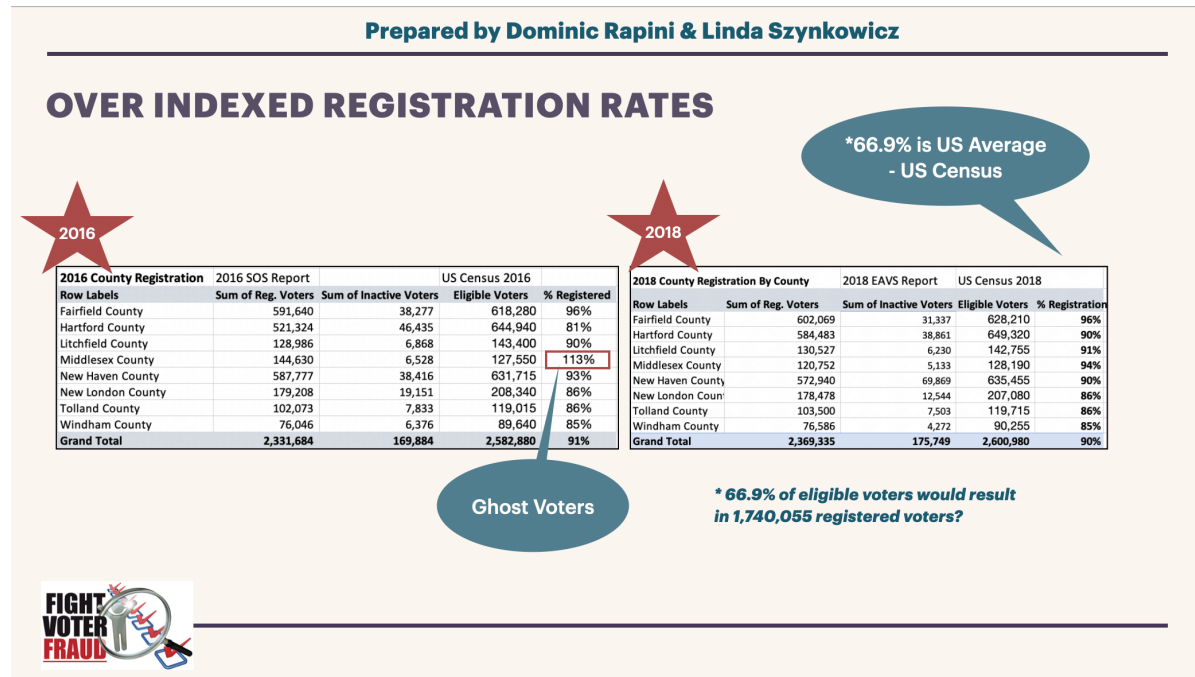


My name is Dominic Rapini, I am a business person and father of three in New Haven County and I have been a Connecticut voter for over 40 years. Currently I am the board chair of a 501(c)4 non-profit Fight Voter Fraud, Inc. Our organization’s goal is to champion issues of election integrity in Connecticut.

The issue at hand is Bill 6408 which intends to task Housing Authority resources with the job of disseminating election materials and helping enroll Connecticut citizens as Connecticut voters.



The model describes a process whereby Housing Authority employees assist applicants, transmit applications to the DMV who in turn transmits applications to local registrar of voters. Overall, an added layer of bureaucracy.

During the proposed process no witnesses of the applications are required, there is no request to demonstrate citizenship only a signed affidavit is asked of prospective voters. This is a serious departure from best practices for securely registering voters.

It is our contention that this bill is a **solution looking for a problem** and that the addition of a new layer of untrained, non-election officials, is a ripe condition for fraud and coercion.

Let’s begin with the fact that when CENSUS data is compared to the number of registered voters in Connecticut **we see that over 90% of all US Citizens over the age of 18 are already registered to vote.** In fact, Middlesex county, in recent years, has had 113% of the eligible voters registered to vote! We ask the question, what problem are we solving?

Connecticut has about 1.2M citizens in our major cities. **Most citizens in our cities are no further than a couple of miles from a professional election official.** Access to voter registration is not an issue in Connecticut.

Our state has over 676 ROVAC trained, Registrar of Voters and Deputy/ Assistant Registrar of voters. These are the election professionals trained to vet applicants, weed out duplicate voters, and verify residence, citizenship and even age. **Why do we intend to bypass a system Connecticut has used successfully for over 200 years?** Instead, we wish to distract our Housing professionals with a job that are not trained to do while distracting them from their core mission.

Adding more un-secure ways to register voters and, in so doing, changing the job function of the Housing Authority is not a solution we need. If adding more agencies to a process solves a problem, why stop at the Housing authority? **Why not Parks and Rec or even the Department of Sanitation?** All day speakers have made the case that affordable housing is a priority, why then, do we wish to deviate from that mission?

Let's not fix a process that is not broken, let's in fact spend our time and energy cleaning up our bloated voter rolls.