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Voters in Connecticut this year will elect a governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general. All 36 seats in the State Senate and all 151 seats in the House will be on the ballot as well. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office, Office of the Attorney General, and the legislature.

Governor

Republican Nominee

Bob Stefanowski

In a rematch of the 2018 general election, Bob Stefanowski (R) is challenging Governor Ned Lamont (D). While Stefanowski lost four years ago by a narrow margin–less than 45,000 votes–he is trailing far behind now-incumbent Governor Lamont in polling this election cycle.

If elected, the governorship will be Stefanowski's first position in public office. He has worked extensively in the private sector both as a consultant and in various leadership positions. He was the CEO of DFC Global, the CFO of UBS, and the CEO of multiple units within General Electric. He cites his experience as an executive as well as his finance background as qualifications for the governor's office.

If elected, he pledges to reform Connecticut's criminal justice system. He <u>plans</u> to restore qualified immunity, revisit "Use of Force" standards, and reinstate consent searches.

Stefanowski <u>hopes</u> to improve the state's economy by cutting taxes, auditing state spending, and finding ways to lower utility bills. He intends to use the Special Transportation Fund to reduce commuting costs. He will allow homeowners to deduct their local property taxes on their state income tax returns.

He <u>advocates</u> giving parents a stronger say in their children's education, including curriculum choices. <u>Stefanowski</u> supports school choice. He would like to raise the minimum required for parental consent for children to engage in social media to 16 years old.

Stefanowski debated Governor Lamont, along with Independent Robert Hotaling, on September 27. A second debate is scheduled for November 1.

Trivia: Stefanowski is a Wharton Fellow, and has served as adjunct faculty to NYU Stern, the London Business School, and Cambridge University.