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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.

Governor

Republican Nominee

State Senator Ryan Fazio

Ryan Fazio has represented Connecticut State Senate District 36 since 2021. He serves as Republican Whip and is the Ranking Member on the Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee and the Energy and Technology Committee. Outside of the legislature, he serves as a vice president at Growth Equity Firm.

Affordability is a centerpiece of Fazio's campaign. He proposes a four-part plan to cap property taxes that involves eliminating unfunded mandates, reforming payment in lieu of taxes programs, enforcing formula-based funding for municipalities, and capping annual property tax increases.

Over the past two years, Fazio has proposed legislation to **eliminate \$17 million tax subsidies for data centers** that were approved by Governor Lamont. The legislature has not eliminated these subsidies.

Fazio plans to lower energy costs by eliminating the public benefits charge, expanding natural gas capacity, cutting renewable energy subsidies, limiting government contracts, and eliminating demand subsidies. During his tenure, he introduced legislation that sought to reduce the public benefits charge and require disclosures of hidden taxes in utility bills.

Fazio's campaign also prioritizes the healthcare, housing, and employment needs of **veterans**. He plans to streamline veteran services and expand employment opportunities for veterans by requiring the acceptance of out-of-state licenses.

Fazio calls to reduce taxpayer spending on illegal immigrants, particularly as it relates to convicted felons. He wants to eliminate sanctuary policies, highlighting that this will help to keep criminals out of the state.

WFSB and CT Insider will host a debate between Fazio and Governor Ned Lamont (D) on **Thursday, October 22. Both the Cook Political Report and Sabato's Crystal Ball rate this race as Solid Democrat.**

Trivia: Fazio previously served as Engagement Chair for Associate General Council at the KIPP NYC charter school.