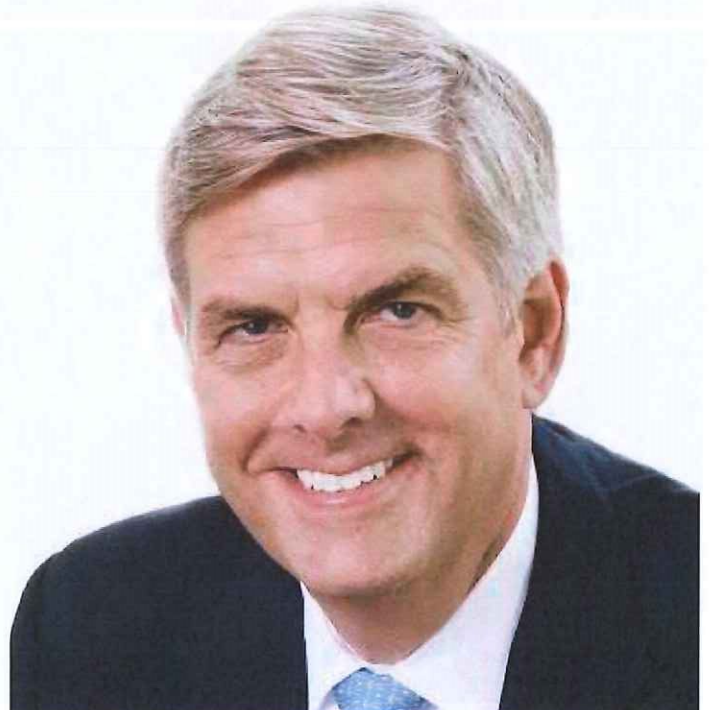
## Bob Stefanowski

Stefanowski graduated from Fairfield University with a degree in accounting in 1984. He went on to earn a Masters in Business Administration from Cornell University.

For the past 25 years, Stefanowski professional life has been devoted to turning around failed businesses. He has also served as a CEO and President of different units at General Electric, served as the former Chief Financial Officer of UBS Investment Bank, and written books on merger acquisitions.

Stefanowski is running on a plan focused on rebuilding the economy with the campaign phrase, "Connecticut needs a businessman." Source: <https://www.bobforgovernor.com/>

A leading criticism by Stefanowski's opposition is his ideological similarity to President Trump. He has been endorsed by and embraced the policies of the President.





# On the Issues: Education

## Lamont

Lamont plans to increase funding for early childcare and make education funding more equitable across the state. He is supportive of increased STEM education, reduced class sizes, hiring more social workers, and advocating for vocational training for students. He wants to make community colleges tuition-free for in-state students and expand public-private partnerships between major employers and community colleges. He is also proposing opening coding academies, expanding of apprenticeship programs, and investing in vocational and agricultural technology high schools.

## Stefanowski

Stefanowski has said that he intends to maintain state grants to municipalities and encourage students to explore Connecticut's vocational schools. He supports increased local control for Connecticut school districts, reducing the role of the state government in education.

# On the Issues: Immigration

## Lamont

Lamont believes in an immigration policy that will welcome immigrants and refugees. He supports Connecticut's refusal to send the National Guard down to the U.S.-Mexico border to enforce federal immigration standards. He supports a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.

## Stefanowski

Stefanowski supports President Trump's immigration policies and crackdown on undocumented immigrants. He has criticized the state's current policy of noncompliance with the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency.

## On the Issues: Affordable Housing

### Lamont

Lamont pledges to reverse Governor Malloy's property tax hike in order to cut property taxes on homes and cars for working-class and middle-class families with earnings up to \$160,500 a year. He promises to follow this tax cut up with additional property tax relief targeted at the low- and middle-income families who are paying more than 6.5 percent of their income in property taxes.

### Stefanowski

Stefanowski believes that affordable housing issues are being handled well by most towns and cities. He favors giving power to local communities to solve this issue.

## On the Issues: Healthcare

### Lamont

Lamont supports the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and is planning to fight against any federal repeal effort of the ACA. Lamont wants to lower prescription drug prices and allow those suffering from mental health conditions to access the care they need early and continuously. He also plans to cap fees at emergency rooms and hospitals and protect funding for Connecticut's Medicare Program.

### Stefanowski

Stefanowski's campaign website lists no healthcare plan. However, in public appearances he has spoken of the need to reduce the state government's healthcare obligations to its employees and retirees.



# On the Issues: Criminal Justice

## Lamont

Lamont says he supports criminal justice reform. He also favors drug sentencing reforms to treat addiction as a health issue, rather than harshly criminalize it.

## Stefanowski

There is no information on Stefanowski's website about criminal justice reform. News reports and other sources do not indicate that he has taken a firm position on the issue.

# Voting Information

## How do I vote?

1) Go to your polling place between the hours of 6am and 8pm. If you don't know where it is, you can find it here: <http://bit.ly/votingwhere>

Go to your "state" polling place, not the "local" polling place.

**Note: If you are in line at your polling place by 8pm, your vote will count.**

2) At your polling place, you can either: a) present a form of ID having your name and address, name and signature, or name and photograph, or b) sign a form confirming that you are the person whose name is on the form.

Why should I "pledge" to Vote and how? You will be able to stay informed on the issues you wish to know the positions your elected officials are taking at the State house and beyond. Complete your pledge at <http://bit.ly/GNHVotePledge>

## What's on the ballot?

This year's ballot will also include elections for Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, U.S. House, U.S. Senate, Connecticut State House, and Connecticut State Senate.

There will be a referendum question on the ballot. The vote is a transportation lockbox ballot initiative. Voting yes would mandate that money from the state transportation fund must be used for transportation purposes. A no vote would allow legislators to use money in the transportation fund for other purposes.

## Special Circumstances

**Domestic Violence Survivors:** Connecticut maintains the Address Confidentiality Program to protect victims of domestic violence and other abuses. Information about the program can be found here: <http://bit.ly/protectDV>. Interested voters should register through the program to protect the confidentiality of their address before registering to vote.

**Homeless:** You are eligible to vote in Connecticut. When registering to vote, you need to put both your physical address and your mailing address down. Your mailing address could be a local shelter or post office, while your physical address could be a particular place such as a park bench. See the Voter ID requirements above for what to bring to your polling place on Election Day.

**Formerly Incarcerated:** If you have been convicted of a felony, and have completed confinement and parole, you are eligible to vote in Connecticut.

**Absentee Ballot:** If you are a student and live away from your declared residential voting poll, or are unable to reach the voting poll on the day of the election due to illness or working out of town, please find information on requesting an absentee ballot at <http://bit.ly/VoteABCT>.

# Vote on November 6, 2018

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