

ABOUT REPRESENTATIVE PAUL M. SANTUCCI



Paul Santucci represents the residents of House District 53, covering portions of Smithfield and Glocester. He was appointed to serve on five House standing committees which include: Environment and Natural Resources (considers legislation pertinent to RI lands, forests, waterways and coastline); Innovation, Internet and Technology (considers all matters relating to new technologies); Small Business (reviews matters relating to the streamlining of licenses and permits, eliminating or decreasing steps and uncoordinated duplicate filings, and reducing associated costs to businesses); Veterans Affairs (considers legislation that impacts the lives of Rhode Island Veterans); and Conduct (peer review).

During the 2025 legislative session, Rhode Island House Minority Leader Michael Chippendale and members of the House Minority Caucus presented a detailed fiscal and policy map for the General Assembly --and the public-- to consider: **The Rhode Island House Republican FY 2026 Budget and Policies Report**. House Republicans offer budget principles for a sustainable Rhode Island, which provides a stark contrast and an alternative approach to the majority's past enacted budgets. Rhode Island House Republicans seek to right-size Rhode Island's budget, which is disproportionate to the state's size, economy and population. It is unsustainable and burdensome for taxpayers. Republicans seek to make the government more accountable, transparent and efficient through the budgetary process.

Santucci has an impressive career in public service. In 2017-2018, Santucci served as the Smithfield Town Council President, where he spearheaded changes for the locally-run (legacy) Smithfield police and fire pensions. He also worked on the 2020 Charter Review Commission, in conjunction with the Rhode Island Department of Education, to craft a capital plan for the entire town. He served on the Water Advisory Commission for the Smithfield Water Supply Board that refurbished water tanks and helped make their water system more resilient. He was also a member of the Smithfield (EMA) Community Emergency Response Team.

Outside of public service, Santucci has been a 20-year volunteer as coordinator/team member/worker at God's Little Acre, located at St. Philip Church. This program supplies fresh produce to those who are in financial need. He also volunteered at the Rhode Island Department of Corrections Intake Center's Ministry Program, which "was one of the most meaningful experiences of my life."

Professionally, since 1992, Santucci works as a financial advisor, with his office located in Lincoln, RI.

Santucci has called Smithfield his home for 56 years. He has been married to his wife Liz for 34 years, and has two children, Nick and Marissa.