

Voting is Necessary – It's a Matter of Life and Death

You are eligible to vote in CT – Cast your vote on November 5



Know your State legislators. Every person in CT has a local Senator and House Representative representing their needs. These are the men and women who will cast their votes at the capitol on the bills that OSJ introduces – the bills that will create fair laws and public policies for our community. To find out more, visit the OSJ Voting page (OneStandardOfJustice.org/Voting). To find your Legislators, visit:

CGA.CT.gov/asp/menu/cgafindleg.asp

OSJ needs to ask every person and loved one in this community to become civically engaged. Civic

engagement is intended to improve everyone's quality of life through various activities including voting. In CT, elections have a low turnout. Races are won or lost, sometimes by just 140 votes or even as few as 8. You may want to discuss OSJ's proposed bills (on reverse side) with your candidates. If this community gets out their vote, we may achieve policy changes quicker. However, it requires your action.

Do this: Check with the registrar of voters in your current town of residence to be certain you are registered to vote and are on their roster so you learn where you'll be voting on **November 5**. You can also check online at:

PortalDir.CT.gov/sots/lookup.aspx

December Meetups Scheduled in Hamden & Hartford

We will be visiting the towns of Hamden and Hartford in December for informal open houses and presentations. Pick one or both and show up!

Most importantly, we must hear from you – complete the OSJ Contact Form (OneStandardOfJustice.org/Contact-Us) so that we will be able to remind you of these important events, as well as provide further information or changes as they become available.

There will be special guests at both events. Refreshments will be served.



Hartford

SATURDAY, December 7

at the

Lyceum Resource & Conference Center

Conference Center 2

227 Lawrence Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Pardon workshop (by invite only): 10:15 AM – Noon

Open House: Noon – 2:30 PM

Presentation: 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM.

Free parking lot immediately before the Lyceum &
On-Street Parking

Hamden

FRIDAY, December 13

at the

Whitneyville Cultural Commons

The Putnam Room

1247 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT 06517

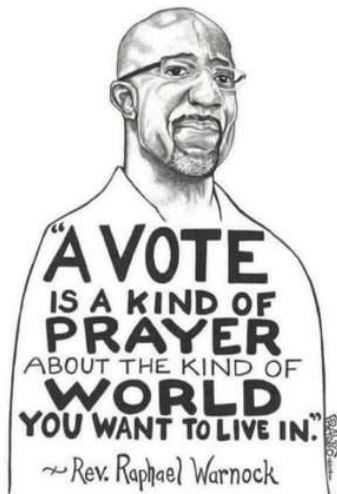
Open House: 5:30 PM – 7 PM

Dinner at 6:15 PM

Presentation: 7 PM – 8:15 PM

Free parking behind building
(direct access to The Putnam Room)

2024-25 Legislative Campaign – Something for Everyone!



Paid in Full – 800 people were unjustly put on the Registry for life on October 1, 1998, outside of any judicial process and have been offense-free for nearly 30 years. A bill recognizing that their debt has been ‘Paid In Full,’ releasing them from the Registry (23-1194) passed the Senate on a bipartisan vote but didn’t get the votes in the House. This year OSJ is hopeful of taking it across the finish line.

Right to Judicial Sentence Review – AKA early termination of probation. Individuals convicted of a crime of a sexual nature have mandatory probation of 10 to 35-year terms. Most crimes of a sexual nature are explicitly excluded from judicial review that could lead to sentence modification. OSJ’s bill is designed to give back discretion to judges. Everyone would be eligible for a hearing after 5 successful years on probation.

Removing Felony Charges for Lost Mail – Every three months, every person on the Registry is sent a letter to verify their address. We plan on reducing the penalty from a felony to an infraction.

Pardons are possible. OSJ’s pardon program is helping to change lives. Your pardon coach will get you through the application process and support you until your application is submitted – all without the need for an attorney. And more!

Open Mic night and an OSJ Board Member

Let your voice be heard. Another way for interactive discussion through a Zoom meeting. Usually these are fun and informal. Our next

scheduled meeting is on Halloween – starting at 6:30 PM. To receive the Zoom link and be informed about future *pop-up* Open Mic nights, sign up for our announcements using the OSJ Contact Form:

OneStandardOfJustice.org/Contact-Us

The link will be sent three days before the event.

Is Relief on the Way or Already Here? – Did you Know?

- If you have an out-of-state conviction, live in CT, and your term on the Registry has expired in the state of conviction, you can be removed from the CT Registry.
- You can send your verification letter by email. Simply take a photo of your signed letter and email it to: SORU@ct.gov (Be sure to include the whole letter in the photo).

Next Newsletter

Sign up for our newsletter using our Contact Form (OneStandardOfJustice.org/Contact-Us) to be sure to receive our next newsletter in January which will include more details on probation and pardons.

Donate to OSJ

You can donate to our organization by sending a check to PO Box 461, New Canaan, CT 06840 or by visiting our website:

OneStandardOfJustice.org/Donate

Contact OSJ

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to get in touch with us. If necessary, we may also be reached via leaving a message on our business line (203-680-0567).

We are a small (but MIGHTY) organization, so please understand that it may take us some time to return your message. Please come to our meetups if you are able. All are welcome (though no one under 18 please). Bring your family and friends!