

Summary Report for Statewide Forums

CT Citizens Attend 2010 Urban Issues Forum and Concerned Citizens' & Candidates' Forum



Two Statewide Non-Partisan Initiatives

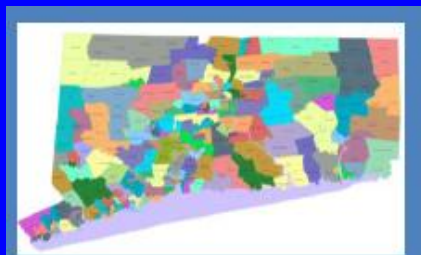
*Focus: Results Based Accountability
CT's Health, Education, Social Justice Issues*

April 24, 2010 and October 20, 2010

Connecticut State Legislative Office Building

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2010 Statewide Non-Partisan April 24th and October 20th Forums

Forum Participants from 31 Urban, Suburban and Rural Cities within all 5 of the Congressional Districts Participated in the **URBAN ISSUES FORUM** on April 24, 2010 and the **CONCERNED CITIZENS AND CANDIDATES FORUM** on October 20, 2010 Forum



**Connecticut
Governor-Elect
Dan Malloy**



**Senator Elect
Richard
Blumenthal**



**Senator
Joseph
Lieberman**

Congressional Representative - District #1

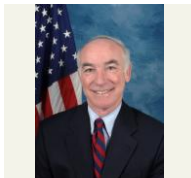
John B. Larson (D)



1. Bloomfield
2. Bristol
3. Glastonbury
4. Hartford
5. Manchester
6. West Hartford
7. Windsor

Congressional Representative - District #2

Joe Courtney (D)



1. Coventry
2. East Haddam
3. Glastonbury
4. Lebanon
5. Mansfield
6. New London
7. Norwich
8. Vernon

Congressional Representative - District #3

Rosa L. DeLauro (D)



1. Guilford
2. Hamden
3. Naugatuck
4. New Haven
5. Shelton
6. Stratford
7. Waterbury
8. West Haven

Congressional Representative - District #4

Jim Himes (D)



1. Bridgeport
2. Greenwich
3. Stamford

Congressional Representative - District #5

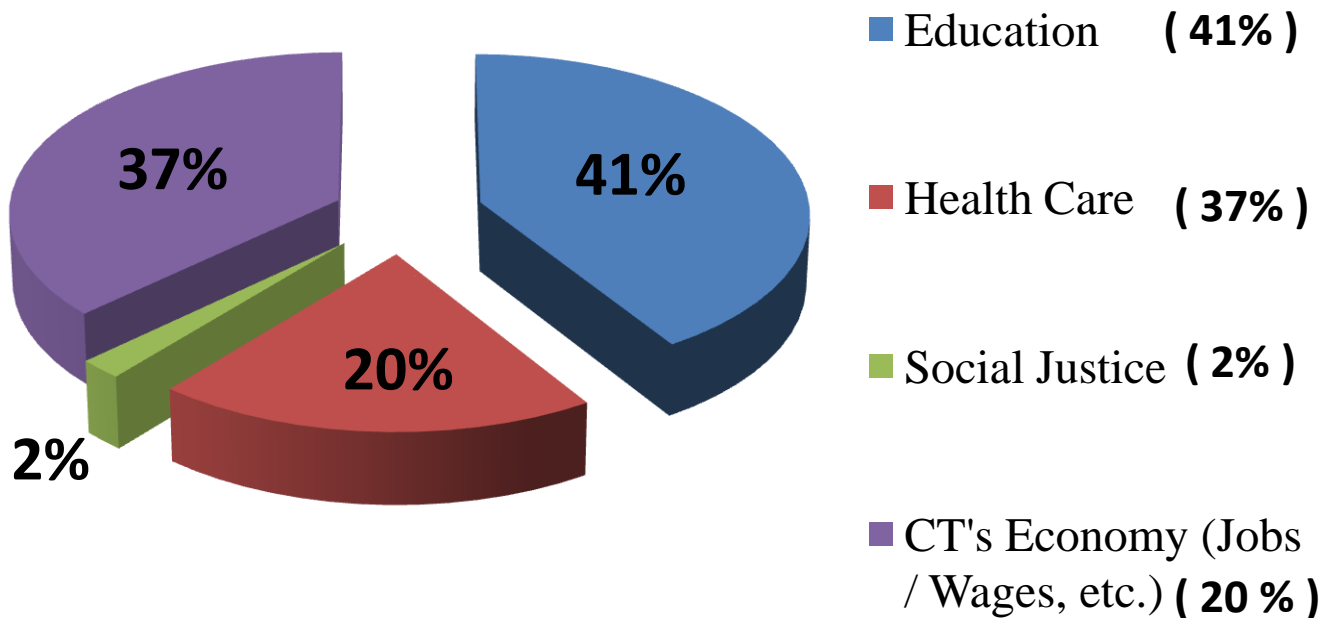
Christopher Murphy (D)



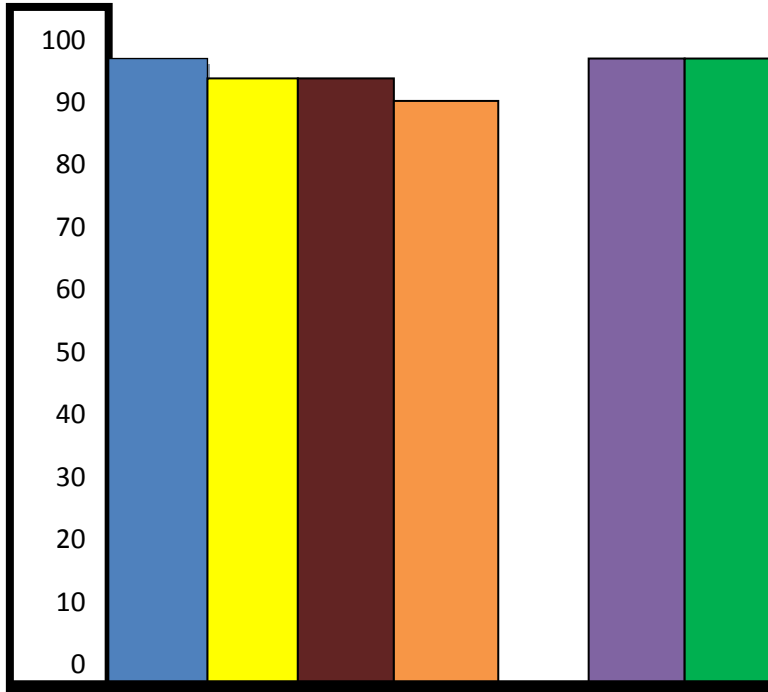
1. Farmington
2. Goshen
3. Meriden
4. New Britain
5. Plainville
6. Simsbury
7. Waterbury

CT'S EDUCATION, ECONOMY & HEALTH CARE ARE RANKED TOP PRIORITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT AT STATEWIDE FORUM

During the October 20, 2010 Forum participants from 15 Connecticut Cities ranked CT's Education, Economy and Health Care as the top three most important areas that need improvement in the State of Connecticut.



2010 Concerned Citizens' & Candidate Forum Participants' Rate Forum as Exceptional / Excellent - Good



The following percentages of participants rated the 2010 Forum to be in the overall Exceptional / Excellent through Good Range:

- 96%** rated the forum's effectiveness & quality in the exceptional to good range
- 94%** reported the forum helped them to better understand the responsibilities of elected officials and state agencies to address the health, education, social justice and economic needs of CT's citizens.
- 94%** of participants rated the presenters in the exceptional, excellent to good range.
- 90%** of participants rated the Economic Panel in the exceptional, excellent to good range.
- 88%** of participants rated the Health Panel in the exceptional, excellent to good range.
- 95%** of participants rated the Education Panel in the exceptional, excellent to good range
- 95%** of participants rated the Social Justice Panel in the exceptional, excellent to good range.

Urban Issues Forum Report Card Includes Ratings of Citizens from Twenty-Six (26) Connecticut Urban, Suburban or Rural towns.

2010 Urban Issues Forum Participant Survey Results



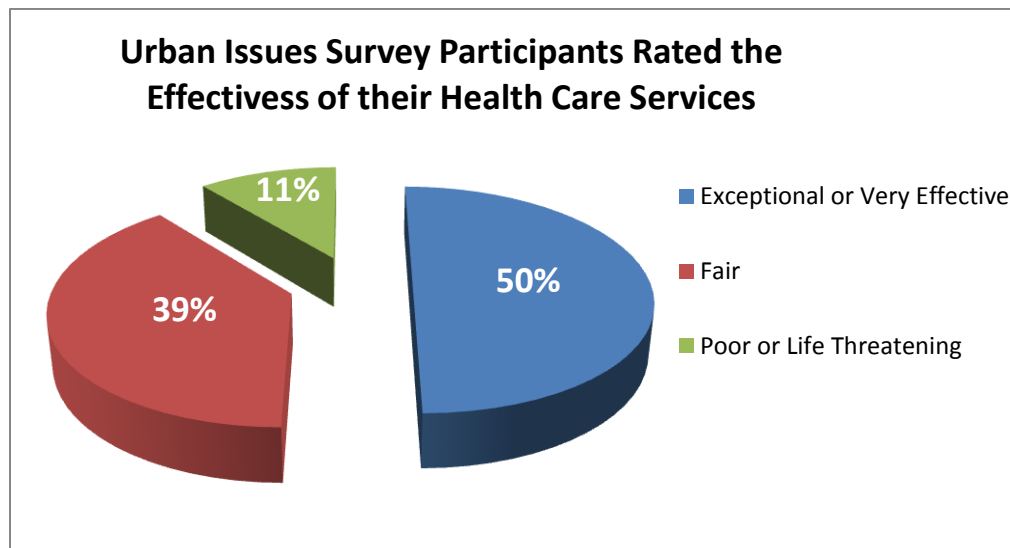
The 2010 Urban Issues Forum took place on April 24, 2010 at the CT State Legislative Office Building. This statewide nonpartisan collaborative event was supported by 14 organizations and agencies and included attendees from 26 Connecticut urban, rural and suburban towns. It successfully offered U.S. Congressional Elected Officials, CT State Constitutional Elected Officials, CT State Candidates running for office, Urban Issues Experts and State Agency Leaders the opportunity to meet "face to face" with concerned citizens for an "interactive dialogue session" on issues affecting communities throughout Connecticut. Forum participants were given the opportunity to utilize a citizen's report card survey document to express and rate their concerns on Connecticut health, education, social justice and political / election process urban issues:

Survey participant results included the following health, education, social justice and election process findings:

- 1) **Survey participants were asked to rate the effectiveness of health care their family receives in Connecticut:**

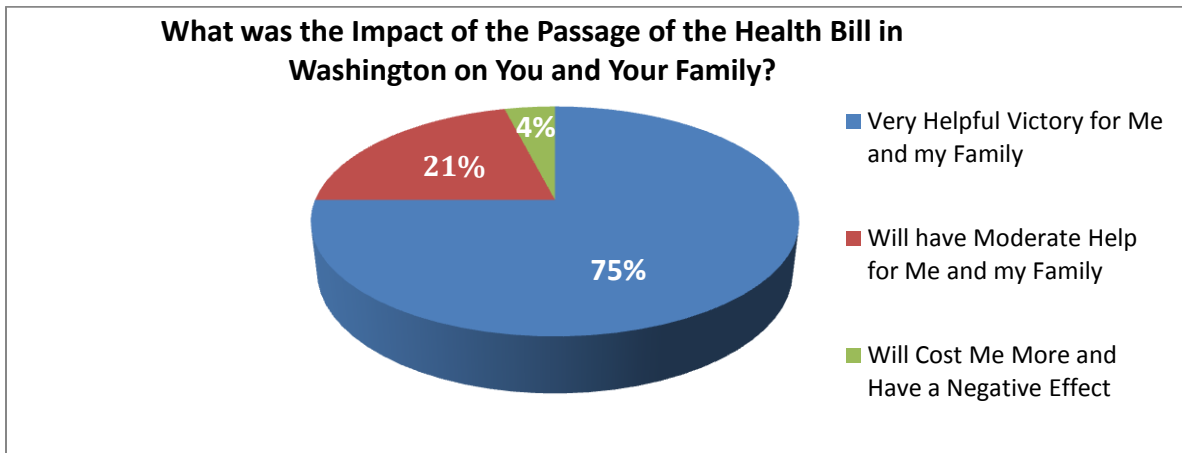
FORUM PARTICIPANTS REPORT ON EFFECTIVENESS OF CURRENT HEALTH CARE IN CT:

Fifty (50%) of survey participants reported that the effectiveness of their health care was in the exceptional to very effective range. Thirty-nine percent (39%) rated their health care services as fair and eleven 11% rated their health care services as poor or life threatening.



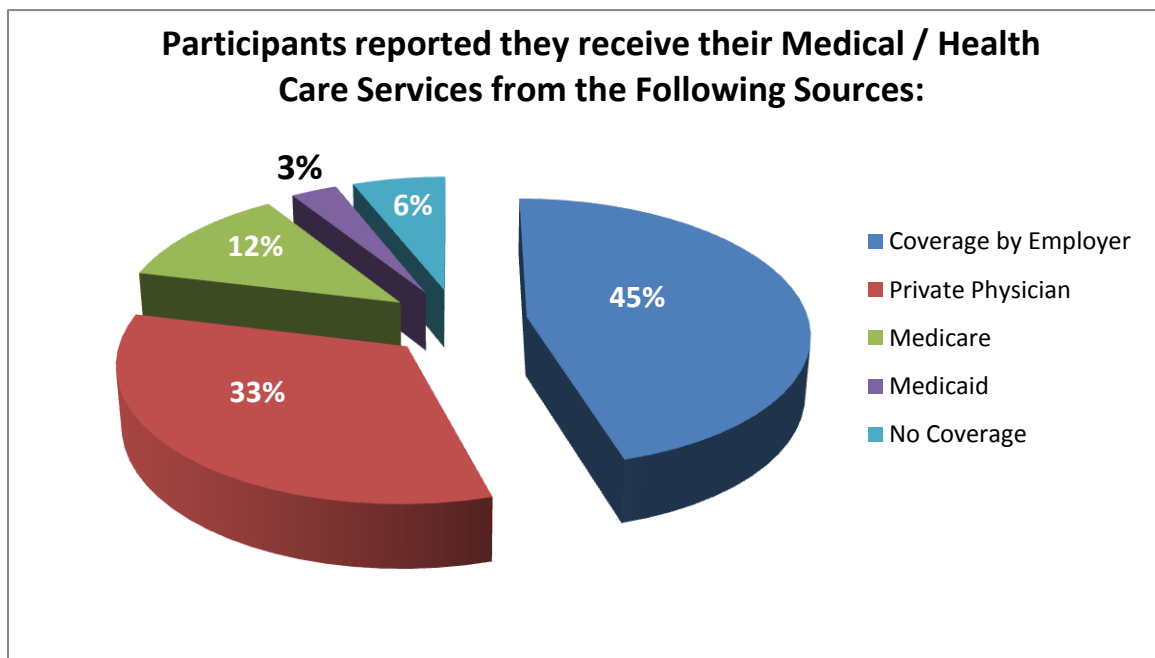
2) PARTICIPANTS RATE PERSONAL IMPACT OF THE PASSAGE OF THE NATION’S HEALTH BILL:

Seventy-five Percent (75%) of Forum Survey Participants reported that the passage of the Health Bill in Washington was a very helpful victory for them and their family, twenty-one Percent (21%) stated that it will provide moderate help for them and their family, and four percent (4%) stated that it will cost them more and have a negative effect.

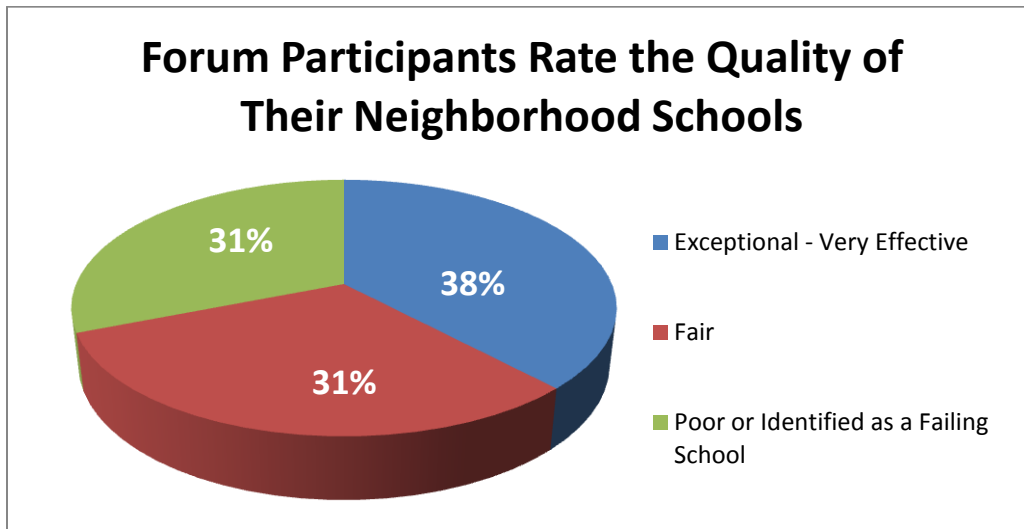


3) Who are the Medical Providers for Connecticut Forum Survey Participants?

Forty-five percent (45%) of survey participants reported that they receive medical / health care through their employer, thirty-three percent (33%) reported that they receive it from private physicians, twelve percent (12%) said Medicare, three percent (3%) reported that they use Medicaid for their children and six percent (6%) reported that they have no coverage at all.

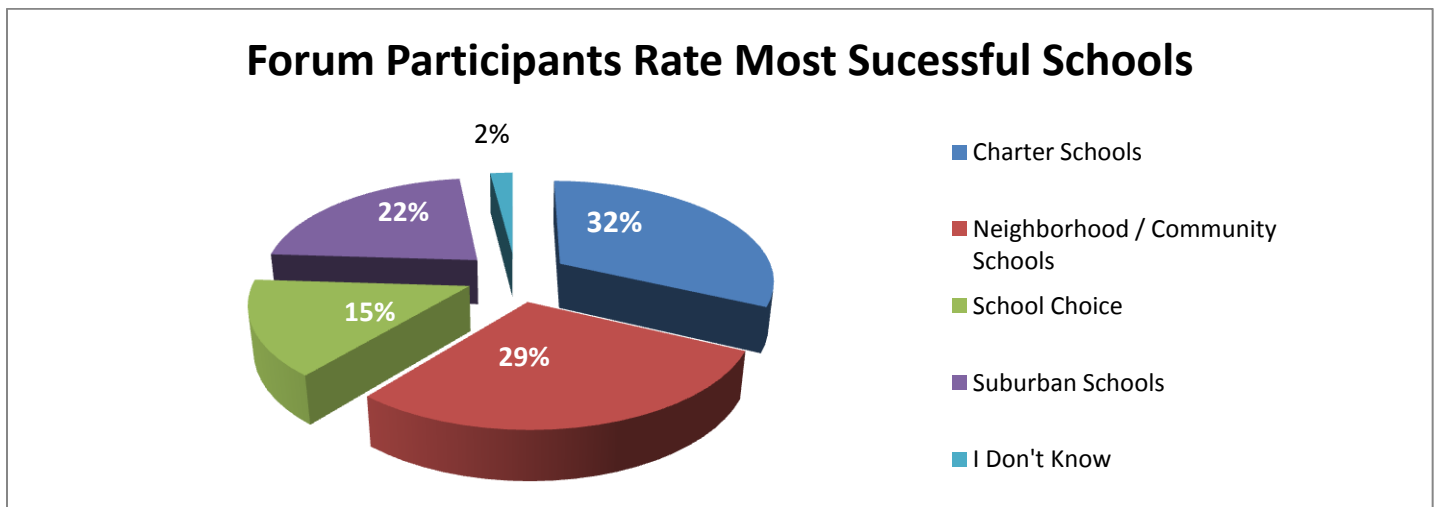


- 4) **Survey Participants Rate the Quality of Education in their Neighborhood Schools:**
 Thirty-Eight percent (38%) of forum participants rated their neighborhood schools as exceptional and very effective, thirty-one percent (31%) rated the schools as fair and thirty-one percent (31%) rated their neighborhood schools as poor or as “identified as a failing school”.



- 5) **Survey Participants Give their Opinions on Connecticut’s Most Successful Urban, Suburban or Rural Schools or Educational Programs:**

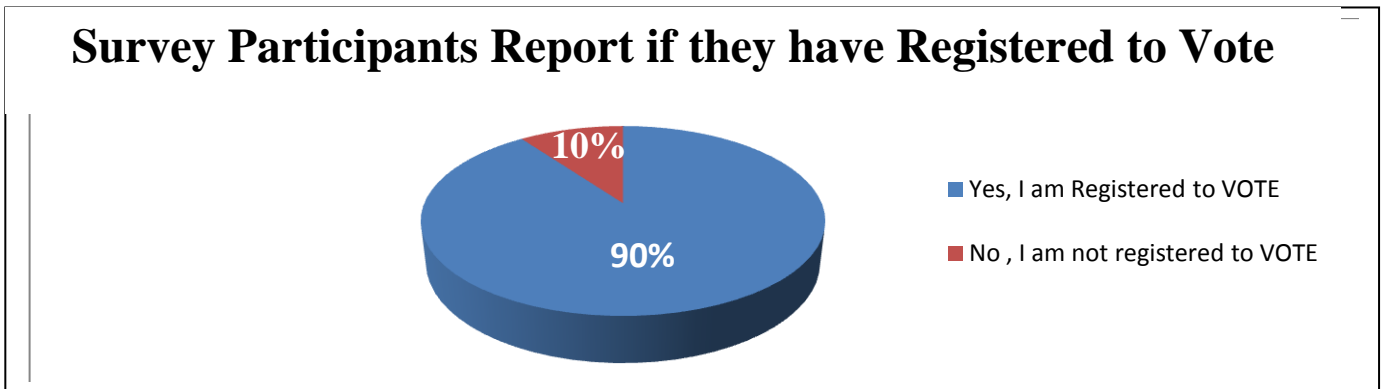
Thirty-two percent (32%) of Forum survey respondents rate charter schools as the most successful; twenty-nine percent (29%) rate neighborhood schools as most successful; twenty-two percent (22%) rate suburban schools as most successful fifteen percent (15%) rate School Choice as most successful and two percent (2%) stated they did not know. In addition, participants stated that private schools, magnet schools, the Comer School Development Model and schools with the Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment program were the most successful schools.



6) POLITICAL PROCESS

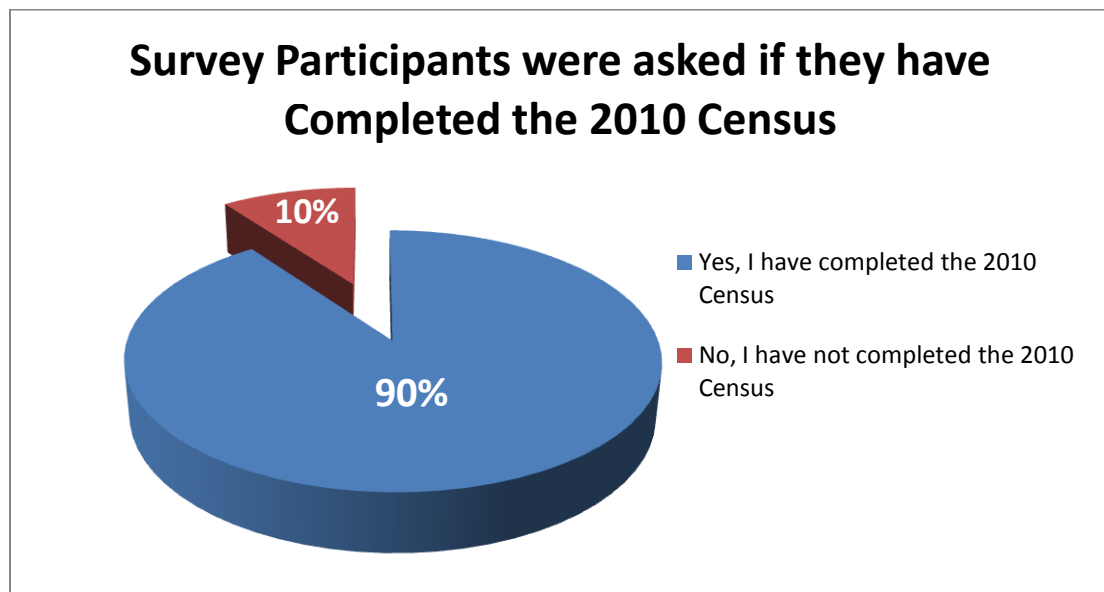
Percentage of Survey Participants Who Have Registered to Vote:

Ninety percent (90%) of forum participants reported that they have registered to vote, and ten percent (10%) reported that they had not yet registered to vote.



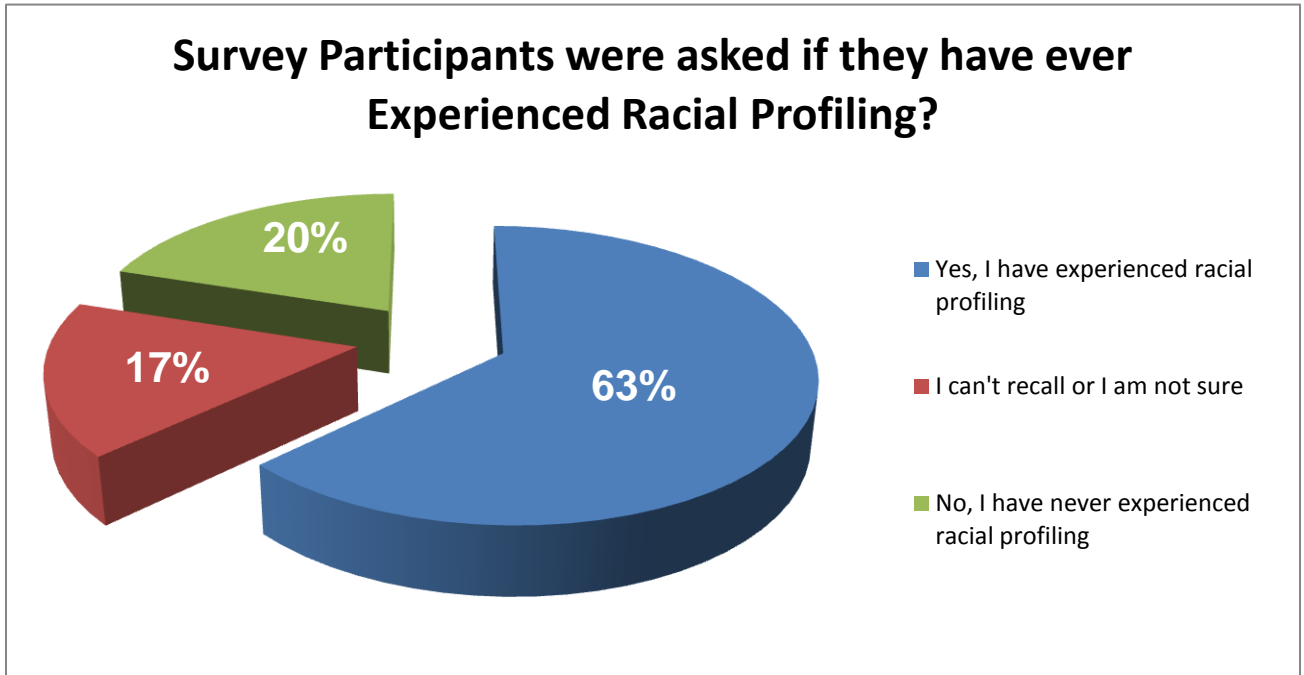
7) Survey Participants Respond to Question, “Have you completed the 2010 Census?”

Ninety percent (90%) of forum participants reported that they have completed the 2010 Census and ten percent (10%) reported that they have not completed the 2010 Census.



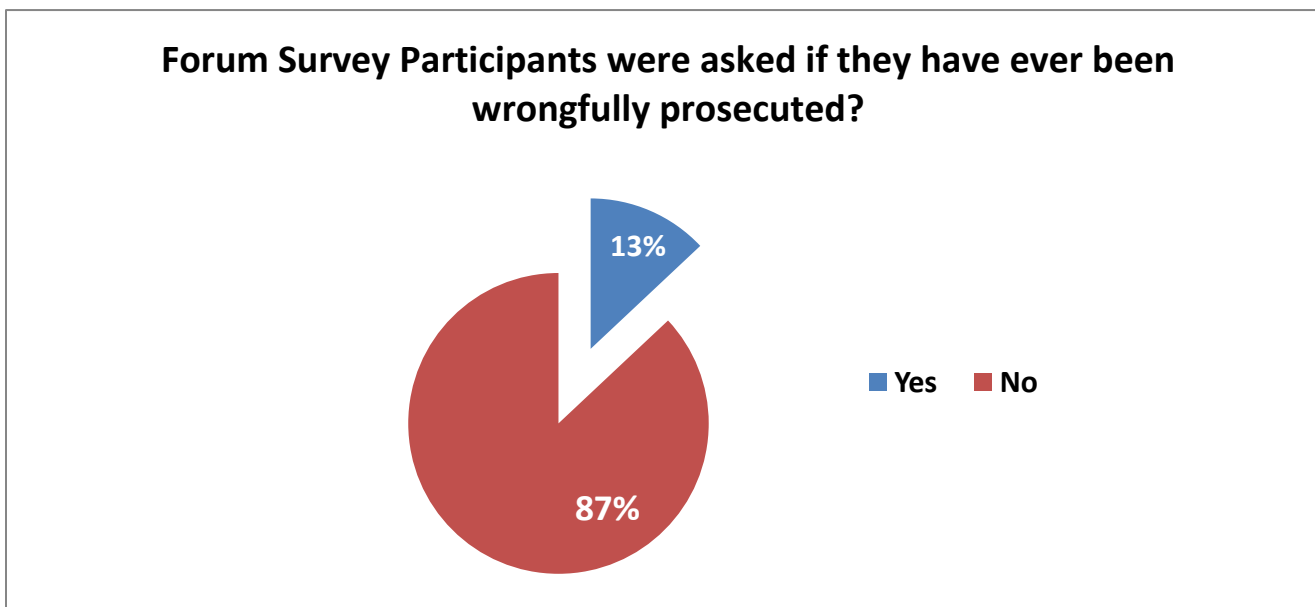
8) **SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES: What Percentage of Forum Participants reported that they have experienced racial profiling?**

Sixty-Three Percent (63%) of Forum Participants reported that they have experienced racial profiling; twenty percent (20%) reported they have not experienced racial profiling; and seventeen percent (17%) reported that they do not recall or they are not sure.



9) **What percentage of Urban Issue Forum Participants reported that they were wrongfully prosecuted?**

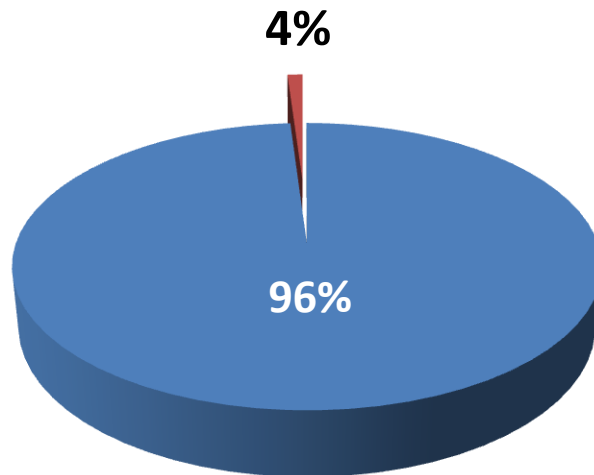
Thirteen Percent (13%) of Forum Participants reported that they have been wrongfully prosecuted and eighty-seven percent (87%) reported they had not.



10) URBAN ISSUES FORUM SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGES AND INFORMS PARTICIPANTS:

Ninety-six percent (96%) of forum survey participants reported that the 2010 Urban Issues Forum provided Exceptional / Good or fairly informative information about Results Based Accountability as it relates to Health, Education, Social Justice and Political Process during the Urban Issues Forum. Four percent (4%) stated it did not.

Survey Participant were asked if the 2010 Urban Issues Forum informed them about CT Health, Education, Social Justice and Political Process Results Based Accountability (RBA)



ACHIEVING RESULTS BASED ACCOUNTABILITY:

Improving the Quality of Health, Education, Social Justice & CT's Economy for Children, Youth, Women and Our Families

October 20, 2010 Legislative Forum

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Morning Session: 9:00 A.M – 12:15 P.M. - Panel of National and State Experts on Health, Education, Social Justice and the State of CT's Economy

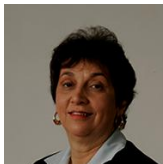
9:00 A.M. Welcoming Greetings and Opening Remarks:



Moderator: Patricia Baker,
President and CEO of the CT Health Foundation



Reminder to Get Out the Vote!
Connecticut Secretary of the State - Susan Bysiewicz



Nancy DiNardo, CT Democratic Party Chair
Christopher C. Healy, CT Republican Party Chair or Representative *(Invited)*

CT's Economy: Results Based Accountability to Prevent and Improve the Quality of Living for CT's Children, Youth and Families – WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CT

9:20A.M. Panel Discussion



- Reenergizing CT's Economy
Christopher Donovan, Speaker of the House



- Results Based Accountability
Representative Diana Urban - Select Committee on Children, Chair



- A Historical Perspective on CT's Finances: *The Past, The Present and Next Steps into the Future*
Howard Rufkin, Deputy Treasurer on behalf of Denise Nappier, State Treasurer of the State of Connecticut



- Update on Child Poverty in the State of Connecticut
Elaine Zimmerman, Executive Director of the Commission on Children

Health: Results Based Accountability and Improving the Quality of Health for CT's Children, Youth and Families: CT'S OUTCOMES / CHALLENGES and SUCCESSES

10: 10 A.M. Panel Discussion and Citation & Award Presentation:



Francis P. Padilla, Vice President Programs, Policy & Administration Universal Health Care Foundation of CT



Natalie Holder-Winfield, J.D., President of Quest Diversity

Education: Results Based Accountability and Closing the Achievement Gap CT'S CHALLENGES / OUTCOMES / SUCCESSES / RECOMMENDATIONS ?

10:40 A.M. Panel Discussion:



Representative Andrew Fleishmann, Chair of the Education Committee



Dr. Marion Martinez, Associate Commissioner Division of Teaching, Learning and Instructional Leadership



Dr. Alex Johnston, Chief Executive Officer of ConnCAN



Werner Oyanadel, Latino & Puerto Rican Affairs Commission Acting Director



Merva Jackson, Parent Advocate & Executive Director of AFCAMP

Social Justice: Results Based Accountability: Eradicating Inequities to Improve the Quality of Life for CT's Children, Youth, Women and Families

11:30 A.M. Panel Discussion



Representative Toni Walker, Chair of the Human Services Committee



Attorney Michael Jefferson, Founder of Connecticut's First A Civilian Review Board



Attorney Cheryl Sharp, Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities



Dr. Mark Mitchell, President of the Coalition of Environmental Justice

2010 CT Concerned Citizens' & Candidates' Forum

October 20, 2010 Afternoon Session

- *Student and Organizational Community Service Awards*
- *Candidates' Forum on Key Issues of Concern & Candidates' Solutions*



Leo Canty, Master of Ceremonies for October 20, 2010 Forum Afternoon Session

Mr. Canty is Second Vice President of the American Federation of Teachers - Connecticut. He is a member of AFT Local 3837, University Health Professionals. Leo helped organize his local union at UConn Health Center in 1978 and held offices as Treasurer and President.



Organizational Advocacy and Student Community Service Awards

CT Student Recognition for Environmental / Health Outreach

CT Student Recognition for Exemplary Community Service

Organizational Outstanding Leadership and Advocacy for CT's Children & Youth



CONNECTICUT STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AT THE CT STATE LEGISLATURE

Students from the following 10 CT Towns were honored by the CT General Assembly with Citations of Recognition for their Exemplary Community Service or Environmental / Health Outreach Services: 1) Bridgeport, 2) East Hartford, 3) Farmington, 4) Greenwich, 5) Hartford, 6) New Haven, 7) Manchester, 8) New London, , 9) Windsor and 10) Simsbury.



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CANDIDATES' FORUM

Dear Candidate:

If elected, how will "YOU" Achieve Successful Outcomes in the areas of Health, Education, Social Justice & CT's Economy for CT's Children, Youth, Women and All of Our Families?

Invited CT Candidates for Governor



Dan Malloy
Democratic Party



Tom Foley
Republican Party



Thomas E. Marsh
Independent Party

Invited U.S. Senate Candidates



Richard Blumenthal
Democratic Party



Linda E. McMahon
Republican Party



John Mertens
CT for Lieberman Party



Warren Mosler
Independent Party

Invited CT Candidates for State Treasurer



Denise Nappier
Democratic Party



Jeff Wright
Republican Party



S. David Bue
Green Party



Andrew Grant White
Independent Party

Invited CT Candidates for Secretary of the State



Denise Merrill
Democratic Party



Jerry Farrell, Jr.
Republican Party



Michael DeRosa
Green Party



Michael J. Telesca
Independent Party



Ken Mosher
Libertarian Party

CT Candidates for Attorney General



George Jepsen
Democratic Party



Martha Dean
Republican Party



Steven E.D. Fournier
Independent Party

Invited CT Candidates for Comptroller



Kevin Lembo
Democratic Party



Jack Orchulli
Republican Party



Joshua Katz
Libertarian



Colin Bennett
Green Party



Hugh Dolan
Independent

U.S. Candidates from the CT's Five U.S. Congressional Districts

Invited Candidates for Congressional District #1



John B. Larson
Democratic Party



Ann Birkley
Republican Party



Kenneth J. Krayeske
Green Party



Christopher J. Hutchinson
Socialist Action Party

Invited Candidates for Congressional District #2



Joe Courtney
Democratic Party



Janet Peckinpaugh
Republican Party



G. Scott Deshefy
Green Party

Invited Candidates for Congressional District #3



Rosa L DeLauro
Democratic Party

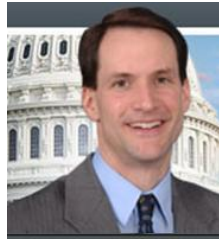


Jerry Lariola, Jr
Republican Party



Charles A Pillsbury
Green Party

Invited Candidates for Congressional District #4



Jim Himes
Democratic Party



Dan Debicella
Republican Party

Invited Candidates for Congressional District #5



Chris Murphy
Democratic Party



Sam S.F. Caligiuri
Republican Party

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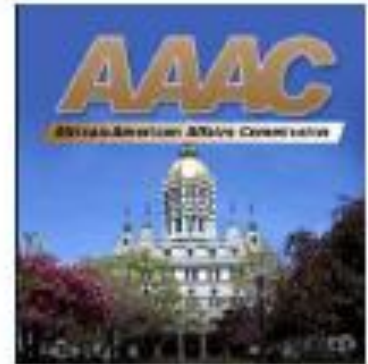
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