

Hughes Beats Shaban for the 135th District Seat



State Rep. Anne Hughes with a constituent and a future constituent at the polls.

Democrat Anne Hughes was reelected to the Connecticut House of Representatives to represent the 135th District, beating her Redding Republican challenger John Shaban. The district covers Easton, Redding and Weston.

Unofficial vote results show that in Easton Hughes received 2,456 votes to Shaban's 2,483. In Redding , Hughes garnered 2,282 votes, to Shaban's 1,597, and in Weston, Hughes received 3,876 votes to Shaban's 2,334. The combined unofficial vote tally as of Wednesday morning was 8,614 for Hughes and 6,369 for Shaban.

Hughes attributed her win to being accessible and accountable to residents in the district from holding weekly constituent meetings at Easton's local coffeehouse, Greisers, and publishing her personal cell number on all official communications, and good old door knocking.

"The thread that runs through every conversation I have with voters in this district is a demand for accountability. We want accountability from state government, from public institutions, and from power companies. During the coming legislative session, we need to be accountable on the issues that matter most here—health care, COVID policy, climate, and the economy. I plan to take that message to Hartford," Hughes said in a statement.

Now that voters have returned her to Hartford, she said her priorities would be affordable healthcare, economic recovery, and infrastructure.

Shaban, a former state representative for the 135th district, previously held the seat from 2011 to 2017 and ran on a platform advocating stable taxes and job creation, as well as business opportunities and home values. Shaban did not run for a fourth term in 2016, opting instead to run for U.S. Congress against Jim Himes.

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