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Connecticut voters will select their choice for governor, attorney general, and treasurer this November. All 36 senate seats and all 151 house seats are also up for election. Democrats are expected to maintain control of all state executive offices and hold supermajorities in the house and senate.

Treasurer

Democratic Nominee

Treasurer Erick Russell

Treasurer Erick Russell was first elected in 2023. Prior to his time in office, he was a partner at the firm Pullman & Comley where he worked for the firm's Public and Private Finance Group.

During his first term, Russell launched the first-in-the-nation **baby bond program**. He cites that over 32,000 children currently have investments made on their behalf and projects that 15,000-16,000 additional children each year will gain access to these accounts.

Russell plans to prioritize **pension reform** during his second term, seeking to further strengthen retirees' fiscal security. He highlights his 12.4% three-year annualized returns across pension funds which he cites helped increase pension assets by more than \$25 billion.

Russell vows to stand up against federal overreach, ensuring key public programs receive federal funding. In April 2025, he joined a coalition of state treasurers calling on Congress to take back tariff authority from President Trump. He was also an outspoken critic of the proposed freeze on federal grants and loans in January 2025, praising the White House budget office for rescinding their memo ordering this freeze.

In July 2026, Russell launched the Connecticut Safe Harbor Fund to provide individuals with reproductive or gender affirming care that is restricted or prohibited in the states where they are located but is legally available in Connecticut. The program is funded entirely through private donations.

Trivia: Russell is the first Black, openly LGBTQ individual elected to statewide office.