



She Leads Justice (SLJ) is a statewide, nonprofit organization that uses a justice and equity lens to advocate for under-resourced, marginalized women in Connecticut. We work to close the civil legal justice gap, organize communities for change, and create state policy which advances women's economic security.

2025 SPECIAL SESSION: LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

WHY A SPECIAL SESSION: COMMUNITY NEEDS & DEMANDS

After an unexpected veto by Governor Lamont on last session's priority housing bill, and devastating cuts to essential programs by the federal government, many lawmakers, advocates, and community members are demanding that a special session be called in 2025.

She Leads Justice stands beside our partners to insist that a special session be initiated to address current and upcoming shortcomings by the state and federal governments. Issues to be considered include the state's housing crisis, health care access and affordability, investments in Medicaid/SNAP, fiscal constraints, and more.

2025 SPECIAL SESSION PRIORITIES

Raise Revenue & Invest in Our Communities

- Adopt policies which **raise progressive revenue** and allow our state to invest in critical services, programs, and institutions.
- Call for extraordinary circumstances and suspend the state's overly strict **fiscal constraints** to free up critical funds to invest in our services and communities.
- Create an **off-budget , broadly focused, federal response budget** to allocate surplus money to be used for funding critical items.

Protect Our Communities

- **Ensure the process of justice** by keeping federal immigration authorities out of CT courthouses.
- Prohibit the use of **our state's resources** for federal immigration enforcement.
- **Protect our personal information** from being shared with the federal government by strengthening data protection policies.
- **Keep our state healthy** by protecting Medicaid coverage for all individuals, regardless of immigration status.

Ensure Access to Health Care & Basic Needs

- **Protect essential health care** and fully fund Planned Parenthood in Connecticut, to make up for the over 13 million dollars being blocked by the federal government.
- Fill new funding gaps in the state's **Medicaid, Access Health CT, Covered CT, and SNAP** programs to ensure all residents have access to the health care and other basic needs.
- In preparation for a significantly increased workload, support CT's Department of Social Services by **investing in personnel and operations** for their critical call-centers, and user platform systems.
- Require DSS to **collaborate with enrollees** when designing updated user platforms for reporting and communication.
- Support **community understanding** by investing in trusted community health workers and organizations for messaging and outreach.
- Pass a commonsense housing bill which addresses CT's **homelessness, affordability and accessibility crisis**.



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