

CADCA Congressional Election Guide 2026

All Politics is local.



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Background

“All politics is local.” Public policy is fundamentally decided at the polls. It is more important than ever for those concerned about drug, alcohol and nicotine prevention, treatment and recovery to put these issues on the political agenda. The upcoming general election provides wonderful opportunities to get our issues on candidates’ radar screens.

Congressional candidates must hear from constituents about the importance of solving drug and underage drinking issues through effective community-based prevention, treatment and recovery approaches. To help you in this process, CADCA has created an Election Guide for the 2026 General Election.

The CADCA Election Guide gives you the tools you need to raise and address prevention, treatment, recovery and rescue/overdose response issues at campaign events around the country.

The CADCA Guide includes the following information:

- How to raise drug substance use issues with the candidates (page 3)
- Sample questions to get the candidates on record (pages 4-5)
- The Election Center (Appendix 1) (pages 6-9)
- Points of Contact for State Boards of Elections (Appendix 2) (pages 10-14)
- A follow-up survey to document the candidates’ positions (Appendix 3) (pages 15-16)
- A summary of relevant federal tax and election laws for 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations (Appendix 4) (page 17)

CADCA’s hope is that coalitions around the country will use this guide to let as many candidates as possible running for office in 2026 know that they must seriously address alcohol, nicotine and addictive drug issues as part of their campaigns. In that way, the winners of these elections will know these issues are of great concern to their constituents when they take office.

The entire House of Representatives (all 435 members) as well as 35 senators are up for reelection. To find out who is running for the House and Senate in your district and state go to https://ballotpedia.org/Main_Page and click on “2026 elections”.

How to Raise Substance Use Issues with the Candidates

Attend Campaign Events, Forums, and Town Meetings

Make sure that you have coalition members or volunteers at each event to ask questions to get the candidates on record. (Sample questions are on pages 4-5.) Search for candidate events in your area using the election center guidance (election center information are on pages 6-9).

Encourage local media to focus on substance use issues

Make your own news. Encourage your local media to focus on substance use issues when providing press coverage for campaign events (for sample questions see pages 4-5). Tweet at campaigns and engage with candidates online via their social media platforms. Many candidates have web forms that allow you to ask questions on their websites. See if your local daily newspaper will agree in advance to print the candidates' responses to your questions. If so, let the candidates know this, and they will very likely respond. If they respond, publicize the responses locally through your newsletter, letters to the editor, editorials, etc. If you get a commitment from one candidate, tell the other candidates "Candidate X is on board, where do you stand?" Publicize the answers.

Brief your local press corps (print, radio, TV, internet, social media). Try to get them interested in raising questions about the candidates' positions on prevention, treatment, recovery and rescue/overdose response issues. Schedule an editorial board meeting to discuss these issues. Writing an op-ed piece also will draw attention to drug and alcohol issues through publication in your local newspaper.

Sample Questions to Get Candidates on Record

In order to get the candidates' positions regarding substance use prevention, treatment, recovery, and rescue/overdose response on the record, CADCA has prepared the following sample questions to be asked at election events, town meetings, social media, and candidate forums.

Comprehensive Demand Reduction Approach

1. Would you support increased federal funding for a truly comprehensive approach to battle the current polydrug epidemic facing our nation, including prevention, treatment, recovery support, and rescue/overdose response?

Prevention

1. Community coalitions have proven to be highly effective in reducing youth vaping, drug use, and underage drinking in this community and in many others across the country. If elected, would you support increased funding for community coalitions through the Drug-Free Communities program?
2. Given prevention is the most efficient and cost-effective way to address the overdose crisis, would you allocate additional resources for community-based substance use prevention to stop or delay substance use among kids? Please elaborate on your reasoning.
3. Underage alcohol use is still the number 1 substance used by youth. Do you support reauthorizing and fully funding the Sober Truth on Preventing (STOP) Underage Drinking Act, the only federal program that specifically targets underage alcohol use?

Treatment

1. Do you support increased funding for appropriate and effective substance use treatment services for all who want to access them? Why or why not? Please elaborate.
2. Do you support addiction treatment parity, which ensures that all Americans have access to life saving addiction treatment, by eliminating any remaining insurance or other barriers that are still in place?

Rescue and Overdose Response

1. Do you support strategies to ensure that people who use drugs have universal access to overdose reversal medications such as naloxone?
2. Do you support Good Samaritan laws that provide legal immunity for individuals who call for 911 assistance when experiencing or observing a drug overdose? Why or why not?

Recovery

1. Over the past 30 years Congress has enacted a series of laws that prevent people in recovery with past criminal histories from obtaining many public benefits. Do you support the repeal of these discriminatory laws for people in recovery?

E-Cigarettes

1. Do you support a national ban on flavored nicotine products, such as e-cigarettes and other tobacco products that attract youth?

Kratom

1. Do you agree that 7-OH, pseudoindoxyl, and other high-potency kratom products should be illegal?

Issues with Intoxicating Cannabinoids derived from hemp such as Delta-8, Delta-10, THC-O

1. Intoxicating hemp products include a rapidly changing range of cannabinoids and formulations that can be modified or reengineered as laws change, allowing the market to evolve faster than laws and regulations can respond. Many health and safety risks also arise from the cannabinoids themselves and therefore cannot be eliminated through age restrictions, labeling, potency limits, or licensing. Do you support excluding products containing intoxicating amounts of cannabinoids from the federal definition of hemp?
2. Congress enacted changes to the federal definition of hemp that are scheduled to take effect in November 2026. These changes would result in the removal of most intoxicating hemp products from convenience stores, smoke shops, grocery stores, and online. Do you support allowing these already enacted changes to take effect without further delays?

Appendix 1: Election Center

CADCA's Advocate Now Toolkit is an online service designed to help determine your federal, state, and local representatives are, and provide critical information related to the 2026 elections. Users can enter their home zip code and street address to access critical voting resources for the 2026 Election such as how to register to vote, who is on the ballot, and who their current representatives are. Only candidates that appear on your ballot will be listed.

To access the Election Center, click [here](#).

View Your Election Center

Enter your address to view voting resources and your officials & candidates

 

Enter your home zip code into the box, then click the arrow.

View Your Election Center

Enter your address to view voting resources and your officials & candidates

 

Next, enter your street address when prompted and click the arrow again.

Voting Resources

Get personalized voting information based on your address

Register to Vote

[voterservices.elections....](#)

Find Your Polling Location

[voterservices.elections....](#)

Get Voting Resources

[elections.maryland.gov](#)

My Elected Officials

Get to know your officials on federal, state and local levels. Learn who supports your organization

[View Officials](#)

My Candidates

Check your candidates for upcoming elections

[View Candidates](#)



On the following page, click “view candidates” to gain access to your Senate and House races.

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U.S. Primary Election

Federal

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US Senate

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US House - 008

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U.S. Primary Election

Primary Elections serve as a mechanism for each political party to select its candidate for an upcoming General Election.

US Senate



Kim Farington
(Republican)

Lost



Bert Mizusawa
(Republican)

Won



Mark Warner
(Democratic)

Won



David Williams
(Republican)

Lost

The page will bring you to a list of your general election races in your home district. You can click to navigate to the full list of candidates on the ballot for the general election in November. Be sure to use the left side of the page to navigate to the information for the General Election.

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U.S. General Election

General Elections allow voters to directly choose their officials for various national and state offices from candidates nominated by their respective political parties through primary elections.

US House - 008

	Donald Beyer Jr. (Democratic)	Running
	Tony Sabio (Republican)	Running
	Shelly Arnoldi (Libertarian)	Running
	Tim Sharman (Independent)	Running

The site shows the general election races between each candidate. When you click on each candidate, you will gain access to candidate profiles.

Each candidate's profile includes a link to their website, where more details related to their campaign platform, press releases, and details about future events they will be holding can be found.

Appendix 2:

Point of Contact for State Boards of Elections

Each state has some form of a Board of Election and CADCA has provided you with each state's point of contact. The point of contact and web page can give you information concerning the 2026 election process in your state. They can also point you to individuals in your city or county who can answer any questions you have concerning voter registration efforts. Information was gathered from the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED) located at <https://www.nased.org/members>

State	Point of Contact for Elections	Web Site
Alabama	(334) 353-7177 Jeff Elrod	http://alabamavotes.gov/
Alaska	(907) 465-4611 Carol Beecher	http://www.elections.alaska.gov/
Arizona	(602) 542-8683 Lisa Marra	http://www.azsos.gov/elections
Arkansas	(501) 683-3721 Lesley Bellamy	https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections
California	(916) 653-5144 Jana Lean	http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections
Colorado	(303) 894-2200 Judd Choate	http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections
Connecticut	(860) 509-6100 Kristin Sullivan	http://portal.ct.gov/sots
Delaware	(302) 739-4277 Anthony Albance	https://elections.delaware.gov/index.shtml
District of Columbia	(202) 727-2525 Monica Evans	http://www.dcboe.org/
Florida	(850) 245-6520 Amber Marconnet	https://dos.fl.gov/elections/
Georgia	(404) 656-2871 Blake Evans	https://sos.ga.gov/elections-division-georgia-secretary-states-office
Hawaii	(808) 453-8683 Scott Nago	http://www.hawaii.gov/elections/
Idaho	(208) 332-2831 Megan Hill	https://voteidaho.gov/election-information/
Illinois	(217) 782-4141 Bernadette Matthews	http://www.elections.il.gov/
Indiana	(317) 232- 3939 Joe McLain	https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/
Iowa	(515) 281-0145 Bailey Kelley	https://sos.iowa.gov/elections-voting
Kansas	(785) 296-4561 Bryan Caskey	http://www.sos.ks.gov/

Kentucky	(502) 573-7100 Karen Sellers	www.elect.ky.gov
Louisiana	(225) 922-0900 Sherri Wharton Hadskey	www.GeauxVote.com
Maine	(207) 624-7736 Julie Flynn	https://www.maine.gov/sos/elections-voting
Maryland	(410) 269-2840 Jared DeMarinis	http://www.elections.state.md.us/
Massachusetts	(617) 727-2828 Michelle Tassinari	http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm
Michigan	(888) 767-6424 Jonathan Brater	www.mi.gov/elections
Minnesota	(651) 556-0612 Paul Linnell	http://www.sos.state.mn.us/
Mississippi	(601) 576-2550	www.sos.ms.gov
Missouri	(573) 751-2301 Chrissy Peters	http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/
Montana	(406) 444-9608 Austin James	http://sos.mt.gov
Nebraska	(402) 471-4127 Wayne J. Bena	http://www.sos.state.ne.us
Nevada	(775) 684-5705 Mark Wlaschin	www.nvsos.gov
New Hampshire	(603) 271-8238 Patricia Piecuch	http://www.sos.nh.gov/
New Jersey	(609) 292-3760 Donna Barber	http://www.njelections.org
New Mexico	(505) 827-3600 Mandy Vigil	http://www.sos.state.nm.us
New York	(518) 474-8100 Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky	http://www.elections.ny.gov
North Carolina	(919) 814-0700 Karen Brinson Bell	https://www.ncsbe.gov/index.html

North Dakota	(701) 328-4146 Erika White	http://www.nd.gov/sos/
Ohio	(614) 466-2655 Chris Burnett	https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections
Oklahoma	(405) 521-2391 Paul Ziriak	http://elections.ok.gov
Oregon	(503) 986-1518 Den Dawson	http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/default.aspx
Pennsylvania	(717) 787-5280 Elissa Dauberman	https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/resources/voting-and-elections-resources
Rhode Island	(401) 222-2340 Kathy Placencia	http://sos.ri.gov/
South Carolina	(803) 734-9060 Conway Belangia	http://www.scvotes.org
South Dakota	(605) 773-5003 Tom Deadrick	http://www.sdsos.gov/
Tennessee	(615) 741-7956 Mark Goins	http://www.state.tn.us/sos/election/index.htm
Texas	(512) 463-5650 Christina Adkins	http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml
Utah	(801) 538-1041 Ryan Cowley	https://vote.utah.gov/
Vermont	(802) 828-2363 Sean Sheehan	https://sos.vermont.gov/elections
Virginia	(804) 864-8901 Steve Koski	https://www.elections.virginia.gov/
Washington	(360) 902-4180 Stuart Holmes	http://www.vote.wa.gov
West Virginia	(304) 558-6000 Brittany Westfall	http://www.wvsos.com
Wisconsin	(608) 266-8175 Meagan Wolfe	http://elections.wi.gov
Wyoming	(307) 777-5860 Paul Raines	http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/Elections.aspx

American Samoa	1-(684)-699-3974 Lealofi Uiagalelei	https://www.osas.as/
Guam	(671) 477-9791 Maria I.D. Pangelinan	http://www.gec.guam.gov
Puerto Rico	(787) 777-8682 Jorge R. Rivera Rueda	http://www.ceepur.org/
U.S. Virgin Islands	(340) 773-1021 Caroline Fawkes	http://www.vivote.gov

Appendix 3:

Follow-Up Survey

Once you get a candidate on record, please use this survey to report that information digitally to CADCA.

CADCA staff will also be available to help you develop follow-up strategies and questions to further refine the positions of the candidates.

[LINK](#)

Your QR Code



Scan this QR code to participate.

Follow-Up Form

Once you get a candidate on record, please use this form to report that information to CADCA.

CADCA staff will also be available to help you develop follow-up strategies and questions to further refine the positions of the candidates. Please scan and email this document to publicpolicy@cadca.org to report this information to CADCA.

Your name and email: _____

Name of your coalition/organization: _____

Candidates name: _____

Office or Position the candidate is running for: _____

Ex. House of Representatives, Senate

What question did you ask? _____

What is their position? _____

Appendix 4:

Federal Tax Laws and Federal Election Laws for 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organizations

Federal tax election laws can seem intimidating to organizations. Appendix 4 was created to aid all 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in navigating the election process. If you wish to learn more on what your 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations can and cannot do please contact The Alliance for Justice (<http://www.afj.org/>) to obtain The Rules of the Game: An Election Year Legal Guide for Nonprofit Organizations.

*The term “federal tax law” means those federal laws, regulations and rulings under the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”) of 1986. The term “federal election law” means those federal laws, regulations and ruling under the Federal Election Campaign Act (“FECA”) of 1971.

Candidate appearances

1. The federal tax law states that 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations may sponsor a candidate’s appearance at an organization’s event, but the IRS states that if one candidate is invited the event must:

- give all the other candidates an equal opportunity to participate, either at the same event or a comparable one
- ensure that the organization remains non-partisan by neither supporting nor opposing the candidate at the designated event and
- have no political fundraising

If the candidate was invited in a capacity other than as a candidate, the organization does not need to invite the opposition, but should do everything in its power to make sure that the event does not turn into a campaign appearance. The organization should avoid any mention of the guest’s candidacy or the election in connection with the event.

2. The federal election law states that you may invite candidate(s) and/or political party representative(s) to address a meeting, convention or other function of your 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization if your voting members, officers, executive or administrative employees and the families of such personnel are the only individuals at the event. But, if other members and/or employees participate in the event the organization must:
 - give all the other candidates an equal opportunity to participate, either at the same event or a comparable one
 - have no political fundraising and
 - not express endorsement of, or support for, the candidate or party in conjunction with the event.