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2026 Candidate Questionnaire

CANDIDATE NAME: _____

Email: _____ Cell: _____

Candidate Website: _____

Office sought: ☐ Senate ☐ House District #: _____ Party: _____ City/Town: _____

Occupation: _____

Any Elected Office(s) held: _____

Name any REALTORS® you personally know: _____

Are you a real estate licensee? ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you a Landlord? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Connecticut REALTORS® (CTR) represents nearly 18,000 members involved in all aspects of real estate in Connecticut. You can learn more about our positions on a wide range of issues at ctrealtors.com/publicpolicy

Please limit your responses to the amount of space provided.

1. **End of Lease Term:** The current process allows landlords the ability to remove a tenant after a lease agreement contractually ends, known as "lapse of time". A past legislative proposal would not have allowed lapse of time of a lease to be a reason a landlord could require a tenant to leave.

   Do you OPPOSE removal of lapse of time as a reason for eviction? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

   Comments, if any:

2. **Conveyance Taxes:** Conveyance taxes are fees paid by the seller at the time of transfer of real estate, basically a sales tax on home sales. There have been efforts to expand the seller's conveyance tax and/or to create a new buyer's conveyance tax. These are regressive taxes that impact housing affordability.

   Do you OPPOSE new and/or expanded conveyance taxes? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

   Comments, if any:

3. **Real Estate Property Taxes:** Connecticut's real estate property taxes can make keeping a home cost prohibitive. CTR supports reductions in property taxes and opposes efforts to add additional property taxes including proposals for a statewide property tax.

   Do you OPPOSE increases to property tax burdens, including a new statewide property tax?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

   Comments, if any:

4. **Emotional Support Animal (ESA) Clarity and Fraud:** Fraudulently claiming a pet is an emotional support animal, through methods such as purchasing online ESA "certificates", has become a growing problem for housing providers, particularly when tenants use these claims to bring multiple animals (such as eight cats) into a property**.** Would you support statutory efforts to address clarity with ESA access and the potential for ESA fraud while still protecting access for those with legitimate needs?

   Do you SUPPORT efforts to eliminate ESA fraud? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

   Comments, if any:

5. **More Homes on the Market:** CT REALTORS® believes some homeowners are holding off on selling, including owners of second homes and long-held properties, because of the state income tax owed on the capital gain from a sale, combined with today's higher mortgage rates. Connecticut taxes capital gains as ordinary income and does not currently offer a state-level exclusion for gains on a home sale (separate from the federal exclusion).

   Would you SUPPORT Connecticut creating its own state income tax exclusion, deduction, or credit for capital gains from the sale of a home?

   ☐ Yes, a permanent state exclusion/deduction ☐ No
   ☐ Yes, but only temporary/limited in duration ☐ Undecided/need more information

   Comments, if any:

6. **Legislative Priorities:** If elected, what are your three top legislative priorities?

   a) _____

   b) _____

   c) _____

To be considered for an endorsement, return this completed survey no later than August 25, 2026 to:

Email: abby@ctrealtors.com or **Mail:** CT REALTORS®, *90 State House Square, Suite 1120, Hartford, CT 06103*

Questions? Contact Abby at (860) 566-8688.