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VOTER'S GUIDE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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Are you Registered to Vote?

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Addison	759-2020	Elmore	888-2637	Moretown	882-8218	Starksboro	453-2639
Albany	755-6100	Enosburgh	933-4421	Morgan	895-2927	Stockbridge	746-8400
Alburgh	796-3468	Essex	879-0413	Morristown	888-6370	Stowe	253-6133
Andover	875-2765	Fair Haven	265-3610	Mt. Holly	259-2391	Strafford	765-4411
Arlington	375-2332	Fairfax	849-6111	Mt. Tabor	293-5282	Stratton	896-6184
Athens	869-3370	Fairfield	827-3261	New Haven	453-3516	Sudbury	623-7296
Bakersfield	827-4495	Fairlee	333-4363	Newark	467-3336	Sunderland	375-6106
Baltimore	263-5274	Fayston	496-2454	Newbury	866-5521	Sutton	467-3377
Barnard	234-9211	Ferrisburgh	877-3429	Newfane	365-7772	Swanton	868-4421
Barnet	633-2256	Fletcher	849-6616	Newport City	334-2112	Thetford	785-2922
Barre City	476-0242	Franklin	285-2101	Newport Town	334-6442	Tinmouth	446-2498
Barre Town	479-9391	Georgia	524-3524	North Hero	372-6926	Topsham	439-5505
Barton	525-6222	Glover	525-6227	Northfield	485-5421	Townshend	365-7300
Belvidere	644-6621	Goshen	247-6455	Norton	822-9935	Troy	988-2663
Bennington	442-1043	Grafton	843-2419	Norwich	649-1419	Tunbridge	889-5521
Benson	537-2611	Granby	328-3611	Orange	479-2673	Underhill	899-4434
Berkshire	933-2335	Grand Isle	372-8830	Orwell	948-2032	Vergennes	877-2841
Berlin	229-9298	Granville	767-3542	Panton	475-2333	Vernon	257-0292
Bethel	234-9722	Greensboro	533-2911	Pawlet	325-3309	Vershire	685-2227
Bloomfield	962-5191	Groton	584-3276	Peacham	592-3218	Victory	328-2400
Bolton	434-3064	Guildhall	676-3797	Peru	824-3065	Waitsfield	496-2218
Bradford	222-4727	Guilford	254-6857	Pittsfield	746-8170	Walden	563-2220
Braintree	728-9787	Halifax	368-7390	Pittsford	483-6500	Wallingford	446-2336
Brandon	247-5721	Hancock	767-3660	Plainfield	454-8461	Waltham	877-3641
Brattleboro	251-8157	Hardwick	472-5971	Plymouth	672-3655	Wardsboro	896-6055
Bridgewater	672-3334	Hartford	295-2785	Pomfret	457-3861	Warren	496-2709
Bridport	758-2483	Hartland	436-2444	Poultney	287-5761	Washington	883-2218
Brighton	723-4405	Highgate	868-4697	Pownal	823-7757	Waterbury	244-8447
Bristol	453-2486	Hinesburg	482-2281	Proctor	459-3333	Waterford	748-2122
Brookfield	276-3352	Holland	895-4440	Putney	387-5862	Waterville	644-8865
Brookline	365-4648	Hubbardton	273-2951	Randolph	728-5433	Weathersfield	674-9500
Brownington	754-8401	Huntington	434-2032	Reading	484-7250	Wells	645-0486
Brunswick	962-5514	Hyde Park	888-2300	Readsboro	423-5405	West Fairlee	333-9696
Burke	467-3717	Ira	235-2745	Richford	848-7751	West Haven	265-4880
Burlington	865-7140	Irasburg	754-2242	Richmond	434-2221	West Rutland	438-2204
Cabot	563-2279	Isle La Motte	928-3434	Ripton	388-2266	West Windsor	484-7212
Calais	456-8720	Jamaica	874-4681	Rochester	767-3631	Westfield	744-2484
Cambridge	644-2251	Jay	988-2996	Rockingham	463-4336	Westford	878-4587
Canaan	266-3370	Jericho	899-4936	Roxbury	485-7840	Westminster	722-4091
Castleton	468-2212	Johnson	635-2611	Royalton	763-7207	Westmore	525-3007
Cavendish	226-7292	Killington	422-3243	Rupert	394-7728	Weston	824-6645
Charleston	895-2814	Kirby	626-9386	Rutland City	773-1800	Weybridge	545-2450
Charlotte	425-3071	Landgrove	824-3716	Rutland Town	773-2528	Wheelock	626-9094
Chelsea	685-4460	Leicester	247-5961	Ryegate	584-3880	Whiting	623-7813
Chester	875-2173	Lemington	277-4814	St. Albans Cty	524-1500	Whitingham	368-7887
Chittenden	483-6647	Lincoln	453-2980	St. Albans Tn.	524-2415	Williamstown	433-5455
Clarendon	775-4274	Londonderry	824-3356	St. George	482-5272	Williston	878-5121
Colchester	264-5520	Lowell	744-6559	St. Johnsbury	748-4331	Wilmington	464-5836
Concord	695-2220	Ludlow	228-3232	Salisbury	352-4228	Windham	874-4211
Corinth	439-5850	Lunenburg	892-5959	Sandgate	375-9075	Windsor	674-5610
Cornwall	462-2775	Lyndon	626-5785	Searsburg	464-8081	Winhall	297-2122
Coventry	754-2288	Maidstone	676-3210	Shaftsbury	442-4038	Winooski	655-6419
Craftsbury	586-2823	Manchester	362-1313	Sharon	763-8268	Wolcott	888-2746
Danby	293-5136	Marlboro	254-2181	Sheffield	626-8862	Woodbury	456-7051
Danville	684-3352	Marshfield	426-3305	Shelburne	985-5116	Woodford	442-4895
Derby	766-4906	Mendon	775-1662	Sheldon	933-2524	Woodstock	457-3611
Dorset	362-1178	Middlebury	388-8100	Shoreham	897-5841	Worcester	223-6942
Dover	464-5100	Middlesex	223-5915	Shrewsbury	492-3511		
Dummerston	257-1496	Middletown S.	235-2220	S. Burlington	846-4105		
Duxbury	244-6660	Milton	893-4111	South Hero	372-5552		
East Haven	467-3772	Monkton	453-3800	Springfield	885-2104		
E. Montpelier	223-3313	Montgomery	326-4719	Stamford	694-1361		
Eden	635-2528	Montpelier	262-6263	Stannard	533-2577		

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 get the information they need to vote and are not discriminated against when casting their ballots. 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 vote.

Important Election Dates:

- **September 23, 2016: Early voting begins for General Election**
- **November 2, 2016: Last Day to register to vote until 5 p.m. for General Election**
- **November 7, 2016: Early or Absentee ballot request deadline due by 5 p.m. or close of your town clerk's office.**
- **November 8, 2016: 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 (if you are otherwise qualified)**
- **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 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

The registration deadline for the General Election on November 8, 2016 is Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 5 p.m. To register to vote, you must:

1. Be a US Citizen;
2. Be a resident of the Vermont town where you plan to vote;
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. There are several places you can do this.

- At your town/city clerk's office
- At the DMV (when you register your car or when you get or renew your driver's license)
- At voter registration drives

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.

NEW IN 2016

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 check: your voter registration status, absentee ballot status, mail-in application and ballot status, poll location, elected officials, registration information on file with the town office, sample ballot for the upcoming election, challenge letter response, and to take the oath. My Voter Page provides a web-based search of data extracted from Vermont's statewide voter registration database.

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 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 registering to vote and requesting absentee ballots, so make sure you follow those and submit your requests well in advance of the November 8th Election Day.

When, Where and How to Vote



When...

For the 2016 General Election, you must vote on or before November 8, 2016. Ballots will be made available at your town/city clerk's office starting on September 23, 2016. You may vote early, in person, at your town/city clerk's office before the general election day (November 8); you may pick up an early voting ballot at your town/city clerk's

office, vote and return your ballot to the 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. 8, 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> or call **1-800-439-VOTE**. 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

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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 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.

To vote in person at the polls using the vote by phone method:

This option has been developed to allow those with disabilities who want privacy to cast their ballot without the assistance of another person. It is best to practice voting from your home phone to become familiar with the process. Local ballot questions cannot be voted on by phone.

To vote by phone on election day, you must use the phone at the polls. You cannot vote by phone from home.

1. Go to your polling place.
2. Go to the check-in table, give your name and say that you wish to use the vote-by-phone system.
3. A poll worker uses a designated telephone to call the system, enters the identification codes to bring up the appropriate ballot, then gives the phone to the voter and leaves the voting booth.
4. The system reads the ballot to the voter and, after the voter makes ballot selections using the telephone key pad, the system prints out a paper ballot at the office of the Secretary of State. The paper ballot is automatically scanned and can be played back to the voter for verification upon request by the voter. The voter may decide to cast it or discard it and revote.

Your vote will be tallied into the totals submitted by your town to the secretary of state's office. The ballot stays at the secretary of state's office.

To try out the vote by phone system and practice voting your ballot:

1. Call no more than 15 days before the election.
2. Call your town clerk to get the ballot access three digit number for your voting district.
3. Call (866) 486-3838 to listen to and practice voting on the same ballot that you will hear and vote on Election Day. Enter the three digit number when prompted.
4. You may call in and practice as many times as you want. Most people find that after using the system two or three times they can move quickly through all of the candidates and races.
5. Remember, you must vote by phone AT THE POLLS on election day, not from your home phone.

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. 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 clerk's office, or in writing. A non-family member authorized by the voter may only request a ballot in person or in writing.

When, Where and How to Vote

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 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 the town clerk's office. You may go to your town 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 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 8, 2016.
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 8, 2016.
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 (of different parties) 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 (on Election Day or the 8 days preceding the election).

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 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.

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.



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.



2016 U.S. Presidential Candidates



**Hillary Clinton for President of the United States,
Democratic Party**

**Tim Kaine for Vice President of the United States,
Democratic Party**

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As president, I will work to champion the rights of Americans with disabilities. Our country has made so much progress in the 26 years since the Americans with Disabilities Act. But there is so much more to do: to further

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protect the rights of people with disabilities, to provide greater opportunities to live in integrated community settings, to expand access to high-quality education and good jobs, to break down barriers to voting, and to provide support for caregivers. I've worked on these issues throughout my career, since I went door-to-door as a young attorney with the Children's Defense Fund. I continued to work on these issues as First Lady and in the Senate and advocated for ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as Secretary of State. I've stood up for people with disabilities in this campaign, whether it is calling for an end to the sub-minimum wage, releasing a detailed plan to support individuals with autism, expanding support for caregivers, or endorsing the Disability Integration Act. I'll keep working on the issues that matter for people with disabilities between now and Election Day, and I would be honored to do so as your president.

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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
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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>.*

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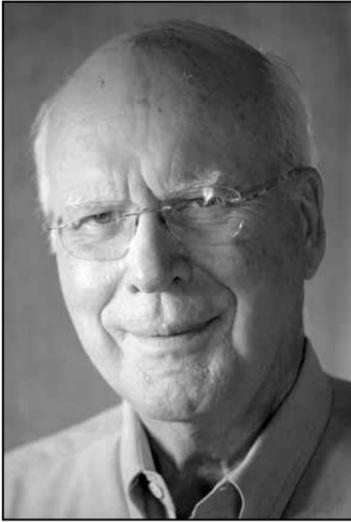
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Persons of low income who have disabilities need to run for political office. If you receive SSI you are in a benefits trap because your SSI statement in December stated that you can not have more than \$2,000 in your bank account, which means you can't buy a car that costs more than \$2,000. So you will have to buy a hunk of junk that breaks down all the time and will have trouble going out to campaign. If you win election for State Representative or State Senator, you will only be working part of the year, and then you will lose your benefits, and have to re-apply, at which point you may be rejected for having worked. You may then be unemployed with no benefits and no ability to get the health care you need until you re-qualify for some benefits; the in between period leaving you devastated. Participation in elected offices should not always mean government of the rich, by the rich and for the rich. Persons of low income who have disabilities need to think beyond voting, towards actually being elected to political office, where they can have a direct say in government; rather than just being governed. Change will start to occur when candidates are not excluded from debates based on how big or tiny their campaign fund is, because persons with disabilities have too many financial obstacles, although their intelligence and ideas may be superior to candidates who are rich and wealthy.

2016 Candidates for U.S. Senate



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I am proud to have cosponsored the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which has served to protect the rights of citizens with disabilities for the past 26 years. I was disappointed and frustrated when the United Nations Convention On the Rights Of Persons With Disabilities in 2012 was not ratified despite a majority of U.S. Senators voting in favor of the treaty. This important Convention was a natural extension of the ADA.

I am committed to fighting discrimination that prevents a person from obtaining a job or accessing public services. Congress needs to lead the way, backed by actions by the U.S. Department of Justice, in allowing those with disabilities to fully participate and contribute to everyday life. We must, at every level of government, improve the enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and hold violators accountable.

In 2013, I supported the bipartisan Excellence in Mental Health Act, to help ensure that individuals with mental illness have access to the healthcare and support they need. In 2014, I was pleased to support passage of a bill that included a demonstration program based on this legislation. I will continue to work to make sure all Vermonters have access to the services they need.

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U.S. Representatives

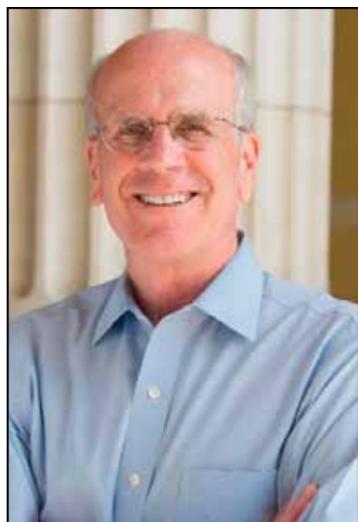


Each state is given a certain number of U.S. Representatives, based on the number of people living in the state. On average, for every 700,000 people, there is a specific congressional district created and the people within that district elect their own representative. In states with more than one district, 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>*

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

Congressman Welch is committed to ensuring every Vermonter has the opportunity to reach his or her full potential. He was proud to be an original cosponsor of the Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act, which was signed into law in 2008. In 2014, he co-authored the ABLE Act to allow persons with disabilities to open tax-free saving accounts to help pay for qualified expenses. Similar to college and health savings accounts, these new accounts can be used to cover basic needs like education, housing, transportation and health care. With his leadership and work across the aisle, the bipartisan ABLE Act passed Congress and was signed into law by President Obama.

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Congressman Welch strongly supported the historic health care reform legislation signed into law by President Obama in 2010. The Affordable Care Act expands health care coverage to millions of Americans, prohibits health insurers from denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions, tightly restricts new health insurance plans' use of annual limits on coverage, and creates a long-term care insurance program to provide benefits to adults who become functionally disabled. Recently, he introduced the Better Care, Lower Cost Act to aid Americans with chronic health conditions and provide coordinated, long-term health care resources to persons with disabilities.

Congressman Welch is humbled by the encouragement he has received representing Vermont in Congress for the last ten years. He again asks for your support in this election so he can return to Washington to continue to fight for all Vermonters to 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>*

2016 Vermont Gubernatorial Candidates

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2016 Vermont Gubernatorial Candidates



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I have been a strong defender of the civil rights of all Vermonters throughout my career.

As a state representative serving on the House Appropriations Committee during the Great Recession in 2008 and 2009, I had special responsibility for the budget of the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL). In response to the recession, Gov. Douglas proposed deep cuts to DAIL funding. As the liaison to groups representing people with disabilities and seniors, I fought successfully to restore those cuts in the House, and ultimately, by voting to override an unprecedented gubernatorial budget veto.

My priorities as governor include growing economic opportunity for Vermonters by investing in vibrant and accessible downtowns, supporting working families, making our government work, protecting our environment and expanding our green economy, and promoting common sense gun safety. These initiatives will create opportunity and security for all Vermonters. I will also make it a priority to fix Vermont Health Connect and continue on a path to health care reform, and maintain Vermont's expanded Medicaid subsidies that have led to nearly all Vermonters having health insurance today.

As the former Secretary of Transportation, I invested in public transit so that Vermonters could better access services. I will continue to invest in transit options that enable all Vermonters to participate freely in our communities. As governor, I will continue to advance the civil and human rights of all our citizens. I am committed to ensuring that my administration reflects the rich diversity of the communities that we serve. I believe that diversity and inclusivity make us stronger.



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

economic prosperity.

My father fought in World War II and lost both of his legs in combat. I lost him when I was 11 years old, but when

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I think of him, I don't remember him as a man with a disability. I remember him for all the things he did for me, my mother and my brothers, how involved he was in our lives, and how he never let anything stand in his way.

In my 16 years of public service, I've supported the rights of individuals to live as my father did. As Chair of the Senate Institutions Committee, I both continued and increased the appropriation for ADA improvements to historic buildings and community gathering spaces, the Austine School for the Deaf and the Vermont State Hospital, as well as transitional, supportive, affordable housing for persons with disabilities. In 2014, I was invited to write the opening message for the Statewide Independent Living Council's K-12 curriculum that teaches the history of Americans with disabilities.

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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>

2016 Candidates for Vermont Lt. Governor



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Vermonters' commitment to inclusion is one of the core values that sets our state apart. But each of us in public life must translate that commitment into action. We must ensure that all rights, privileges, protections

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and entitlements are accessible and available to all Vermonters, regardless of race, gender, orientation or ability. We must work to fulfill the promises of citizenship in places where access has been hindered by policy or practices. If elected, I'll fight to make sure that state government delivers the outcomes promised. I'll focus on ensuring that our economic development and workforce training programs better address the needs of Vermonters with disabilities. I'll encourage stronger enforcement to address violations of our laws. We must ensure that our programs effectively meet the needs of our neighbors. We must reexamine not only how state government delivers, but what it's delivering and how well. As a member of the Senate, I proudly supported a number of DRVT bills including S.12, which added a member from the area agencies on aging to the Governor's Commission on Alzheimer's and S.19, an act to increase the property tax exemption for veterans with disabilities.

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Throughout my 18 years of service in Montpelier I have worked to learn from advocates and people with disabilities. I have repeatedly seen positive change happen when people push from the grassroots level. As Lt. Governor I will advocate for all Vermonters, invite individuals to share their stories, and learn from them where Vermont can make improvements to ensure equality, inclusion and opportunity for everyone.

I was a strong supporter of the Respectful Language Bill, this was a critical improvement. As Lt. Governor I will follow-up to ensure this language is being integrated at the local school and community level. I also supported S.66, supporting those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

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>

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As Treasurer, I have a responsibility to over 50,000 active, vested and retired members of public retirement systems to provide retirement plans that are affordable to taxpayers and employees, while providing adequate and reliable income. Currently 713 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.

The Treasurer’s Office offers financial literacy programs to provide citizens of all ages the knowledge and skills to successfully manage their money. I have worked with the Legislature to enact consumer protection and unclaimed property laws for life insurance beneficiaries. Working with AARP and legislative leaders, Vermont became the first in the nation law to enact a law to protect consumers from predatory practices in pension lending. I am working with stakeholders, advocates, and legislators to develop “Achieving a Better Life Experience” or ABLE accounts. This initiative will empower individuals with disabilities and their families to invest in tax-free savings accounts, for the purpose of maintaining health and independence.

As Treasurer, I am committed to ensuring that all citizens have an opportunity for a lifetime of financial well-being and I ask for your support.

2016 Candidates for Vermont Treasurer

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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/display.php?smod=64>

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for the past ten years. His proactive and innovative approaches to law enforcement and the implementation of programs designed to reduce crime and protect victims have garnered him endorsements from a large and diverse array of individuals and organizations.

TJ's campaign is about bringing accountability, openness, fairness, and transparency to the office of Attorney General. He will be a champion for everyday Vermonters and for those who need a hand up to maximize their potential. TJ understands the need for supporting Vermonters with disabilities, including adequate mental health services, and has actively promoted the hiring of Vermonters with disabilities in his current office.

As Attorney General he will aggressively enforce the law to protect the civil rights of all Vermonters including those with disabilities. TJ has a proven record of giving a voice to populations that have traditionally been marginalized, and knows fighting to protect equal opportunities for Vermonters with disabilities will make our great state a stronger and better place for all its citizens.

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At the top of the list is the protection of the most vulnerable. Elder abuse and financial exploitation of the elderly is a hidden epidemic. Every case of reported abuse of individuals with disabilities and the elderly must be investigated in a timely manner – and prosecuted if the facts support prosecution. A backlog of hundreds of abuse cases shows a shocking lack of appreciation for the dignity of all human beings. This should never happen again. No excuses. No exceptions.

Increase funding for Health Care Advocates. No one should go to a hospital or the ER without an Advocate. Advocates should not be in the chain of command of the institution. A system of volunteers could meet this need without burdening the taxpayers. We used to be patients. Then we became customers. Now we are algorithms.

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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>*

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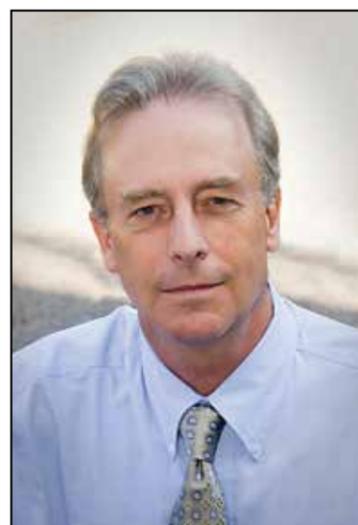
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All Vermonters must have the resources necessary to participate in civic life and to live fulfilling lives. As State Auditor, I make every effort to see that state and federal funds are used effectively to help achieve that goal.

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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.



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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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.

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.



Local Elected Offices



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.

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, visit your town clerk's office and check the sample ballot, or you can write your town clerk for a sample ballot. If you don't know what district you are in, call your town 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.



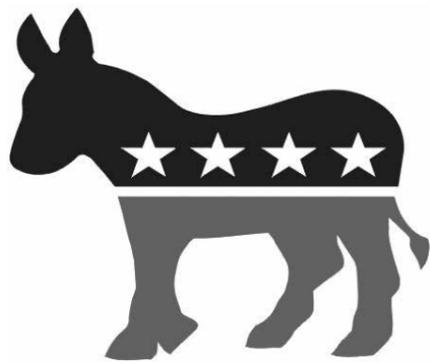
Major Political Parties



We asked all the political parties in Vermont recognized by legal definition as major political parties to provide a description of what they stand for. The following descriptions are what they submitted, unedited. In Vermont, you do not need to register for a political party in order to vote.

Many candidates run for office as a member of a political party. They do that because it gives voters a chance to get a quick idea about what types of issues are important to a candidate, and because political parties offer an existing organization of volunteers and in some parties, paid staff, to help candidates.

Democratic Party



Vermont Democrats believe the rights to health care, food, shelter, clean air and water, education, privacy, justice, peace and equality, the right to organize and of free speech are essential to a robust democracy. These rights are not negotiable.

Based on these principles, we stand against torture, bigotry and discrimination, forced childbirth, corruption, and the establishment of state-sponsored religion or religious doctrine.

We believe that all citizens have a responsibility to be informed, engaged participants of our democracy. We demand that all elected officials fully adhere to their oaths of office and defend the Constitutions of the United States and Vermont at all times, using all lawful means available to them through their office.

We expect elected leaders at all levels to adhere to national and international laws and treaties, as required by the Constitution, and to govern compassionately and with fiscal integrity and transparency.

As a society, we must work toward economically and environmentally sustainable communities to protect the future of our planet.

Everything we do – every policy, law, and regulation – must consider the effects of our actions on the lives and futures of the world’s children, and their children.

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Progressive Party



The Progressive Party champions sensible policies and the traditional Vermont values which put people first. Livable wages and small business development will guarantee that young Vermonters can find good jobs in state. Universal health care will mean families won’t fear bankruptcy from catastrophic illnesses. Safe, clean energy and thriving family farms will mean food and energy security for future generations.



Major Political Parties



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Unfortunately, government is increasingly becoming unresponsive and irresponsible. The two brand-name parties frequently act in concert, because they serve the same corporate interests. They take issues “off the table”, preventing discussion of issues important to most Vermonters: health care for all, property tax reform, energy independence.

The Progressive Party does not take campaign donations from corporations. We put the interests of the farmers, laborers, students, small business owners and seniors ahead of the interests of the large corporations that influence the other major parties. We give the voters leverage to force the other major parties and candidates to take stands on those issues. We can fight for these issues on a level playing field when politicians are no longer influenced by corporate money, voting is more accessible to all Vermonters, and elections are more representative of our hopes for government.

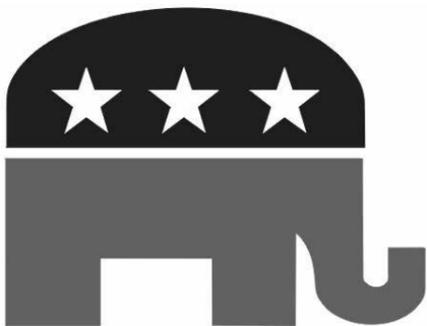
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Republican Party



Vermont Republicans believe in the principles laid out most eloquently in the Declaration of Independence: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men [and women] are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men [and women], deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...”

As such Vermont Republicans believe in government strong enough to protect the rights of our citizens, but limited and restrained enough to respect each individual’s freedom.

We believe in maintaining Vermont’s quality of life by encouraging economic growth and affordability, adhering to responsible environmental practices and providing choices in education and health care.

We believe in efficient limited government, quality jobs, sensible economic development, and affordable health care. We believe in equality of opportunity, preservation of our freedoms and honoring the wisdom of our citizens. We believe in public safety and environmental stewardship.

We believe in empowering all Vermonters to succeed and to secure a future for themselves and their communities.

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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 anything in the voting booth, or this: You may not leave any papers in the booth when you are done voting.

President _____

US Senator from Vermont _____

US Representative 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 _____

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