



# Central CT DSA

## What is a Central CT DSA endorsement?

Central CT DSA's electoral work is focused on growing the base for socialism in Connecticut, empowering working people, and creating multi-racial-working-class centered campaigns. We work to elect socialist representatives who will use their votes and the powers of their office to lift up the demands of the working class and materially support Central CT DSA's work in the areas of housing, health, economic justice, decarceration, racial and gender equity, and radical queer liberation.

A Central CT DSA endorsement constitutes the support of the entire membership - including canvass, phonebank, text, and relational field support, and the mobilization of our local and statewide membership.

We view electioneering — and especially our canvassing operations — as an opportunity to build popular support for our policy goals and our movement, and thus we encourage only candidates comfortable with the entire DSA platform to apply for our endorsement.

## What are the steps in the DSA endorsement process?

Our endorsement process is thorough and democratic. It begins with a meeting with our prospecting & research team, filling out our candidate questionnaire, a meeting + vote with our Electoral Working Group, approval from the relevant Branch(s), or in the case of statewide office the Steering Committee, and finally an introduction & vote before the General Assembly.

## How do I apply for a DSA endorsement?

Candidates seeking Central CT DSA's endorsement should begin the application process by emailing [electoralworkinggroup@cctdsa.org](mailto:electoralworkinggroup@cctdsa.org), including the following information in the body of the email:

-Full name

-Pronouns

-Elected position and district seat you are seeking

-Short bio with your reason for running

-Where you're at in the process of developing your candidacy (e.g., considering running, currently running & seeking endorsement, etc.)



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We will follow up to arrange a meeting with members of our Candidate Prospecting & Research Team.

To be considered for endorsement, candidates must complete [the Central CT DSA questionnaire](#). The questionnaire is detailed and comprehensive, and candidates should plan to spend a substantial amount of time completing it. We require meeting with candidates prior to sending them the questionnaire.

We ask that candidates reach out to us soon about the 2021 municipal elections. We will accept outreach for 2022 - but will not begin processing endorsement applications until after the 2021 season.