

CADCA Presidential Primary and Congressional Election Guide 2020

*Making Underage Drinking, Tobacco, Opioids and Other
Drug Issues a Priority*



Background

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 presidential primaries and general election provide wonderful opportunities to get our issues on candidates' radar screens.

Congressional and presidential 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, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) has assembled an Election Guide for the 2020 Presidential Primaries and General Election.

The CADCA Presidential Primaries and General Election Guide gives you the tools you need to raise and address prevention, treatment, and recovery issues at campaign events around the country.

The CADCA Guide includes the following information:

- [Democratic Candidates for the President of the United States and their Contact Information](#)
- [Republican Candidates for the President of the United States and their Contact Information](#)
- [2020 Presidential Primary and Caucus Dates in Chronological Order*](#)
- [How to raise drug misuse and underage drinking issues with the candidates](#)
- [Sample questions to get the candidates on record](#)
- [Sample op-ed piece](#)
- [Points of Contact for State Boards of Elections \(Appendix 1\)](#)
- [A follow-up form to document the candidates' positions \(Appendix 2\)](#)
- [A summary of relevant federal tax and election laws for 501\(c\)\(3\) nonprofit organizations \(Appendix 3\)](#)

*Subject to change, last updated July 2019

CADCA's hope is that coalitions around the country will use this guide to let as many candidates as possible running for office in 2020 know that they must seriously address alcohol, tobacco and drug issues as part of their campaigns.

The entire House of Representatives (all 435 members) as well as 34 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 "2020 elections". For more information on the 2020 presidential election, go to https://ballotpedia.org/Main_Page and click on "2020 presidential election".

CANDIDATES FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION

**We encourage you to visit candidate websites for further information such as town
hall meetings near your location.**

2020 DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Joe Biden

Biden for President

<https://joebiden.com/>

CANDIDATES FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION

2020 REPUBLICAN (GOP) PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Donald J. Trump

Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.

<https://www.donaldjtrump.com>

2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY AND CAUCUS DATES IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

Information taken from U.S. Presidential Election News Website

Note: Dates subject to changes, some states are not included because they have not provided election date information.

STATE	Presidential Nominating Calendar	STATE	Presidential Nominating Calendar
Iowa	Feb. 3	Northern Marianas	March 14 (D)
New Hampshire	Feb. 11	Wyoming	March 14 (R)
South Carolina	Feb. 15 (R)	Arizona	March 17
Nevada	Feb. 22 (D)	Florida	March 17
Nevada	Feb. 25 (R)	Illinois	March 17
South Carolina	Feb. 29 (D)	Northern Marianas	March 17 (R)
Alabama	March 3	American Samoa	March 24 (R)
Alaska	March 3 (R)	Georgia	March 24
American Samoa	March 3 (D)	North Dakota	April 3 (R)
Arkansas	March 3	Alaska	April 4 (D)
California	March 3	Hawaii	April 4 (D)
Colorado	March 3	Louisiana	April 4
Massachusetts	March 3	Wisconsin	April 7
Minnesota	March 3	New York	April 21 (R)
North Carolina	March 3	New York	April 28
Oklahoma	March 3	Connecticut	April 28
Tennessee	March 3	Delaware	April 28
Texas	March 3	Maryland	April 28
Utah	March 3	Pennsylvania	April 28
Vermont	March 3	Rhode Island	April 28
Virginia	March 3	Kansas	May 2 (D)
Kansas	March 7 (R)	Guam	May 2 (D)
Kentucky	March 7 (R)	Indiana	May 5
Maine	March 7 (R)	Nebraska	May 12
Maine	March 8 (D)	West Virginia	May 12
Puerto Rico	March 8 (R)	Kentucky	May 19 (D)
Hawaii	March 10 (R)	Oregon	May 19
Idaho	March 10	Montana	June 2
Michigan	March 10	New Jersey	June 2
Mississippi	March 10	New Mexico	June 2
Missouri	March 10	South Dakota	June 2
North Dakota	March 10 (D)	Virgin Islands	June 6 (D)
Ohio	March 10	Puerto Rico	June 7 (D)
Washington	March 10	District of Columbia	June 16 (D)
Virgin Islands	March 12 (R)		
District of Columbia	March 14 (R)		
Guam	March 14 (R)		

How to Raise Illegal Drug and Underage Drinking 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 8-10.) If your coalition publishes a newsletter, you may qualify for a press credential for campaign events. If this is the case, try to attend events and forums as part of the press corps.

Encourage local media to focus on the drug issue

Make your own news. Find out when candidates will be on talk radio shows and call in with questions pertaining to drug and alcohol issues (for sample questions see pages 9-10). Send letters to the candidates asking them to respond to locally tailored variations of the sample questions. 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 and recovery 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. For more information on writing an op-ed piece and for a sample, see pages 10-11.

Sample Questions to Get Candidates on Record

In order to get the candidates' positions regarding drug and alcohol prevention, treatment, and recovery on the record, CADCA has prepared the following sample questions to be asked at election events, town meetings, radio call-in shows, and candidate forums.

Prevention

1. Community coalitions have proven effective in reducing youth 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? If so, how much of an increase would you support? If not, why not?
2. If elected, would you allocate additional resources for substance use prevention to stop prescription drug misuse, illegal drug use, and underage drinking before these behaviors ever start? Please elaborate on your reasoning.

Treatment

1. If elected, will you support increased funding to make drug and alcohol treatment services available to more individuals?

2. Do you support the availability of drug and alcohol treatment services for all who want them? Why or why not? Please elaborate.
3. What is your position on medication assisted treatment (MAT)?

Addiction Treatment Parity

1. Do you support addiction treatment parity, which ensures that Americans have access to life saving addiction treatment, by limiting any discriminatory barriers that are still currently in place?

Funding

1. Do you support increased funding for drug and alcohol prevention programs in all of our nation's schools and communities to address the problems of prescription drug misuse, illegal drug use, vaping and underage drinking? Why or why not? Please elaborate.
2. If elected, will community-based programs for drug and alcohol prevention, treatment and recovery support be high priorities for you? Will you support and be a champion for increased funding for these programs?

Alcohol and Underage Drinking

1. Do you accept political contributions from the alcohol industry?
2. Do you agree that underage drinking must be addressed through comprehensive approaches that include prevention, enforcement, education, and strategies to address norms regarding alcohol misuse?
3. Would you support increased federal funding to combat underage drinking?

Opioid and Stimulant Epidemics

1. What is your platform for dealing with both the opioid and meth crises plaguing our nation?
2. Would you support increased federal funding for a truly comprehensive approach to battle the current opioid epidemic, including prevention, treatment, recovery support, overdose reversal and law enforcement programs?
3. Have you developed a campaign platform to comprehensively address the prescription drug misuse and heroin use? If not, do you plan to develop one? Please elaborate.

E-Cigarettes

1. Youth E-Cigarette Epidemic: In 2018, more than 15% of 8th graders reported initiation of e-cigarette use.¹ Among high school students, e-cigarette use has increased from 11.7% to 20.8% from 2017 to 2018.² What steps would you take to reduce youth use of these products?

¹ http://www.monitoringthefuture.org/pubs/monographs/mtf-vol1_2018.pdf

² <https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/youth-tobacco-use/>

2. Do you support a national ban on flavored e-cigarettes and other tobacco products that attract youth?
3. Do you support a national law raising the age to purchase tobacco and e-cigarettes to 21 (Tobacco 21)?

Legalization of Drugs

1. What is your position on the legalization and commercialization of marijuana? Why? Please elaborate.
2. What is your position on the legalization of illegal drugs other than marijuana such as heroin, cocaine, methamphetamines, “magic mushrooms” and synthetics? Why? Please elaborate.
3. Do you agree that all medicines in this country should go through the FDA approval process? If so, what is your position on “medical” marijuana?

Overdose Reversal

1. Do you support increased funding for and expansion of the use of naloxone, the overdose reversal drug?
2. Do you support Good Samaritan laws that provide legal immunity for individuals who call for 911 assistance when experiencing or observing an opiate-related overdose? Why or why not? Please elaborate.

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, often for many years after they paid their debt to society. Do you support the repeal of these discriminatory laws for people in long term recovery?

Sample Op-Ed

An op-ed, or column located opposite a newspaper’s editorial section, is one of the best ways to disseminate your message through the media because you have complete control over content. The following are a few items to keep in mind in preparing your op-ed (**sample below**):

- Check the newspapers website for submission information. If not available online, contact the paper;
- Have one clear message or opinion to convey and stick to it;
- Tailor the message to your community;
- Make the piece self-contained by giving readers whatever background they need to get your point within the column;
- Provide strong evidence in support of your opinion, *i.e.* statistics, a story, research results, without being too technical or straying off-message;
- Include an authorship line that gives your name and brief description of what qualifies you as an expert on the subject discussed in the column; and
- If you get published, distribute a copy of the piece to your membership, use it in promotional packets for your coalition and share via social media channels.

Sample Op-Ed

Newsflash! Drug and alcohol problems are very real. Prescription drugs, heroin, fentanyl, meth and cocaine have fueled a massive increase in the amount of drug overdoses across the country. Drug overdoses have now passed car crashes as the leading cause of injury death in the country and drug misuse has plagued communities, strained families, increased crime and violence, all while decreasing working productivity and stealing the promising lives of youth in our country. 130 people die every day from prescription opioid overdose.³ That is a scary statistic, but it gets worse. We know that prescription drug misuse has also led to heavier use of heroin; 45% of people who used heroin were also addicted to prescription opioid painkillers.⁴ Death from drug overdose is also on the rise. In 2018, over 67,000 individuals died from drug overdoses.⁵ The drug epidemic is crippling our communities and we need to act now. CADCA members are on the front lines and have seen the devastation wreaked on our friends, families, and loved ones. This newsflash is for the benefit of every candidate for elected office. If you're campaigning in (name of your area), you need to make dealing with drug and alcohol problems through community-based prevention, treatment and recovery a priority.

In the city of (name of your city), we have drug and alcohol problems. Last year, (x) people died of drug overdoses in (name of your city). A bi-annual survey of middle and high school students in the area, conducted by the (your coalition/school), quantifies substance use trends among our youth. We know that vaping and marijuana use are on the rise among our youth. Over (x)% of (x) graders, (x)% of (x) graders and (x)% of (x) graders have misused these substances. We also know that (x)% of (x) graders are underage drinking.

That's the bad news, but there is good news. The good news is that we have a proven strategy for dealing with drug and alcohol problems in (name of your city) and it is (insert the name of your coalition).

The (insert the name of your coalition) has been successful in reducing youth drug and alcohol use and misuse by implementing a coordinated approach that mobilizes our entire community in dealing with these issues. Our coalition is comprised of parents, teachers, law enforcement officials, business owners, the faith community, health care providers, and other concerned citizens who are mobilizing to make our community safer and healthier. We are providing local solutions to the unique drug and alcohol problems faced by our community.

We expect our elected leaders to support smart strategies for dealing with drugs and alcohol. This means publicly supporting community prevention coalitions, such as the (name of your coalition), as well as drug and alcohol treatment and recovery services.

It is clear that the only way to effectively prevent and reduce drug use and underage drinking is to get our elected leaders and candidates for elected office to support smart, comprehensive community-based strategies for dealing with these persistent, costly and deadly issues.

The author (your name) is the director (your title) of the (your coalition or agency)

³<https://www.drugabuse.gov/drugs-abuse/opioids/opioid-overdose-crisis>

⁴ <http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/heroin/>

⁵ <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/drug-overdose-data.htm>

Appendix 1: 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 2020 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 Clay Helms	http://alabamavotes.gov/
Alaska	(907) 465-4611 Gail Fenumiai	http://www.elections.alaska.gov/
Arizona	(602) 542-6167 Sambo (Bo) Dul	http://www.azsos.gov/elections
Arkansas	(501) 683-3721 Leslie Bellamy	http://www.sosweb.state.ar.us/elections.html
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) 509-6123 Peggy Reeves	http://portal.ct.gov/sots
Delaware	(302) 739-4277 Elaine Manlove	https://elections.delaware.gov/index.shtml
District of Columbia	(202) 727-6511 Alice Miller	http://www.dcboee.org/
Florida	(850) 245-6520 Maria Matthews	http://election.dos.state.fl.us/
Georgia	(404) 657-5380 Chris Harvey	http://www.sos.ga.gov/elections/
Hawaii	(808) 453-8683 Scott Nago	http://www.hawaii.gov/elections/
Idaho	(208) 334-2852 Lisa Mason	https://sos.idaho.gov/elect/index.html
Illinois	(217) 782-4141 Steve Sandvoss	http://www.elections.il.gov/
Indiana	(317) 232-3939 Brad King	https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/
Iowa	(515) 725-0067 Christy Wilson	http://www.sos.state.ia.us/

Kansas	(785) 296-4561 Bryan Caskey	http://www.sos.ks.gov/
Kentucky	(502) 573-7100 Jared Dearing	www.elect.ky.gov
Louisiana	(225) 922-0900 Sherri Wharton Hadskey	www.GeauxVote.com
Maine	(207) 624-7736 Julie Flynn	http://www.maine.gov/sos/contact/
Maryland	(410) 269-2840 Linda Lamone	http://www.elections.state.md.us/
Massachusetts	(617) 727-2828 Michelle Tassinari	http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm
Michigan	(517) 373-2540 Sally Williams	www.mi.gov/elections
Minnesota	(651) 556-0612 David Maeda	http://www.sos.state.mn.us/
Mississippi	(601) 359-5137 Kim Turner	www.sos.ms.gov
Missouri	(573) 751-2301 Chrissy Peters	http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/
Montana	(406) 444-3334 Dana Corson	http://sos.mt.gov
Nebraska	(402) 471-4127 Wayne J. Bena	http://www.sos.state.ne.us
Nevada	(775) 684-5707 Wayne Thorley	www.nvsos.gov
New Hampshire	(603) 271-8238 Anthony Stevens	http://www.sos.nh.gov/
New Jersey	(609) 292-3760 Robert Giles	http://www.njelections.org
New Mexico	(505) 827-3600 Mandy Vigil	http://www.sos.state.nm.us

New York	(518) 474-8100 Todd Valentine	http://www.elections.ny.gov
North Carolina	(919) 814-0747 Kim Westbrook Strach	https://www.ncsbe.gov/index.html
North Dakota	(701) 328-3660 Jim Silrum	http://www.nd.gov/sos/
Ohio	(614) 466-3899 Mandi Grandjean	https://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/#gref
Oklahoma	(405) 521-2391 Paul Ziriaux	http://elections.ok.gov
Oregon	(503) 986-1518 Steve Trout	http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/default.aspx
Pennsylvania	(717) 772-4444 Michael Moser	http://www.dos.state.pa.us
Rhode Island	(401) 222-2340 Rob Rock	http://sos.ri.gov/
South Carolina	(803) 734-9060 Marci B. Andino	http://www.scvotes.org
South Dakota	(605) 773-5003 Kea Warne	http://www.sdsos.gov/
Tennessee	(615) 741-7956 Mark Goins	http://www.state.tn.us/sos/election/index.htm
Texas	(512) 463-5650 Keith Ingram	http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml
Utah	(801) 538-1041 Justin Lee	http://lg.utah.gov
Vermont	(802) 828-0175 Will Senning	http://www.sec.state.vt.us
Virginia	(804) 864-8901 Christopher Piper	https://www.elections.virginia.gov/
Washington	(360) 725-5771 Lori Augino	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) 777-3416 Kai Schon	http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/Elections.aspx
American Samoa	1-(684)-699-3974 Lealofi Uiagalelei	http://www.americansamoelectionoffice.org/
Guam	(671) 477-9791 Maria I.D. Pangelinan	http://www.gec.guam.gov
Puerto Rico	(787) 777-8682 Juan Ernesto Dávila Rivera	http://www.ceepur.org/
U.S. Virgin Islands	(340) 773-1021 Caroline Fawkes	http://www.vivote.gov

Appendix 2:

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.

Your name and phone number _____

Name of your coalition/organization _____

Event you attended _____

State the event was held in _____

Date of the event _____

Name of the candidate(s) you were able to get on record

Specific positions that the candidate(s) took _____

Please email this back to Chris Doarn at (703) 706-0560 ext. 276 or cdoarn@cadca.org.

Appendix 3:

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

Federal tax election laws can seem intimidating to organizations. Appendix 3 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 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.