

# State Elections Enforcement Commission

Press Release



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## STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION ANNOUNCES FIRST PUBLIC GRANT PAYMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM FOR THE 2010 ELECTIONS

**HARTFORD, CT**—May 28, 2010 – The State Elections Enforcement Commission awarded the first grant payments under the Citizens' Election Program to qualifying candidates for the 2010 elections.

The Citizens' Election Program is a voluntary program which allows qualifying candidates for statewide offices and the General Assembly to receive full public financing. To qualify for the Program, a candidate must forego PAC money, raise small contributions from individuals and adhere to campaign spending limits and other restrictions.

The 2010 elections are the first regular elections in which public campaign financing is available for candidates running for statewide office.

"In its inaugural year, the Citizens' Election Program exceeded the expectations of lawmakers as well as observers throughout the nation," said Beth Rotman, Director of Public Campaign Financing.

In 2008, a total of 78% of the legislators elected for the 2009-10 term came to office via the public financing program, which means that more than three quarters of the sitting legislators can say they came to office free of special interest money.

The Commission has determined that the following General Assembly candidates have qualified for grant payments:

### State Representative

"Al Adinolfi 2010", Al Adinolfi  
"Gail Lavielle for State Representative", Gail Lavielle  
"John Szewczyk 2010", John Szewczyk

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