

Sen. Eric Berthel was elected to represent the 32nd Senatorial District in a special election on Feb. 28, 2017.

Prior to that, he represented the 68th House District serving Watertown, Oakville and Woodbury.

Eric, 48, was born in Brooklyn, New York and has lived in Connecticut since 1976. He is a graduate of Pomperaug Regional High School in Southbury, holds a Bachelor's degree from Manhattanville College and Master's degree from the University of Bridgeport. He and his wife Krista have lived in Watertown since 1998 with their two boys, Matthew and Paul.

He has demonstrated his commitment to serve through his extensive involvement with the Watertown Board of Education during the last few years. In addition to the regular work of the Board, he has participated in all of the Board subcommittees, served as a chair of four of those subcommittees, served as Board Secretary and as Vice Chairman. He was also the Board liaison for three of five schools in Watertown and Oakville. In 2013, he was appointed to the special subcommittee for the evaluation of the Superintendent and in 2014 to the special subcommittee for the search for the new Superintendent.

His entire working career has been focused on healthcare communications, public relations, marketing and business development. He and his wife also owned a small retail business in Watertown. He presently works for the Hartford Healthcare Federal Credit Union in Hartford as their Vice President of Strategic Outreach.

He is an active member of the Watertown Republican Town Committee and is the Republican State Central committeeman to the Woodbury Republican Town Committee.

In 2013, he was elected by the delegates of the 10 towns in the 32nd Senatorial District to represent the district as a member of the Republican State Central Committee (SCC).

In 2013, State Senator Rob Kane (R-32) appointed Eric to the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight, Connecticut General Assembly.

Eric served for two terms on the Board of Directors of the Hartford Healthcare Federal Credit Union.

He is a member of the Cercemaggiore Italian Community Club in Oakville.