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Wide wealth gap between Lamont, rivals

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HARTFORD — The annual financial filings in the Office of State Ethics illustrate a wide margin among wealth between Gov. Ned Lamont, his Aug. 11 Democratic primary challenger state Rep. Josh Elliott and state Sen. Ryan Fazio, the Republican candidate for governor.

Lamont has generational wealth dating back before World War I and has never taken the governor's salary, which is now \$227,000 per year.

By comparison, Elliott is part owner of a Hamden health food store. Both he and Fazio received their legislative salaries.

They are both participating in the state's public financing program, while Lamont is expected to spend tens of millions of his personal fortune in seeking a potential historic reelection to a third four-year term.

The annual filings of financial interest are required of state lawmakers, top-of-the-ticket elected officials, including attorney general, department heads and their deputies. They aim to



make clear what income sources an elected official has, along with any direct connections to businesses, investments, board members and the financial interest of spouses.

Gov. Ned Lamont

As he has in recent years, Lamont's annual report of financial interests is dominated by the corporate holdings of his wife, Annie Lamont, who

Forbes magazine ranks 86th among top tech investors of 2026 and 54th among America's "Richest Self-Made Women" of 2025. The Lamont family riches date to the early part of the 20th century, when his great-grandfather Thomas Lamont transitioned from newspaperman to a top executive for the J.P. Morgan banking family.

Lamont's personal income is from investments in a wide-

ranging portfolio that allowed him to earn \$54 million in passive 2021 income and spend \$26 million to win the 2022 campaign over Bob Stefanowski, a Republican from Madison.

The annual mandatory filings of financial interests provide limited financial detail, with no actual income figures. But in the Lamonts' report, Annie Lamont's Oak HC/FT Associates have about 90 separate corporate variations from offices in Norwalk and Stamford. They also list her compensation from **Rivals continues on A4**



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Demonstrators rally in support of birthright citizenship outside the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington on April 1. On Tuesday, the high court issued a decision upholding birthright citizenship as protected by the 14th Amendment.

Birthright citizenship ruling is personal for Tong

Son of immigrants, state attorney general says Trump challenge tried to 'erase' people like him

By Paul Hughes
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The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that upholds birthright citizenship was personal for Attorney General William Tong, the first of four children born to Chinese immigrants who were permanent legal residents.

Tong told reporters Tuesday that the landmark decision rebuked what he called President Donald Trump's attempt to "erase" children of immigrants, such as himself.

"This is a second ratification of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution, where they confirmed one more time — in case it wasn't clear — that the 14th Amendment and

the citizen clause means what it says and says what it means," said Tong, a Democrat.

"If you're born on American soil, you're an American, period, and Justice (John) Roberts said it reaffirms and remakes the promise of the 14th Amendment," said Tong, who pointed out that Tuesday's decision came as the nation prepares to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

The decision came on the last day of the Supreme Court's term. In the case, Connecticut, 21 other states, the District of Columbia and San Francisco had sued to block Trump's executive order declaring that children born to parents who are in the United



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Connecticut Attorney General William Tong is the son of Chinese immigrants who were permanent legal residents of the United States.

States illegally or temporarily are excluded from automatic citizenship.

The Connecticut immigration advocacy organization HUSKY 4 Im-

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Eversource, UI sue state agencies in dispute over grid bonuses

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Eversource Energy and The United Illuminating Co. are suing four Connecticut agencies that are seeking to eliminate a financial incentive the utilities receive for voluntarily connecting their transmission systems to the regional grid.

The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court on Monday. The filing comes nearly three weeks after state officials asked the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to put an end to a financial bonus that the two electric distribution companies receive through their electricity transmission rates.

The June 11 complaint state officials made to FERC contends that the financial payments made to the two utilities costs Connecticut ratepayers roughly \$4.5 million per year. The incentive that Eversource and UI receive has been part of transmission rates since 2004 and was designed to encourage utilities to voluntarily place their transmission network under the control of ISO New England, New England's regional grid operator.

Tricia Modifica, an Eversource spokeswoman, said efforts to end the financial bonus currently in place "will save customers approximately 10 cents per month or roughly a dollar a year for the average household, while once again sending a negative message to those who invest in Connecticut's energy infrastructure."

"Transmission investments are critical to lowering energy prices by enabling access to any additional sources of generation — such as wind and nuclear power — which are urgently needed to meaningfully reduce costs for customers and ad-

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UI and Eversource filed suit Monday in U.S. District Court.

NORWALK

City celebrates affordable housing complex

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NORWALK — City officials on Monday celebrated the completion of Oak Grove, a 69-unit mixed-income affordable housing development that leaders say is part of a broader effort to expand housing options in Norwalk.

The development at 164 West Cedar St. is a joint venture between Sound Communities, an affiliate of the Norwalk Housing

Authority, and Norwalk-based Heritage Housing Inc.

The development is among a handful of new and coming affordable housing projects in the city. Norwalk Mayor Barbara Smyth said affordability, especially around housing, is an important issue, not just in Norwalk but statewide and nationwide.

"We are proud that Norwalk is leading the way in creating more affordable **Housing continues on A4**



Courtesy of Sound Communities

Oak Grove affordable housing development

GOP lawmakers take CT fair booth

By Ken Dixon
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HARTFORD — Two conservative state lawmakers from Connecticut plan to represent the state at President Donald Trump's Great American State Fair. The lawmakers made the move after Gov. Ned Lamont opted not to send a delegation to represent the state, citing cost and politics.

Lamont has said his decision to not be represent-

ed was because of the expense and politics of the event on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., which has drawn small crowds in its first week, according to news outlets that have visited the fair.

Conservative state Sen. Rob Sampson and state Rep. Gale Mastrofrancesco, both of Wolcott, said they will be in the Connecticut booth over the semiquincentennial weekend, stamping com-

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