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VOTER'S GUIDE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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Addison	759-2020	Eden	635-2528	Montgomery	326-4719	Springfield	885-2104
Albany	755-6100	Elmore	888-2637	Montpelier	223-9500	Stamford	694-1361
Alburgh	796-3468	Enosburgh	933-4421	Moretown	882-8218	Stannard	533-2577
Andover	875-2765	Essex	879-0413	Morgan	895-2927	Starksboro	453-2639
Arlington	375-2332	Fair Haven	265-3610	Morristown	888-6370	Stockbridge	746-8400
Athens	869-3370	Fairfax	849-6111	Mt. Holly	259-2391	Stowe	253-6133
Bakersfield	827-4495	Fairfield	827-3261	Mt. Tabor	293-5282	Strafford	765-4411
Baltimore	263-5274	Fairlee	333-4363	New Haven	453-3516	Stratton	896-6184
Barnard	234-9211	Fayston	496-2454	Newark	467-3336	Sudbury	623-7296
Barnet	633-2256	Ferrisburgh	877-3429	Newbury	866-5521	Sunderland	375-6106
Barre City	476-0242	Fletcher	849-6616	Newfane	365-7772	Sutton	467-3377
Barre Town	479-9391	Franklin	285-2101	Newport City	334-2112	Swanton	868-4421
Barton	525-6222	Georgia	524-3524	Newport Town	334-6442	Thetford	785-2922
Belvidere	644-6621	Glover	525-6227	North Hero	372-6926	Tinmouth	446-2498
Bennington	442-1043	Goshen	247-6455	Northfield	485-5421	Topsham	439-5505
Benson	537-2611	Grafton	843-2419	Norton	822-9935	Townshend	365-7300
Berkshire	933-2335	Granby	328-3611	Norwich	649-1419	Troy	988-2663
Berlin	229-9298	Grand Isle	372-8830	Orange	479-2673	Tunbridge	889-5521
Bethel	234-9722	Granville	767-4403	Orwell	948-2032	Underhill	899-4434
Bloomfield	962-5191	Greensboro	533-2911	Panton	475-2333	Vergennes	877-2841
Bolton	434-5075	Groton	584-3276	Pawlet	325-3309	Vernon	257-0292
Bradford	222-4727	Guildhall	676-3797	Peacham	592-3218	Vershire	685-2227
Braintree	728-9787	Guilford	254-6857	Peru	824-3065	Victory	328-2400
Brandon	247-5721	Halifax	368-7390	Pittsfield	746-8170	Waitsfield	496-2218
Brattleboro	251-8157	Hancock	767-3660	Pittsford	483-6500	Walden	563-2220
Bridgewater	672-3334	Hardwick	472-5971	Plainfield	454-8461	Wallingford	446-2336
Bridport	758-2483	Hartford	295-2785	Plymouth	672-3655	Waltham	877-3641
Brighton	723-4405	Hartland	436-2444	Pomfret	457-3861	Wardsboro	896-6055
Bristol	453-2410	Highgate	868-4697	Poultney	287-5761	Warren	496-2709
Brookfield	276-3352	Hinesburg	482-2281	Pownal	823-7757	Washington	883-2218
Brookline	365-4648	Holland	895-4440	Proctor	459-3333	Waterbury	244-8447
Brownington	754-8401	Hubbardton	273-2951	Putney	387-5862	Waterford	748-2122
Brunswick	962-5514	Huntington	434-2032	Randolph	728-5433	Waterville	644-8865
Burke	467-3717	Hyde Park	888-2300	Reading	484-7250	Weathersfield	674-9500
Burlington	865-7000	Ira	235-2745	Readsboro	423-5405	Wells	645-0486
Cabot	563-2279	Irasburg	754-2242	Richford	848-7751	West Fairlee	333-9696
Calais	456-8720	Isle La Motte	928-3434	Richmond	434-2221	West Haven	265-4880
Cambridge	644-2251	Jamaica	874-4681	Ripton	388-2266	West Rutland	438-2204
Canaan	266-3370	Jay	988-2996	Rochester	767-3631	West Windsor	484-7212
Castleton	468-2212	Jericho	899-4936	Rockingham	463-4336	Westfield	744-2484
Cavendish	226-7292	Johnson	635-2611	Roxbury	485-7840	Westford	878-4587
Charleston	895-2814	Killington	422-3243	Royalton	763-7207	Westminster	722-4091
Charlotte	425-3071	Kirby	626-9386	Rupert	394-7728	Westmore	525-3007
Chelsea	685-4460	Landgrove	824-3716	Rutland City	773-1800	Weston	824-6645
Chester	875-2173	Leicester	247-5961	Rutland Town	773-2528	Weybridge	545-2450
Chittenden	483-6647	Lemington	277-4814	Ryegate	584-3880	Wheelock	626-9094
Clarendon	775-4274	Lincoln	453-2980	St. Albans Cty	524-1500	Whiting	623-7813
Colchester	264-5520	Londonderry	824-3356	St. Albans Tn.	524-2415	Whitingham	368-7887
Concord	695-2220	Lowell	744-6559	St. George	482-5272	Williamstown	433-5455
Corinth	439-5850	Ludlow	228-3232	St. Johnsbury	748-4331	Williston	878-5121
Cornwall	462-2775	Lunenburg	892-5959	Salisbury	352-4228	Wilmington	464-5836
Coventry	754-2288	Lyndon	626-5785	Sandgate	375-9075	Windham	874-4211
Craftsbury	586-2823	Maidstone	676-3210	Searsburg	464-8081	Windsor	674-5610
Danby	293-5136	Manchester	362-1313	Shaftsbury	442-4038	Winhall	297-2122
Danville	684-3352	Marlboro	254-2181	Sharon	763-8268	Winooski	655-6419
Derby	766-4906	Marshfield	426-3305	Sheffield	626-8862	Wolcott	888-2746
Dorset	362-1178	Mendon	775-1662	Shelburne	985-5116	Woodbury	456-7051
Dover	464-5100	Middlebury	388-8100	Sheldon	933-2524	Woodford	442-4895
Dummerston	257-1496	Middlesex	223-5915	Shoreham	897-5841	Woodstock	457-3611
Duxbury	244-6660	Middletown S.	235-2220	Shrewsbury	492-3511	Worcester	223-6942
East Haven	467-3772	Milton	893-4111	S. Burlington	846-4105		
E. Montpelier	223-3313	Monkton	453-3800	South Hero	372-5552		

Voter’s Guide for People with Disabilities

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 says that people with disabilities have a right to vote and to have certain accommodations made if a person requires them, in order to be able to exercise their right to vote.

Disability Rights Vermont, Inc. (DRVT) is an agency that receives money from the U. S. Congress under HAVA to help make sure people with disabilities have equal access to the voting process. This guide is one project DRVT is doing to provide that help. In it you will find information about your rights as a voter. You also will find information for each of the offices to which we elect people, for example, the Governor. There is information about the people running for national and statewide offices this year. The candidates were each asked to provide a statement for this guide. Some pages provide general information about voting and participating in our democracy. Finally, a voting worksheet is provided for you to fill in and take with you to the polls to help you remember for whom you want to vote.

We at DRVT hope you find this voter guide helpful. We want to know what you like and don’t like about it. Please let us know! You may send an email to us or write to us or call us with your comments. Our goals are to make nonpartisan, impartial information available to all Vermonters with disabilities and to encourage you to vote. We would like to know why you do or don’t vote. Please let us know that information, too!

Thank you for your interest in learning about voting in Vermont. Please remember to register and vote on or before Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

Important Election Dates:

- September 21, 2018: Early and absentee ballot voting begins for General Election
- November 5, 2018: Last day to request an absentee ballot for General Election
- November 6, 2018: General Election and Absentee ballots are due by close of polls at 7 p.m.

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Your Voting Rights as a Person with a Disability

What does disability mean? There are many different meanings of the word disability under different laws. When we're talking about voting rights, a person has a disability if the person has a medical, cognitive or mental health condition that makes it very hard or impossible for the person to do important life activities, such as walking, talking, seeing, hearing, lifting, concentrating or communicating.

If you have a disability, you have:

- The right to vote
- The right to access your polling place
- The right to receive reasonable accommodations for your disability



Reasonable accommodations to vote mean actions the government can take to help a person with a disability fully participate in the voting process, such as installing ramps into a polling place so that someone using a wheelchair can get into the polling place, or hiring an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter to help a person who is deaf or hard of hearing who communicates using ASL to register to vote. A reasonable accommodation cannot cost so much that it makes it impossible for the government to do its other necessary work and must be directly related to overcoming the barrier to full participation due to a disability.

If you need accommodations to assist you with voting, you may:

- Contact your Town/City Clerk to request accommodations
- Bring a person of your choice into the voting booth with you for assistance (not your employer or union representative)
- Ask an election official for assistance with marking your ballot
- Ask an election official to bring a ballot to your car
- Bring a magnifying glass or other devices to help you use the ballot
- Bring a list of candidates into the voting booth
- Ask for another ballot (maximum of three) if you make a mistake

Your Voting Rights as a Person with a Disability

If You Experience Problems with Voting You can Contact:

Disability Rights Vermont

1-800-834-7890

Vermont Secretary of State's Office

1-800-439-8683

Vermont Center for Independent Living

1-800-639-1522

Green Mountain Self Advocates

1-800-564-9990

Registering to Vote

In order to vote you must first become a registered voter in the town or city where you live. Vermont now has "same day" voter registration so you may even register to vote at your polling place on Election Day. To register to vote, you must:

1. Be a US Citizen;
2. Be a resident of Vermont;
3. Take, or have previously taken, the Voter's Oath (formerly called the "Freeman's Oath");
4. Be 18 years of age or older (or will be eighteen on or before the day of election).

To register, you need to complete the "Application for Addition to the Checklist" (voter registration form) and make sure it is returned to the town/city clerk's office in the town or city you live. In Vermont you do not need to register under a specific political party when registering to vote. There are several places you can register.

- At your town/city clerk's office
- Online at "My Voter Page" <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>
- At the DMV (when you register your car or when you get or renew your driver's license)
- At voter registration drives
- At a state agency that provides public assistance when applying for benefits such as at DCF's Economic Services office.

Call Disability Rights Vermont, your town/city clerk or the Vermont Secretary of State's office if you have any questions about registering to vote.

Registering to Vote

VOTER’S OATH

You solemnly swear or affirm that whenever you give your vote or suffrage, touching any matter that concerns the State of Vermont, you will do it so as in your conscience you shall judge will most conduce to the best good of the same, as established by the Constitution, without fear or favor of any person.

What the Voter’s Oath means, in plain English:

When you vote, you will make the best choice within the bounds of the Constitution without influence from another. You promise that whenever you vote on anything to do with Vermont, you will choose what you honestly believe is best for the state, guided by our Constitution. You won’t let anyone tell you how to vote and you won’t vote for something just to benefit one person.

The Vermont Secretary of State’s Office has created a new online resource for voting, the “My Voter Page.” This can be found online at <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>. You may use this system to register to vote and to check your voter registration status, to request an absentee ballot, to check your absentee ballot status, to find out your polling place location, to see a sample ballot for the upcoming election, and to take the Voter’s Oath.

DID YOU KNOW?

Vermont is only one of two states (Maine is the other) where a person retains the right to vote by absentee ballot while they are incarcerated, even if they have a felony conviction.

28 VSA § 807 Voting Rights

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who is convicted of a crime shall retain the right to vote by early voter absentee ballot in a primary or general election at the person’s last voluntary residence during the term of the person’s commitment under a sentence of confinement provided the person otherwise fulfills all voting requirements.

To vote while you are incarcerated, you will need to request an early voter absentee ballot from the Town/City Clerk of the town in which you are registered. An absentee ballot will allow you to vote by mail. If you are not registered, you can put in a request to the Volunteer Coordinator at your facility and he or she should be able to assist you with the registration/voting process. If you are a person with a disability, you can also request assistance from Disability Rights Vermont. There are specific deadlines with regard to requesting and returning absentee ballots, so make sure you follow those and submit your requests well in advance of the November 6th Election Day.

When, Where, and How to Vote



When...

For the 2018 General Election, you must vote on or before November 6, 2018. Ballots will be made available at your town/city clerk's office starting on September 21, 2018. You may vote early, in person, at your town/city clerk's office before the General Election day (November 6); you may pick up an early voting ballot at your Town/City Clerk's office, vote and return your ballot to the Town/City Clerk's office; you may ask for an early/absentee ballot to be sent

to you so you may vote in your home and mail back your voted ballots in time to be received by Nov. 6, or you may vote on Election day at the polling place, either from your car or inside the polling place. To vote from your car, someone will need to go into the polling place and tell the person in charge that you wish to vote from your car. On Election Day, the polls may open between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m.-each town/city makes its own decision. All polls must close at the same time-7p.m.

Where...

To find out where your town's/city's polling place is, call your town/city clerk or visit the Secretary of State's website <http://www.sec.state.vt.us>, log into My Voter Page at <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us> or call 1-800-439-VOTE (8683). All the clerks' numbers are listed in this guide and on the Secretary of State's website. That website also has a list of the polling places in all of Vermont's towns and cities.

How...

To vote in person at the polls (voting area), using a standard ballot:

1. Go into the polling place.
2. At the check-in table, give your name, and if asked, your residence.
3. You will be given a ballot.
4. Take your ballot to a voting booth.
5. Mark your ballot according to the instructions (for example, make an "X" in the box next to the name of the candidate you have chosen, or fill in the specified area). If you have questions, a poll worker can explain more. If you make a mistake, ask for another ballot (limit of three).
6. After you have finished marking your ballot, you will leave the voting booth with your ballot and proceed to the place you "cast" (put) it. Look for signs or ask a worker if it is not obvious where to go.
7. At the place you cast it, place the ballot as instructed by the worker. You may be told to put it in a ballot box or in an optical scanner.
8. Go to the check-out table if your voting place has one.
9. Give your name at the check-out table and you are finished.
10. Leave the voting area.

Provisional ballots: There should NOT be any need to use a provisional ballot in Vermont. Vermont law provides that if a voter will sign a sworn affidavit that he or she submitted a voter registration form (Application to be added to the checklist) in Vermont prior to the deadline for registration, then that person will be added to the

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checklist on Election Day and will vote by a regular ballot.

Identification: Only first time voters who have registered by mail (and did not already provide the required identification with their voter registration form) have to show ID in order to vote. If you registered when you renewed your driver's license, or as part of a voter registration drive, you will not be required to show ID.

New in 2018: Vermont's Accessible Ballot Marking System

In 2018, beginning with the August Primary Election, the Secretary of State's Office has introduced a new accessible voting system. This is a tablet based system that will mark the voter's selections onto the same paper ballots used by all voters at the polls, increasing the privacy and independence of the vote for a voter with disabilities. At the polling place, the system has three options to choose from for accessibility: a touch pad on the screen, a keypad with braille, or a paddle system, all with an audio reader through headphones. When you arrive and check in at the polling place on Election Day, you can ask to use the accessible system and the polling place official will guide you through the process. The system also contains an online-based platform that will allow voters to mark their ballots privately and independently from anywhere they may have access to a computer and printer during the early voting period and return their printed ballot to their Town/City Clerk office by mail or in person prior to the General Election, or in person to their polling place on Election Day.

To vote by Early Voter Absentee Ballot

Any registered voter may vote by Early Voter Absentee Ballot. It must be requested through contact with your Town/City Clerk or online at "My Voter Page" <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>. A voter, family member or health care provider may apply for an Early Voter Absentee Ballot by asking for it by telephone, in person at their Town/City Clerk's office, or in writing. A non-family member authorized by the voter may only request a ballot in person or in writing.

There are four ways to cast an Early Voter Absentee Ballot:

NOTE: You must fill out and sign the certificate on the ballot envelope for your vote to be counted. Do not forget to do this.

Early Voter Absentee Ballots must be returned to the Town/City Clerk's office before the close of the office on the day before the election OR to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election in order to be counted in the election.

1. Vote in person at your Town/City clerk's office. You may go to your Town/City clerk's office, ask for an Early Voter Absentee Ballot, fill it out right there and then hand it in. You may bring a person of your choice to help you vote (as long as the person is not your employer or union representative). If you need assistance and haven't brought someone to help, two election officials of the town have to provide the assistance.
2. Pick up a ballot at the Town/City Clerk's office. You may pick up a ballot and vote in your car or take it home to vote. Your voted ballot must be returned by November 6, 2018.
3. Get a ballot mailed to you and vote at home or another location of your choosing. Your ballot must be received at your Town/City Clerk's office before Election Day or be dropped off at your polling place before it closes on Election Day, 7p.m. on November 6, 2018.
4. Have a ballot hand delivered to you. If you are sick or a person with a disability a ballot can be delivered to your home on or before Election Day. You may request an absentee ballot up until 5 p.m. on the day before the election. Two justices of the peace will deliver a ballot to you, and then will bring the ballot back to the polling place so that it can be placed in the ballot box and counted.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- You may bring a reminder sheet of who you want to vote for;
- You may bring a magnifying glass to help you read the ballot;
- If you have a disability or need help with the ballot, you may bring someone to assist you as long as it is not your employer or a union representative;
- Don't leave anything in the voting booth when you are done voting;
- You may not discuss or promote candidates inside the polling place.

If you experience problems:

- Ask an election official to help you;
- Call the Secretary of State's office toll free at 1-800-439-VOTE (8683);
- Call Disability Rights Vermont toll free at 1-800-834-7890.



It is illegal to:

- Knowingly vote more than once either in the same town or in different towns;
- Try to tell another person how to vote once you're inside the building where voting is taking place;
- Mislead the Board of Civil Authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote;
- Show your marked ballot to others in order to let them know how you voted;
- Make a mark on your ballot that would identify it as yours.

Structure of our Government



Our government is made up of three branches -- the executive, the legislative, and the judicial.

The Executive Branch

Elected offices of the executive branch include, nationally, the President and Vice President. Each state, including Vermont, has a state version of all three branches of government, though instead of having a President and Vice President in the executive branch, states have Governors and Lieutenant Governors. The executive branch carries out the laws and recommends new ones with legislative oversight, it also directs national defense and foreign policy.

The Legislative Branch

The legislative branch makes laws, with the executive branch's approval. The national, or federal, legislative branch is made up of U.S. Senators and Representatives from each state. The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives are two different groups discussing the same problems and coming up with possible solutions. The form that the solution takes is called a bill. Each group comes up with its own bill. The two sides then get

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together to decide on one solution (the final bill). This process allows for many opinions to be considered, even though it is time consuming and difficult. Once the two groups (Senate and House of Representatives) come up with the final bill, the President may either sign it, veto it, or take no action on it. If the President signs it, the bill becomes law. If the President vetoes it (says, in writing, that he or she does not agree with the bill) the Representatives and Senators can try to override the veto in order to make the bill into law without the President's approval. To do that they must each come up with 2/3 of their members to say they want the bill to become a law. In some cases, bills can become laws if the President takes no action at all.

The Judicial Branch

The national, or federal, judicial branch is made up of the Supreme Court and all the other federal courts across the country. The judicial branch says whether or not a law is constitutional (is allowed) under our highest law, the U.S. Constitution, and interprets laws when there is a disagreement as to how the law should be understood. When the Supreme Court makes a decision that a law is not constitutional, the law is no longer valid, and should not be followed. When the Supreme Court makes a decision that a law is supposed to be interpreted in a particular way, all similar cases should be interpreted based on that decision. When a lower federal court interprets a law a certain way, it will only effect the law in that particular area of the country.

Elected Offices and the Candidates

Following are descriptions of the positions to which we elect people. Under each national and state level description are listed the people running for the office this year.



U.S. President and Vice President



The President serves as the head of the country and works with his or her Cabinet, which is made up of the Vice President and the people who are in charge of the 15 departments that make up our executive branch of government. The President may include other top leaders in the Cabinet. He or she appoints people to lead the departments that make decisions that affect our lives. For example, the Department of Defense has a lot of say about wars; the Department of Veteran's Affairs has a lot to do with how veterans are treated; the Department of Education makes policies about how schools should be run; the Department of Health and Human Services directs many of the programs important to people with disabilities, such as Medicaid and Medicare; and the Department of Justice oversees all the laws of the country, including the Americans with Disability Act.

The Vice President is elected with the President. We vote for both together. The Vice President stands ready to take over for the President, should the President become unable to continue in office. Often, the Vice President serves as an advisor to the President. He or she also stands in for the President at the President's request. The Vice President also serves as the President of the U.S. Senate and casts the deciding vote if there is an equal number of Senators voting for and against an issue. Elections for President and Vice President are held every four years.

The next US Presidential Election is on Tuesday, November 3, 2020

2018 Elected Offices and the Candidates

This listing of the 2018 candidates was provided by the Vermont Secretary of State’s Office and was current at the time of publication.

Office	Candidate	Political Party
US Senator	Folasade Adeluola	Independent
US Senator	Russell Beste	Independent
US Senator	Bruce Busa	Independent
US Senator	Edward S. Gilbert Jr	Independent
US Senator	Reid Kane	Liberty Union
US Senator	Brad J. Peacock	Independent
US Senator	Bernie Sanders	Independent
US Senator	Jon Svitavsky	Independent
US Senator	Lawrence Zupan	Republican
Representative To Congress	Cris Ericson	Independent
Representative To Congress	Laura S. Potter	Liberty Union
Representative To Congress	Anya Tynio	Republican
Representative To Congress	Peter Welch	Democratic
Governor	Trevor Barlow	Independent
Governor	Cris Ericson	Independent
Governor	Christine Hallquist	Democratic
Governor	Charles Laramie	Independent
Governor	Emily "Em" Peyton	Liberty Union
Governor	Stephen Marx	Earth Rights
Governor	Phil Scott	Republican
Lieutenant Governor	Murray Ngoima	Liberty Union
Lieutenant Governor	Don Turner Jr	Republican
Lieutenant Governor	David Zuckerman	Progressive/Democratic
State Treasurer	Richard Morton	Republican
State Treasurer	Beth Pearce	Democratic
Secretary Of State	Jim Condos	Democratic
Secretary Of State	Mary Alice Herbert	Liberty Union
Secretary Of State	H. Brooke Paige	Republican
Auditor Of Accounts	Marina Brown	Liberty Union
Auditor Of Accounts	Doug Hoffer	Progressive/Democratic
Auditor Of Accounts	Richard Kenyon	Republican
Attorney General	T.J. Donovan	Democratic
Attorney General	Rosemarie Jackowski	Liberty Union
Attorney General	Janssen Willhoit	Republican



U.S. Senate



Every state has two U.S. Senators. Both Senators represent citizens in their entire state. Each one serves for six years, and they are elected in different years so there is only one Senator up for election at a time. One third of all U.S. Senators will be elected this year, one third in two years, and one third in four years. This means that some years a particular state will not have any Senators to elect.

Senators serve on committees that discuss problems in smaller groups than the whole Senate. Many of the committees look at topics similar to those covered by the departments in the President's cabinet. The committee members gather information about a problem by studying it and asking people to testify (give information and answer questions) before their committees. Solutions from the committee then may be considered by the full Senate. Because there are many opinions about how to solve problems, one of the main jobs of Senators is to figure out how to work with many people with different opinions to come up with a solution upon which a majority can agree. Another job of Senators is to help the people in their state when they ask for assistance with or information about the government. This work is called constituent services. You can find more information about the U.S. Senate on the web at <http://www.senate.gov>.

2018 Candidates for U.S. Senate

All Candidates were invited to submit a candidate statement and picture for this publication. Those without statements associated with their candidacy did not respond. DRVT is not responsible for the content or accuracy of the Candidate's Statements.



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My Name Is Folasade Adeluola An INDEPENDENT Candidate For US SENATE

- I Am An Accountant, A Licensed Insurance Agent, And A Mother To An Angel With Down Syndrome With A Very Complicated Heart.
- I Am An Activist Since 1994 When I Became A US Citizen. I Am Here To Represent All Vermonters As A Full-Time Senator.
- I Believe In Medicaid / Medicare For Elders
- Pell Grant Increase For Students / Interest Free Student Loan From The Federal Government

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- \$15.00 National Minimum Wage
- Progressive Tax Policy
- Immigration Reform
- I Am An Advocate For Women And Children, Disability, Veterans, LGBTQ (RIGHTS) & Opium Help To Keep Hope Alive In Our Society
- I Promise To Serve Just 2 Terms Without Becoming An Occupier Politician / Senator So That Others Can Serve Our State An Nation As Well

My Video:
<https://www.mynbc5.com/article/meet-the-woman-challenging-bernie-sanders-in-next-week-s-vermont-primary/22668096>

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Hello, I am Russell Beste (pronounced Bestie!), Independent Self- Funded Vermonter for U.S. Senate. I’m an energetic positive leader with a life-long track record of getting things done. My plans are to bring clean well-paying jobs to Vermont; to protect our environment, schools, small businesses, and working families; be fiscally responsible; and focus on resolving issues not taking sides.

- Self-funded, \$0.00 budget, owes no favors, free to fight for what is right, not what is easy or paid for by special interests
- Positive, hard-working, financially self-made, highly experienced leader w tremendous private and public experience developing life-saving medicines at low cost; creating and running consultancy; home design, engineering, and construction
- Bringing clean, well-paying jobs to Vermont so families can prosper
- Protecting our environment and fighting to get U.S. to lead protection of our environment (Lake Champlain) and stopping global warming
- Pro- working families, pro-seniors, pro-youth, pro-term limits, pro-equal opportunity for all, pro-armed forces, pro-health/disabilities care
- Father 3 amazing kids, coached boys/girls soccer, little league; leader cub/boy scouts; VP elementary PTO
- Active outdoorsman with many plans and long track record of planning AND finishing what he starts, a doer not a talker

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My thoughts and my Respect for People with disabilities is with sincere compassion.

The abilities of People are enormous. And we would do a great justice for us all if we would be determined to recognize and appreciate these abilities and to do our best to clear obstacles that stand in the path of the pursuit of happiness of ALL People.

To think of the Value that has been lost due to our own mis-understanding of reality in past (and present) times is mind boggling.

In my own life, I see many times, challenges to not only receiving information, but also sometimes challenges in getting information clearly communicated to the outside for a clear understanding.

I am honored to have been asked for a statement, and also look forward to working with some of the People who will read this and review my information on my Facebook and YouTube channels and who would like to help. This is exciting. Thank you again.

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Inspire, Desire, Pursue- The Wicked Game of Life We The People For The People

Vermont needs: 1.) 32% Economic Opportunity 2.) 16% Health Care Related Issues 3.) 16% Tax Relief/Reform 4.) 12% Education Reform 5.) 22% Access to the Top 4 primary concerns

Vermont has delayed progression into the 21st Century which is now forcing people to leave the State of Vermont due to affordability and far better opportunities. Vermont ranks #49 Worst Business State (or worst Business Friendly State due to a rigged Tax Code for failure rather than success) ranking in the Top Tier of most Taxed States in the country at #4 to #7 if not higher after the Vermont House and Vermont Senate pass "Carbon Taxes" Market Price + \$1.02 Heating Oil/Diesel, Market Price + .89 Cent Gasoline, Market Price + .58 Cent Propane/Natural Gas Taxes. In 2016 Vermont was the only state in the national to see a rise in poverty. As a Veteran I served in 2 branches of the U.S. Military to have every dream of achieving the American Dream destroyed here. Vote Gilbert for U.S. Senate 2018.

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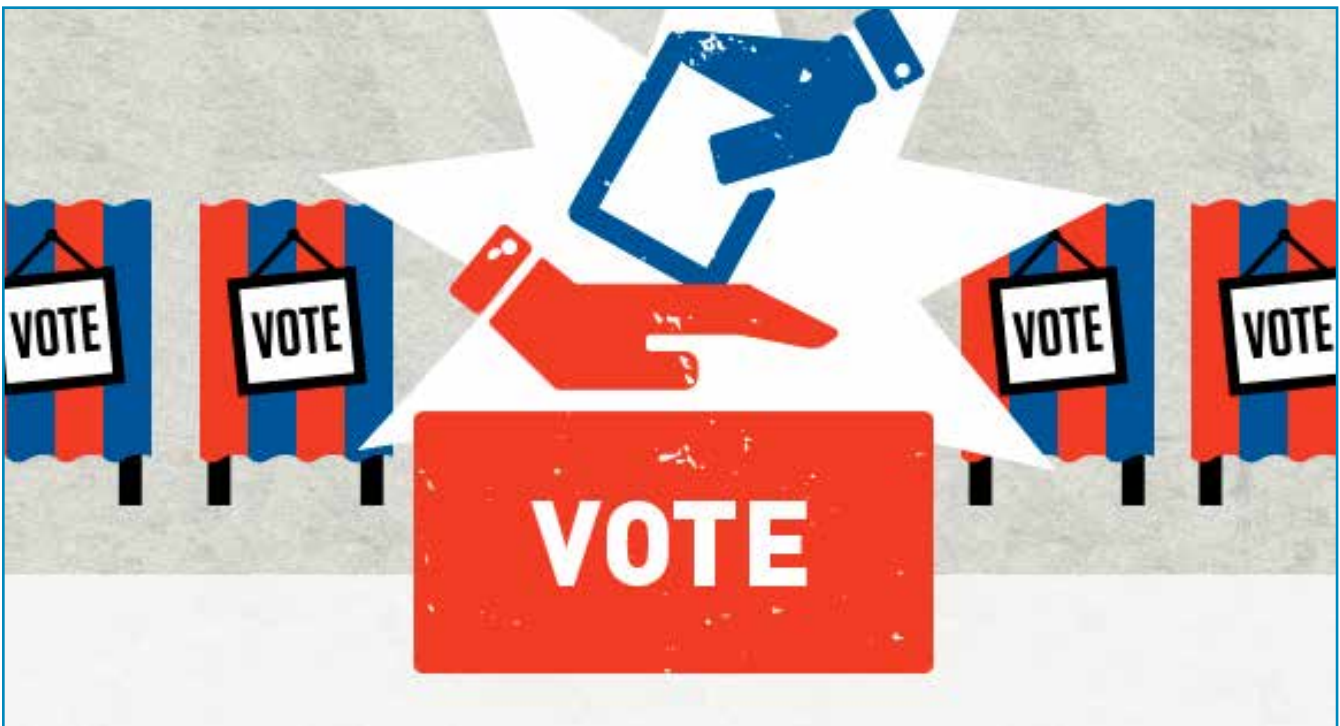
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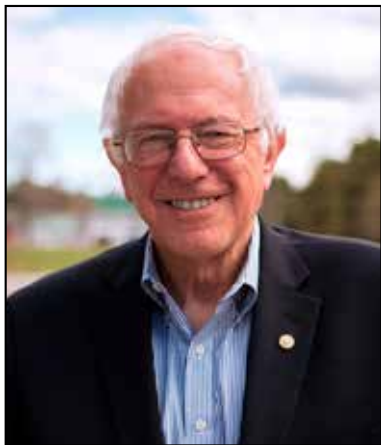
I believe that discrimination is disqualifying for anyone seeking elected office, and I am running a campaign for those whose voices are not heard enough in this country. We can no longer sit idly by and allow the daily erosion of common decency and respect for one another to continually distract us. We must grow together and move our state and country forward by taking care of those most in need of help.

One of the central goals of my platform is to strengthen, rather than weaken, the social safety net so many people rely on simply to get by. As the son of an educator for students with special needs, I understand the life-changing nature of a good education, and the necessity of offering a way forward for young people whose abilities do not fit within the typical lesson plan or standardized test. We invest the best of ourselves in our communities when we are given equal opportunities without worry of being marginalized.

As a U.S. Senator, I will fight to ensure that a fulfilling livelihood and dignified existence remain accessible for all people, regardless of ability or upbringing.



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During his time in Congress, both as a Representative and now a Senator, Senator Sanders has fought every day to serve our most vulnerable citizens and make it so that every American can experience the independence that they deserve. While we have made enormous progress over the past few decades, much more needs to be done to make sure that all Americans with disabilities can live with dignity and respect.

Senator Sanders has joined many other Senators in calling for robust funding for vital programs that support individuals living with disabilities – for example, Bernie requested \$179 million for HUD Section 811 housing for persons with disabilities, which is significantly above the \$154 million initially requested by President Obama. In addition, Bernie supported the highest funding possible for early education programs like the Child Care and Development Block Grant as well as early intervention services provided through Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Please rest assured that as your United States Senator, Bernie will continue to advocate on behalf of those living with disabilities at every stage of life.

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As the Founder and then 12 Year Director of the Burlington Emergency Shelter for the homeless in the early 80s, I saw, first hand, the suffering of many people with disabilities, without housing in their local communities. I understand that lack of housing continues to hurt individuals with disabilities today, with many not even able to live in their own communities as a result. These citizens are valuable people with much to offer, each unique with their ideas and talents and I consider it vital that we find the resource to welcome them to their communities and start benefitting from all they have to offer.

Far too often, human beings with disabilities have been ignored, and even worse, demeaned; as somehow, less important than other members of the Community. Accommodations are sometimes seen as bothersome and thus, minimized, standards of care relaxed, and treatment can be less than equal, when compared to other populations.

If I am Elected to the Senate, I will do all I can to secure additional funding for the vital work of DRVT, including specific effort towards securing additional housing in local communities so Individuals may live their lives with the same opportunities each of us seek in Independence and Opportunity..

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U.S. Representatives

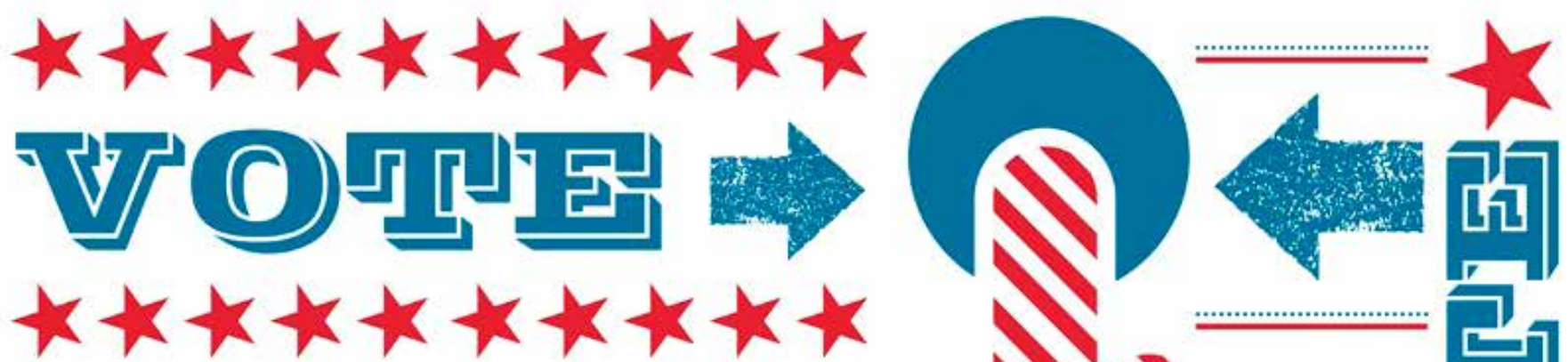


Each state is given a certain number of U.S. Representatives, based on the number of people living in the state. On average, for every 700,000 people, there is a specific congressional district created and the people within that district elect their own representative. In states with more than one district, a U.S. Representative represents only his or her district, not the entire state. States that do not have that many people get fewer Representatives in Congress. Some states with very few people get only one U.S. Representative. Vermont is such a small state that we have only one U.S. Representative. Representatives serve on committees and provide constituent services, just as senators do. There is an election for U.S. Representative every two years.

You can find more information about the U.S. House of Representatives on the web at <http://www.house.gov>

2018 Candidates for U.S. Representative

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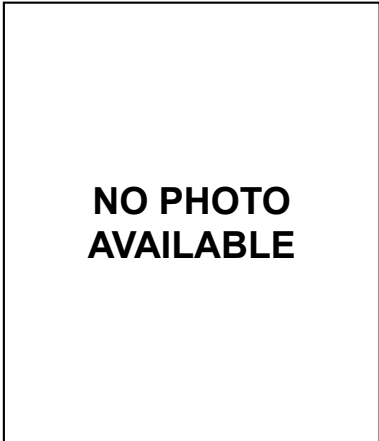


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Live your life always looking forward to being the best person you can become, because someday someone will need you. Please do not be discouraged, you are here on planet Earth for a reason, and in time, you will find your true path; and if you are already on your best journey, then look for something good every day, no matter how small.

Happy trails to you!

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As a politically active disabled person, I am keenly aware of the many issues facing our disabled community. Accessibility in all facets of life, access to necessary resources and services, and support for independent living are among the core issues. And I believe it is time for these concerns to be moved to the forefront in Congress. We need Universal Healthcare and Universal Education. We need our government to be responsive to the People, Disabled and Abled alike, and not to be beholden to giant corporations. Likewise, we need those who represent us in the Halls of Government to serve our needs - the People's needs - and NOT the greedy desires of an obscenely wealthy few.



2018 Candidates for U.S. Representative



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I am a resident of the Northeast Kingdom and I am running for office because I believe that Vermont does not have accurate representation in Washington.

My goal is to improve the opportunities and quality of life for every Vermonter. My focus for this will be to strengthen our economy and agricultural community, protect our Constitutional Rights and provide positive solutions to the many issues that we face as a state and nation.

I am a strong supporter of the Second Amendment and our Constitutional freedoms. I support our military, veterans and law enforcement. As a Christian, I believe that the unborn child has a right to life. Healthcare and immigration are some of the most pressing issues that we face and congress needs to address them immediately. I am a fiscal conservative and will work to find a solution to the rising debt without placing an undo tax burden on citizens and businesses. As a working class candidate I can bring fresh ideas and a unique perspective to Washington, thus working towards making a positive difference for Vermont and our country.

I will be a strong representative for the state of Vermont and I ask for your vote on November 6, 2018.

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Since he was first elected to Congress in 2006, Peter Welch has established himself as an effective advocate for Vermonters. In a climate of gridlock and partisanship, he has worked across the aisle to create good jobs, make college and health care more affordable, support our veterans, and advance a clean energy future.

Peter is fighting to ensure that every Vermonter has the opportunity to reach their full potential. He was proud to be an original cosponsor of the Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act. He is a co-author of the ABLE Act which authorized persons with disabilities to open tax-free saving accounts to help pay for qualified expenses like education, housing, transportation, and health care.

He strongly supports expanding the Medicaid program which is critically important to Vermonters with disabilities.

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And he has worked to protect Choices for Care and the Support and Services in the Home (SASH) programs which enable Vermonters to live independently and with dignity in their own homes.

Congressman Welch is humbled to represent Vermonters in Congress. He asks for your support in this election so he can return and continue to fight for all Vermonters so they can live healthy and productive lives.



Vermont Governor



The Governor serves as the head of the state, provides overall direction for the state government and is responsible for the administration of all the state agencies. He or she appoints the heads of the agencies, who serve in the Governor’s cabinet. The Governor sets a general tone about what is important in the government and proposes major legislation, including the overall budget. Legislation (bills) which passes both the Vermont House of Representatives and the Senate must be signed by the Governor to take effect, unless the Governor vetoes, or says “no” to the proposed law and the House and Senate override the veto. In some cases if the Governor takes no action a bill can become law also. Elections for Governor are held every two years.

You can find more information about Vermont State Government on the web at <http://www.vermont.gov>

2018 Vermont Gubernatorial Candidates

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2018 Vermont Gubernatorial Candidates



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My family and I have always supported and fought for members of our families and communities with disabilities. We’ve witnessed the struggles of finding and receiving quality care and fair treatment through healthcare and government systems. We can do better for our family members and neighbors with disabilities. Fortunately, I’ve found Vermonters to be some of the most caring, supportive and fair toward those facing challenges in living a full and rewarding life. In support of those cherished values, I propose pursuing the following initiatives in our state:

- Universal access to preventative health care for physical and mental wellbeing
- Healthcare record ownership and access by the individual and/or patient
- Increased support for, and collaboration between, DIAL and the Department of Mental Health toward the creation of innovative programs to improve services, treatment and quality of life for the disabled community
- Support for training and development programs that educate Vermonters on the challenges facing the disabled community
- Promotion of access to work and recreational opportunities for the disabled community

We need to consistently seek feedback, measure our strategies and analyze our outcomes with the goal of improving our communities and the quality of life for all Vermonters.

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Happy trails to you!

2018 Vermont Gubernatorial Candidates

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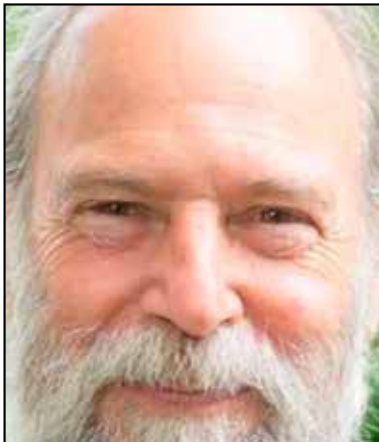
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As a teacher I have worked with hundreds of students with disabilities. Those students were some of the most pleasant hard working students I had the pleasure of getting to know; always positive, always kind to others and on the rare occasion they were not, they were always quick to apologize. Those who were my students wanted to be treated as any other person, as an equal, as someone willing to do what it took to accomplish the task at hand. As Governor I will do everything I can to insure that all Vermont citizens are treated with the same courtesy, the same respect and afforded the same chances as every other Vermont citizen; because life should always be about people helping other people. This should not be about a new bill or law that needs to be debated; this should simply be about human decency, respect, caring, compassion and a willingness for all of us to have care and concern for each other regardless of age, gender, religion, race, or disability, it should simply be because we are all human beings living together on this planet.



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We need to take care of the Earth.
If we put our energy into taking care of the earth, we will take care of ourselves.

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Stephen is unlike any candidate to come before him - not only does he believe in serving the people of Vermont, but he feels passionately that the Earth should be treated as any other constituent. Specifically, Stephen supports amending the Vermont Constitution to give the earth legal protection.

Stephen has lived in Strafford, Vermont since 1978, and for all 40 years of his Vermont residency has taken initiative in his community. Currently he serves as the Town of Strafford Health Officer and volunteers as a Fire Department Rescuer. He has also served on the Strafford Select Board. In his free time he enjoys gardening, dancing, and spending time with his daughter.

Stephen is not taking donations for his campaign - especially not from corporations.

A vote for Stephen Marx is also a vote for the Earth - think about how different our planet would be if more politicians placed the condition of the environment at the forefront of their policy agenda!

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As a minor party candidate I run to introduce ideas for a complete metamorphosis of our governing systems away from competition and hierarchy to a less competitive, more socially cooperative method. That's why I want to talk about a Universal Basic Income, democratic money and the empirical strength of the Law of Love to evolve towards a collaborative, social, and safe society, whose sole purpose is sustaining and creating happiness. No subgroup of our society lends itself to increasing community more than the disabled. We are indebted to this group for creating families among friends and colleagues. It is this same helpfulness that we need to bring to our planet in this time of crisis. We who work with people who have disabilities or who are disabled understand the depth of compassionate effort we make to live in peace in a world that seems dedicated to destruction. Perhaps we need to imagine new terms of self governance to support the good of all.

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I will always support the rights of all people to live with dignity and independence. Being self-sufficient is a source of personal pride and key to economic prosperity.

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My father fought in World War II and lost both of his legs in combat. I lost him when I was 11 years old. I don't remember him as a man with a disability. I remember him for all the things he did for my family, how involved he was in our lives, and how he never let anything stand in his way.

As Chair of Senate Institutions, I increased appropriations for ADA improvements to historic buildings and community gathering spaces, as well as transitional, affordable housing for persons with disabilities.

As Governor, my Administration continues to support disability services and accommodations. In 2017, the Agency of Transportation was recognized with a "Spirit of the ADA" award for its success in recruitment, hiring, and retention of individuals with disabilities, as well as on-the-job accommodations and accessible buildings and equipment. And, in October we unveiled "The Boardwalk"--a fully ADA compliant trail in Stowe, offering stunning views of Smugglers' Notch, which was in part funded by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.



Vermont Lieutenant Governor



The Lieutenant Governor remains ready to take over for the Governor if the Governor becomes unable to continue in office (for example, if the governor dies or resigns). He or she stands in for the Governor at the Governor's request. Just as the Vice President is the President of the U. S. Senate, the Lieutenant Governor is President of the Vermont Senate. In Vermont, the Lieutenant Governor is elected independent of the Governor. Elections for Lieutenant Governor are held every two years.

You can find more information about Vermont Lieutenant Governor on the web at <http://www.ltgov.vermont.gov>

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Liberty Union, a non-violent, socialist party founded in Vermont in 1970, has since its inception offered a platform upon which economic and social justice can take root, grow and flourish. Article 1 of the Liberty Union Platform proposes that elected government "move in the direction of assuring that the wealth and resources of the world

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will be used to provide a materially secure life for all people on the planet...simultaneously preserving the planet and its resources for future generations.”

Universal Basic Income, housing, health and medical care, and education fostering creative participation in meaningful economic activity are the inalienable birthrights of all who are born in and all who choose to live in a democracy.

This proposition has particular significance for the “Disability Rights” community. The barriers of difference currently defined by a concept “disability” must be eradicated by a concept of “ability.” Every person must be valued for inherent ability and thus contribution to the community. Society as a whole must come to discern and understand this. In fact, our future as a species on this planet depends upon our collective ability to do this.



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My wife Gail and I have been married for thirty four years and have three adult daughters. When our lives merged, I soon became much more aware of the challenges someone with a disability encounters every day. Gail’s sister was born with Cerebral Palsy (CP). She remains independent and we do our best to assist her as she struggles to maintain this independence. Witnessing the effort it takes on her part to just get out of bed every day is heartbreaking. It has also made me a better person and legislator.

In my thirteen years in the legislature I have always supported the rights of all people to live with dignity and independence. I know from first-hand experience that being self-sufficient is both a source of personal pride and the key to economic prosperity. I will continue to listen and learn from advocates and people with disabilities. In Vermont much has been accomplished, but there is still more to do to ensure there is housing, jobs, accessible transportation, and opportunities for all Vermonters.



2018 Candidates for Lieutenant Governor



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Throughout my 20 years of public service and since taking office as Lieutenant Governor in 2016, I have worked to build a state that is more accessible, just, and inclusive of all people, especially those who are differently-abled. As Lt. Governor I have invited individuals to share their stories through my web series, and learned from them where Vermont can make improvements to ensure equality, inclusion and opportunity for everyone.

I have also included braille on my official business card. I cannot begin to express how nearly every person that I give my card to notices and expresses their positive thoughts towards this inclusive act. It means so much more than inclusion for those who are visually impaired.

I believe people with disabilities deserve the same quality of life as those without. I supported successful efforts to ensure any additional cuts to the System of Care must go through the legislature and receive legislative approval. I also supported the Able Savings Act to help those with disabilities save funds and ensure they can take care of themselves. In Vermont much has been accomplished but there is still more to do to ensure there are jobs, housing, accessible transportation, and opportunities for all Vermonters.



Vermont Treasurer



The State Treasurer is responsible for handling the state’s money. The State Treasurer and his or her office fulfill this responsibility through five divisions: financial operations, retirement operations, investment services, audit compliance and technology services. State law says that the Treasurer’s office is responsible for four areas: managing the state’s checking accounts, investing state money and borrowing money for the state, keeping unclaimed property for return to its rightful owner, and taking care of the retirement money for several groups of government workers. Elections for State Treasurer are held every two years.

You can find more information about the Treasurer’s office on the web at: <http://www.vermonttreasurer.gov>

2018 Candidates for Vermont Treasurer

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2018 Candidates for Vermont Treasurer



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Important principals for me include the following:

Personal freedoms to seek the best for ourselves and those for whom we are responsible including equal protection under the law and due process.

Equal economic opportunity without undue interference by government nor burdensome taxation, excessive regulation or debt.

A government that is responsive to injustice, is genuinely ethical, fiscally sound and well organized to meet needs of individuals and groups, maintains community safety, and cares for vulnerable citizens.

More can be said but these are core principals.

Thank you, Richard "Rick" Morton



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I believe that every person is entitled to an opportunity for a lifetime of financial well-being. As Treasurer, I have a responsibility to over 52,000 active, vested and retired members of public retirement systems to provide retirement plans that are affordable to the taxpayer and employee, while providing adequate and reliable income. Currently 638 people with disabilities are receiving retirement benefits. I am committed to working with them to ensure they take full advantage of their retirement and health care benefit options.

Our financial literacy programs provide individuals with the knowledge and skills to successfully manage their money to achieve financial independence. I worked with stakeholders, advocates, and legislators to implement ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience), a program that provides an opportunity for individuals with disabilities to save for the future without having benefit cliffs affect their eligibility for public programs.

As a financial professional with over 40 years of experience, I have committed myself to working for Vermont's secure financial future combined with efforts to promote dignity, financial independence, and economic prosperity for all. I am committed to working with you on all these efforts and ask for your support.



Vermont Attorney General



The Attorney General is the chief law enforcement officer of the state. He or she represents the state in all civil and criminal cases where the state is involved or has an interest. There are five divisions within the office of the Attorney General: criminal, public protection, civil law, human services, and general counsel and administrative laws. The Attorney General’s office represents the state’s view in many matters of importance to the disability community, including mental health care and the use of involuntary psychiatric treatment in designated hospitals and mental health centers. Elections for the Attorney General are held every two years. You can find more information about the Attorney General’s office on the web at: <http://www.atg.state.vt.us>

2018 Candidates For VT Attorney General



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Thomas J. Donovan Jr. (TJ) was elected Attorney General of the State of Vermont on November 8, 2016. He is the 26th Attorney General of Vermont.

TJ was born and raised in Burlington, Vermont. TJ worked as a criminal defense attorney and a civil litigation lawyer before he was elected Chittenden County State’s Attorney in 2006. TJ served as State’s Attorney for 10 years.

As Attorney General, TJ is working to make Vermont communities healthier, safer and more prosperous. He is committed to providing greater access to justice through criminal justice reform, supporting businesses and protecting consumers, fighting to end the opiate epidemic and hold corporations accountable for their role in this public health crisis. On a national level and at home, TJ is a strong defender of the environment and fierce advocate for the civil rights of all Vermonters.

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1. At the top of the list is the protection of the most vulnerable. Elder abuse and financial exploitation of those with disabilities is a hidden epidemic. Every case of reported abuse of the disabled or elderly must be investigated – and prosecuted if the facts support prosecution.
2. The health care system in Vermont needs immediate reform.

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- a. Allow doctors and patients to opt-out of the digitized health record system. Digitized medical records cannot guarantee privacy.
- b. Increase funding for independent health care advocates. Advocates should not be in the chain of command of the institution. No Vermont hospital has an independent patient advocate. We used to be patients. Then we became customers. Now we are algorithms.
- c. Health care costs should be controlled by capping the compensation of hospital CEOs. Control IT costs. No more no-bid contracts.

The bottom line is this: The Office of Attorney General should never be used as a political tool. The power of the office is a sacred trust that must insure justice for all. The Office of Attorney General should set the ethical standard for Vermont.

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Thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve in the Vermont House of Representatives. I now ask for your vote to serve Vermont as our Attorney General. As Vermont’s Attorney and chief law enforcement officer, I commit to preserving our rich tradition of an open, transparent government, honoring the rights of the press and our citizens to government records. I am equally committed to the rule of law and insuring that Lady Liberty remains blind, treating all persons with the dignity and respect they deserve when they enter our court system. Further, I have dedicated my life to advancing the rights of people with disabilities and mental health issues, and commit to investigating and prosecuting cases involving the abuse, neglect, harassment, and discrimination any persons with disabilities may experience.



Vermont Auditor of Accounts



The Auditor of Accounts is responsible for protecting against governmental waste and preventing inappropriate use of the state government’s money. The people who work in the Auditor’s office do audits (looking at the record keeping for money matters) and reviews to accomplish their goals. They review the State’s financial statements, and check all the federal money that goes through state government. The Auditor of Accounts may also audit or review special areas of concern about how our money is spent. In the past, the auditor has done special reviews of the Vermont Veteran’s Home and the Department of Developmental and Mental Health Service’s Oversight of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont. The public may suggest areas to investigate and has access to the reports issued by the Auditor. Elections for Vermont Auditor of Accounts are held every two years. You can find more information about the Auditor of Account’s office on the web at: <http://auditor.vermont.gov>

2018 Candidates For VT Auditor of Accounts

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All Vermonters must have the resources necessary to participate in civic life and to live fulfilling lives. As State Auditor, I make every effort to see that state and federal funds are used effectively to help achieve that goal. The State Auditor is not a policy maker, although he or she can add value to the process. The core function of the office is to follow the money, which is critical to ensuring that waste, fraud, and abuse don't claim funds intended for program beneficiaries. In addition, the Auditor's Office conducts performance audits of state programs, including compliance with state and federal statutes and consideration of legislative intent.

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Vermont Secretary of State



The Secretary of State is responsible for four main areas. These are: archives, or the historical files of the state; corporations, that is, making sure all the companies doing business in the state are registered so they can be held responsible for what they do here; elections, or making sure that all the voting in the state is done correctly; and professional regulation, or the licensing/certification/registration and disciplinary action of 40 professions, including psychologists, clinical social workers, and nursing home administrators. Elections for Vermont Secretary of State are held every two years. You can find more information about the Secretary of State's office on the web at <http://www.sec.state.vt.us>

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As a former VT State Senator and South Burlington City Councilor, I have always supported efforts to improve the quality of life and accessibility for the physically impaired.

As VT's Secretary of State for the last eight years, I have worked to ensure that people with disabilities can participate in elections because:

- EVERY eligible voter should have the opportunity to cast their constitutionally protected vote – without impediments or obstructions.
- We previously provided grants to municipalities to help make their voting locations more accessible.
- We are currently implementing a new state-of-art Accessible Voting System to replace our old analog accessible vote-by-phone system.
- We invited DRVT and the Association for the Visually Impaired to assist with developing the RFP, and eventual selection of our new system.
- Allows for a physically impaired person to vote independently and privately – at the poll or even from home.
- We are excited that it will be in place by the August 14th Primary.

Having said that, we must continue to work with communities to insure they comply with the constitutional right

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for any person with disabilities to access the polling place.

People with physical challenges must be provided with every opportunity to voice their opinion through our democratic election process. I will continue to work with the advocates to find more and better ways.

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Local Elected Offices



State Senator

State Senators are one of the two parts of the legislative branch of state government. Senators act like the federal senators in that they review the needs of our state, have meetings in committees, and propose bills that will respond to the concerns they have reviewed. State Senators provide constituent services for state government concerns. Just as the federal government has Senators for each state, the state government has Senators for each county. There is one Senator for approximately every 20,750 citizens. Senators are elected by county, so counties that have more than 20,750 people get more than one Senator. There are 30 Senators in the Vermont Senate. State Senators are elected every two years.



Local Elected Offices



In order to keep the populations of senate districts within the number of people they are supposed to represent, a town from one county may be taken out of one county and included in the district of another county. For example, the Windham County senatorial district does not include Wilmington, which is part of the county, and Wilmington is included in the Bennington County district; and Colchester, which is part of Chittenden County, is in the Grand Isle County senatorial district. Also, a very small county is combined with a larger one to make one district, as is the case in Essex and Orleans counties.

State Representative

State Representatives are one of the two parts of the legislative branch of state government. Representatives act like the federal Representatives in that they review needs of our state, have meetings in committees, and propose bills that will respond to the concerns they have reviewed. State Representatives provide constituent services for state government concerns. Just as the federal government has Representatives for each national district, the state government has Representatives for each state district. Each state district Representative represents approximately 4,150 citizens. There are 150 Representatives in the Vermont House of Representatives. State Representatives are elected every two years.

Probate Court Judge

Probate Court judges have several areas of responsibility. They handle the probate of wills (proving the will is real), the settlement of estates, adoptions, guardianships, name changes and uniform gifts to minors. There is no requirement that the judges of probate be attorneys. Probate Court judges are elected every four years in non-presidential election years.

Assistant Judges

Assistant judges, often called side judges, administer the county budget. The county budget includes part of the costs of the probate court and the sheriff's department. The assistant judges also serve in the superior court. Their job there is to give their opinion on factual matters to the presiding judge on cases. In some counties they may hear certain cases on their own. With additional training, they also may "sit" (preside) in traffic court. Assistant judges are elected every four years in non-presidential election years.

County State's Attorney

The County State's Attorney is the chief law enforcement officer for each county. The State's Attorney office is responsible for prosecuting all criminal, child protection and fish and game charges within their county. The State's Attorney does not have to be an attorney, although he or she will have to hire attorneys to do the work of the State's Attorney office in the courts. The State's Attorney is elected every four years in non-presidential election years.



Local Elected Offices



County Sheriff

The Sheriff has several law enforcement responsibilities. He or she is an officer of the courts, delivers writs and summons (official papers telling people certain legal things), keeps order in the court and carries out the court’s orders including transporting prisoners to and from court appearances. Vermont County Sheriff departments also perform other duties that they are allowed, but not required, to do. These include contracting with various towns or villages, special events and road construction projects to provide traffic control and policing services. The Sheriff is elected every four years in non-presidential election years.

High Bailiff

The High Bailiff’s duty is to arrest the sheriff if it should ever become necessary, and to serve as sheriff while the sheriff is incarcerated. The High Bailiff does not have to be a law enforcement officer to be elected. High Bailiffs are elected every two years.

Justice of the Peace

Justices of the Peace have some mandatory and some voluntary duties. The Justices must serve on the board of civil authority (BCA) and the town board for abatement of taxes. Members of the BCA serve as election officials, and deliver absentee ballots to voters at election time. BCA members also hear and decide appeals of the decisions of listers. The town board for the abatement of taxes decides whether a taxpayer’s tax obligation should be forgiven in certain circumstances. Justices of the Peace may join people in marriage, notarize documents, administer oaths, and, when commissioned by the state Supreme Court, serve as magistrates. Justices of the Peace are elected every two years.

To get the names of the people running for any of the following offices for which there are elections this year, contact your Town/City clerk’s office and ask for a sample ballot, or log onto My Voter Page online. Sample ballots will be available when early voting begins, on September 21, 2018. If you don’t know what district you are in, call your Town/City clerk. Then, if you want more information about the people, call them! Let them know you are interested in finding out their positions on issues.



Voting Worksheet

Fill in the name(s) of the people you want to vote for and bring this with you to the polls to help you remember who you want to vote for. Remember to bring it with you after you vote. You may not leave any papers in the voting booth when you are done voting.

US Senator from Vermont

US Representative to Congress from Vermont

Vermont Governor

Vermont Lt. Governor

Vermont Treasurer

Vermont Sec. of State

Vermont Auditor of Accounts

Vermont Attorney General

State Senator(s)
(number varies by district)
Addison -- 2, Bennington - 2,
Caledonia – 2 Chittenden - 6,
Grand Isle – 1, Lamoille - 1,
Essex-Orleans - 2, Franklin - 2
Orange - 1, Rutland - 3,
Washington - 3, Windham- 2,
Windsor – 3

State Representative(s) most districts
have one rep.; a few have two. See
your district for your district’s number

High Bailiff

Probate Judge

Assistant Judge

State’s Attorney

County Sherriff

Justice of the Peace

Candidates elected to office will make decisions about the programs and services that matter to you, including whether or not they are funded!

Please Vote On Or Before

November 6, 2018 for the General Election

Call DRVT at 1-800-834-7890

- To find out if you are a registered voter
- To become a registered voter
- To obtain an absentee ballot
- To find out where your polling place is
- To obtain accommodations in voting
- To learn more about your voting rights

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