

## Connecticut

Voters in Connecticut will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 151 seats are up in the House and all 36 seats are up in the Senate. The governor's race and chamber outcomes are highly competitive white the Democrats are likely to maintain control of the Office of Attorney General.

## Attorney General

## **Democratic Nominee**

## State Representative William Tong

State Representative William Tong has served in the state house since 2006. During the primary Representative Tong ran on progressive issues and was vocally anti-Trump.

He is pro-choice and has stated that he would defend legal abortion in any court. He supports raising the minimum wage to \$15 and paid medical and family leave. He is pro-union and supports banning "Captive Audience" meetings. Representative Tong has called for the creation of a Civil Rights Division within the Office of Attorney General.

He has stated that he would file suit if Congress passes a law to require states to recognize gun permits from other states. He supports passing legislation regulating "ghost" guns – guns without serial numbers. He also supports a ban on bump stocks and prohibiting convicted domestic abusers from owning guns.

Representative Tong has stated that he would hold the pharmaceutical industry, pharmacy chains, and healthcare providers accountable for the opioid crisis. He supports establishing new prescription standards and funding additional anti-overdose medication to the state police.

Representative Tong has been an outspoken critic of the Trump Administration's immigration policies including the travel ban and family separation. He supports sanctuary localities.

He has stated that he will continue with the current lawsuit against the FCC's decision on net neutrality.

He has stated that as Attorney General, he would launch an investigation and potential legal action on the marketing practices of electronic cigarette companies. He supports raising the smoking and vaping age to 21 and increased fine for marketing or selling products to minors.

**Trivia:** William Tong was the first Asian-American endorsed for statewide office during this year's Democratic primary.

<sup>\*</sup>Information is heavily borrowed from campaign websites, social media, and news and blogs.