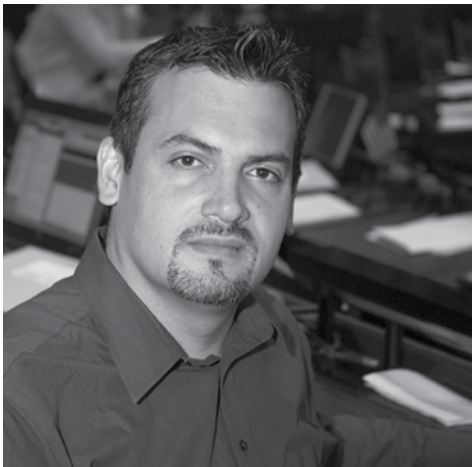




Rep. Candelaria and the New Haven delegation.



Rep. Candelaria, proudly serving New Haven.

A BALANCED BUDGET *for* CONNECTICUT

– *On Time and On Target*

By working hard and reaching across party lines to create a compromise, we were able to balance this year's state budget with:

- » No tax increases
- » No cuts in municipal aid or education funding (ECS)
- » Maintained funding for hospitals, schools, libraries, and courthouses
- » Funding for dental care and prescriptions for seniors and the disabled
- » Lower co-pays for home care services on average \$100/month (AARP endorsed)
- » A \$500 individual property tax credit to help offset local property taxes
- » Guaranteeing an average 60% reduction to a fee on your electric bill

*We erased a \$10 billion deficit,
balancing the budget on time and on target.*

New Haven Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Aid	
PILOT: State Owned Property	\$4,390,033
PILOT: Colleges & Hospitals	\$34,234,458
Town Aid Roads	\$610,471
Local Capital Improvement Program	\$1,901,108
Pequot/Mohegan Aid	\$7,323,486
Adult Education	\$2,838,323
School Transportation	\$3,613,337
Educational Cost Sharing	\$142,509,525
Total State Funds to New Haven	\$197,420,740

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Capitol Update

The 2010 legislative session has been one of both challenge and compromise as we worked to address the state budget deficiency. In the end, we saw real results as legislative leadership and the Governor worked together to craft a sound, responsible and fair state budget. I am proud that we were able to work together, across party lines, to create a compromise and close the 2010 and 2011 fiscal years with no deficit and a balanced budget that avoided both devastating cuts to services and widespread tax increases.

La sesion legislativa del 2010 ha sido un reto y a la misma vez un compromiso de trabajar juntos para resolver las deficiencias del presupuesto estatal. Me siento muy orgulloso de haber trabajado con ambos partidos para evitar cortes y servicios importantes a nuestra comunidad. Me siento muy optimista de que la economía en Connecticut va mejor y seguiré trabajando para ser tu voz en el capitolio.



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Important phone numbers

To reach many state services, call InfoLine **211**

ConnPACE	800.423.5026
Medicare Hotline	800.633.4227
Long-Term Care	800.547.3443
Commission on Aging	860.240.5200
Medicare Advocacy	800.262.4414
Consumer Protection	800.842.2649
CT Veterans Affairs	860.616.3600
CT Elder Services	866.218.6631
Health Care Advocate	866.466.4446

Reducing Costs for Homecare Services

Seniors using the CT Homecare Program for Elders will soon see a reduction in their monthly costs for critical in-home services, such as meal deliveries and personal care assistance. The budget reduces the percentage seniors pay for these services from 15% to 6% – saving the average client nearly \$100 each month.

Protecting Homeowners in Tough Times

The state's foreclosure mediation program prohibits banks from continuing to charge homeowners late fees if the banks do not show up for mediation sessions or arrive unprepared. The mediation program is paid through the state Department of Banking and we are now extending it until 2012.

Taxpayers Off the Hook for Evicted Property

Local taxpayers have been relieved of the cost of storing the belongings of evicted tenants. Tenant's rights will be protected because state marshals will be responsible for removal, delivery and storage of belongings.

Improving the Senior Driver Discount Program

New legislation encourages seniors to keep their driving skills sharp by making it easier to qualify for safe driver discounts. People age 60 and older will now be able to complete a shorter, 4-hour driving program to be eligible for a two-year discount of 5% or more on their automobile insurance.



Protecting Seniors Assets from the Medicaid Spend-Down

New legislation will help seniors protect their assets when their spouse needs to enter a nursing home. Under current law, the spouse remaining at home must spend-down half of his or her assets in order to allow the ill spouse to qualify for Medicaid coverage. This year, we increased the asset cap, so that the couple can keep assets up to \$110,000 and still qualify the ill spouse for Medicaid.

Education Reform

This year, the General Assembly passed the most significant piece of education reform legislation in a generation.

The legislation:

- » Requires high school students to take more math, science and foreign language courses.
- » Sets up a framework to tie a teacher's performance evaluation to the academic growth of his or her students.
- » Requires schools to offer advanced placement classes.
- » Requires high school students to take end-of-year exams in core subjects.
- » Requires schools to hold parent-teacher conferences twice a year.
- » Requires school governance councils, made up mostly of parents, that can recommend reconstituting a failing school to increase student performance.

Reducción a Los Costos De Servicios Domiciliarios

El programa de atención domiciliaria para nuestros envejecientes pronto verá una reducción en sus costos mensuales para los servicios críticos en el hogar, tales como el servicio de comidas y la asistencia para el cuidado personal. El presupuesto reduce el porcentaje de personas mayores que pagan por estos servicios de un 15% a un 6% - con un promedio de ahorro de casi \$ 100 por mes.

Más Protección Para Medicaid

Nosotros en la legislatura aprobamos una nueva ley que ayudará a nuestros envejecientes a proteger sus ahorros en caso de que su cónyuge/pareja tenga que ser admitido a un asilo de ancianos. Bajo la ley actual, el cónyuge/pareja que se queda en casa tiene que pagar la mitad de sus deducibles (spend-down) a fin de que el cónyuge/pareja enfermo(a) pueda calificar para la cobertura de Medicaid. Este año, el cónyuge/pareja puede mantener su deducible (spend-down) hasta 110,000 dólares y todavía calificar para Medicaid.

Derechos a Inquilinos

- » Los contribuyentes locales de impuestos no pagaran por los gastos de desalojos y almacenamiento de las pertenencias de inquilinos desalojados.
- » Los derechos de los inquilinos estarán protegidos porque los mariscales del Estado serán los responsables de remover, entregar y almacenar las pertenencias de los inquilinos desalojados. Tendrás 15 días para pagar y recuperar tus pertenencias.

Descuentos de Seguro Para Envejecientes

Con esta nueva ley, nuestros envejecientes podrán obtener descuentos en sus pólizas de seguro de vehículos con solo completar un entrenamiento de conducir defensivo. Las personas mayores de 60 años podrán completar en 4 horas este programa de conducir defensivo y ser elegibles a un descuento de 5% o más por dos años en su póliza de seguro de automóvil.



Rep. Candelaria speaks at a rally on education reform.

Mas Protección a Propietarios de Vivienda en Tiempos Difíciles

El programa de mediación para las ejecuciones de hipotecas prohíbe que los bancos continúen cobrando a propietarios cargos por pagos atrasados, si no se presentan a las sesiones de mediación o llegan sin preparación. El programa de mediación es pagado a través del Departamento de Banca y el programa se amplía hasta el año 2012.

Reforma Educational

Este año, la Asamblea General aprobó la reforma de ley mas significativa en una generación.

La legislación:

- » Requiere a los estudiantes de escuela superior tomar más cursos de matemáticas, ciencia y otros idiomas
- » Establece un sistema para evaluar profesores de acuerdo al nivel de aprendizaje y progreso educacional de sus estudiantes
- » Requiere que las escuelas ofrezcan clases avanzadas de universidad
- » Requiere que los estudiantes de escuela superior tomen exámenes de fin de año de sus clases primarias
- » Requiere que escuelas lleven a cabo conferencias con los padres y profesores dos veces al año
- » Requiere que los consejos de gobierno de las escuelas compuestos mayormente de padres, puedan recomendar la reconstitución de las escuelas que fracasan para aumentar el éxito educacional de los estudiantes

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