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Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence Announces 2026 Primary Endorsements

Leading gun safety organization endorses candidates for General Assembly, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – The Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence (RICAGV) today announced its first round of endorsements of candidates running in contested primary races, backing candidates who have demonstrated a commitment to making gun violence prevention a priority and who share the Coalition's vision for safer communities across Rhode Island.

Amidst a slate of strong candidates, RICAGV endorses **Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos** for reelection and candidates in fourteen House races and six Senate races. RICAGV is not making an endorsement in the **Democratic primary for Governor**.

In the race for **Attorney General**, RICAGV endorses **Jason Knight**. While candidates Kim Ahern and Keith Hoffmann also demonstrated a strong commitment to gun violence prevention through the endorsement process, Knight's historic leadership and longstanding record of championing firearm safety legislation stand out. Candidate Joe Solomon did not participate in the process.

"Our endorsements reflect shared values and a demonstrated commitment to protecting Rhode Islanders," said Haley Gervino, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence, "In the weeks ahead, our coalition will actively communicate with voters and mobilize our members to help these candidates succeed on Primary Day. We look forward to continuing our work with leaders who are committed to making Rhode Island one of the safest states in the country."

RICAGV will announce additional endorsements in the coming weeks and may announce others after the primary election.

RICAGV 2026 Democratic Primary Endorsements

Lieutenant Governor

- Sabina Matos*

Attorney General

- Jason Knight

House of Representatives

- Edith Ajello* (HD1)
- Naiommi Baret (HD14)
- Robert E. Craven Jr. (HD32)
- Matthew Dawson* (HD65)
- Leonela Felix* (HD61)
- Arlette Hidalgo (HD12)
- Nicole Jellinek (HD67)
- Matthew McCoy (HD31)
- Joseph McNamara* (HD19)
- William Muto (HD23)
- Zakary Pereira (HD22)
- Enrique Sanchez* (HD9)
- Tina Spears* (HD36)
- Brandon Voas* (HD57)

Senate

- Samuel Bell* (SD5)
- Alana M. DiMario* (SD36)
- Dawn Euer* (SD13)
- Gena Felix (SD8)
- Meghan Kallman* (SD15)
- Ryan W. Pearson* (SD19)

*Incumbent

The **Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence (RICAGV)** is a coalition of organizations, activists, advocates, educators, legislators, and community members who address gun violence as an urgent public health issue. Since 2013, RICAGV has utilized the collective power of its membership and grassroots organizing methods to advance programs and policies that will reduce gun violence resulting in safer, healthier Rhode Island communities.

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