



# Democratic Primary for Connecticut State Representative, 5<sup>th</sup> District Candidate Review Sheet

*How do they rate on the issues important to you?*

Candidate	A top issue I care about:	A top issue I care about:	A top issue I care about :	Does Candidate have a track record of success?	Additional Comments
	Did candidate address my issue?	Did candidate address my issue?	Did candidate address my issue?		
Brandon McGee, Jr., D *					
Craig Stallings, D					

## Candidate Bios

### Brandon McGee, Jr.

Brandon L. McGee Jr., is serving his fourth term as a State Representative, seeking re-election for the 5th Assembly District, to continue advocating for residents in Windsor and Hartford. A Hartford native, Brandon takes on a holistic approach when influencing policy throughout our state and has continuously advocated for equity in education, criminal justice reform, voter registration and empowerment for people of color and their communities. He also took part in passing one of the nation's most generous Paid Family and Medical Leave laws. Brandon currently serves as Chairman of the Connecticut legislature's Housing Committee and Co-Chair of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus. He also serves on the Education Committee and the Human Services Committee. While having earned his Bachelor's degree from Alabama State University, he went on to pursue an M.S. from Albertus Magnus College. Utilizing his skillset and experience, afforded him the opportunity to work alongside constituents, serving on numerous boards that aim to enhance communal resources, that of, Ascend Mentoring and BSL Education Foundation (President), Citadel of Love Church (Deacon), Hartford Behavioral Health, and Jewish Family Services. Throughout his career, he's received an abundance of awards for his civic work. Brandon remains as the Chief Creative Officer of the McGee Firm in Hartford, and is employed at the Capitol Region Education Council. He currently lives in Hartford with his wife and two daughters.

### Craig Stallings

Craig is the Former Chairman of the Hartford Board of Education, currently serving as a Board Member. He has been a PTO president at two Hartford schools and was the coordinator of the original governance council at Thirman Milner School. As Chairman he had oversight of the completion of the Weaver High School Project as well as making sure that the funding was secured for the renovation project of the "MLK" School - the only one in the State of CT. It is slated to be completed and open for school year 2020 - 2021. He has been Co-Owner and Marketing Manager for Stallings Tax Service LLC since 2006, as well as having worked as a customer service representative for Tele-Tech, contracted to work for Bank of America. A graduate of Weaver High School, he has attended Capital and Manchester Community Colleges and the University of Hartford and is father to three young men, one whom is currently a Police Cadet at the Hartford Police Department and the other two are still students in the Hartford Public School system.

**Vote on Tuesday, August 11, 2020!**

Only registered Democrats can participate. Go to next page for more information.

## About Primary Elections

- In this election, voters in the General Assembly's 5<sup>th</sup> House District will choose their Democratic Party candidate in the general election on November 6, 2020.
- Only registered Democrats can participate in this primary. Unaffiliated voters can change their party designation to Democrat up until noon the day before the August 11<sup>th</sup> primary. The deadline for those wishing to change parties was 90 days before the election. Voters can change their party by submitting a voter registration form in person to the Hartford Registrar of Voters, by mail or online.

## To Register to Vote

- Connecticut residents can register to vote in person with the Hartford Registrar of Voters in Town Hall, online at [voterregistration.ct.gov](http://voterregistration.ct.gov) or by mail. Residents can also text "vote healthier" to the number 34444 to access Turbo Vote's easy platform. Or point their phone to this code:



## About the 5<sup>th</sup> District and the office of Connecticut State Representative

- The 5<sup>th</sup> district consists of the northeastern part of the city of Hartford, which includes the Blue Hills, Clay-Arsenal and downtown neighborhoods, and the southern portion of Windsor, including most of the area south of Bloomfield Avenue.
- Connecticut's General Assembly is composed of the 151-member House of Representatives and the 36-member Senate.
- Connecticut State Representatives and Senators are elected for two-year terms. The General Assembly is in session from January to June (long session) in odd years and February to May (short session) in even years.
- State representatives earn \$28,000/year; those in leadership positions can earn more.

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