

2020

# Voters Guide



## Introduction:

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# The Addison County Democrats urge you to please vote for our candidates in the November 3 General Elections!

### Senators

### High Bailiff

COUNTY WIDE



Ruth Hardy



Chris Bray



Dave Silberman

### Middlebury - Addison 1



Robin Scheu



Amy Sheldon

### Addison - 3



Matt Birong



Diane Lanpher

### Addison 5

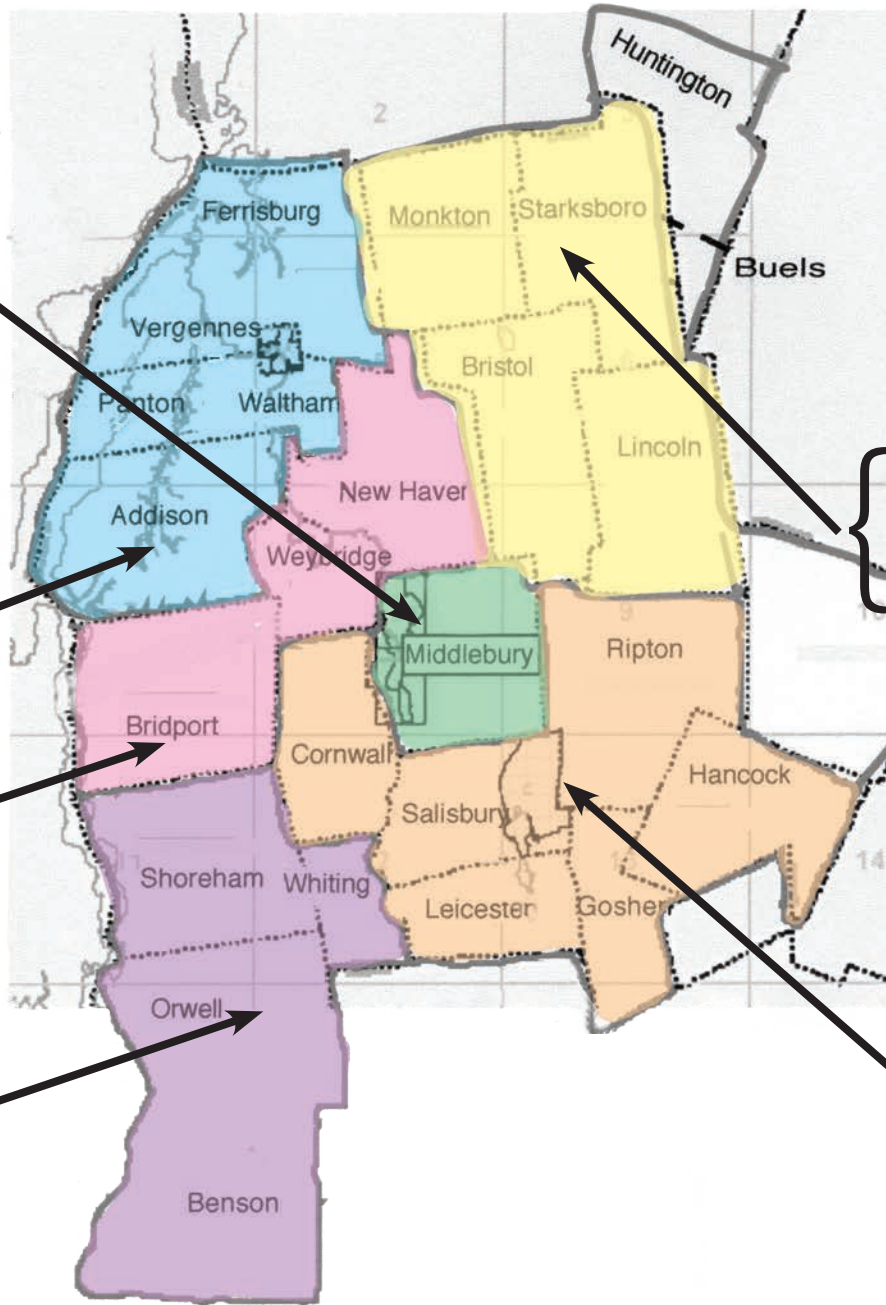


Jubilee McGill

### Addison/Rutland



Ruth Shattuck Bernstein



### Addison - 4



Mari Cordes



Caleb Elder

### Addison - 2



Peter Conlon

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# See how the candidates react to local issues

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**1. Economy.** Vermont faces a multi-front threat to its economic well-being, including slow sales in many sectors and high unemployment due to coronavirus, and a perceived difficulty in attracting and retaining businesses that provide good-paying, stable jobs; as well as a stagnant population and a declining younger demographic. If elected, what measures would you propose to bolster Vermont’s economy? **Write 150 words**

**2. School outcomes.** What can you do to help schools improve the way they provide Vermont children (and adults) skills to fill jobs or create jobs in the state? **150 words**

**3. School consolidation.** How should/can state officials work on maintaining or consolidating small schools, and what are the costs & benefits of maintaining or consolidating our school districts? **150 words**

**4. Environment.** There is a lot to address here: water quality, climate change, protecting open land. As a lawmaker, what areas of the environment would you put your energies toward? **150 words**

**5. Health care.** Vermonters have bemoaned the high cost of medical care and health preventive maintenance for a long time. What existing public policies would you support, what new policies would you push to institute, and what would you abandon? **150 words**

**6. Agriculture.** Most Vermonters don’t live on farms, but we all enjoy the benefits of living in a farming community. How are we going to support this industry? What existing laws need to be changed and what new ones need to be introduced? Who pays? **100 words**

**7. Candidate’s Choice.** Comment on the topic of your choice. **100 words**

**Head to [addisonindependent.com](http://addisonindependent.com) to see their answers.**



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 vote for not more than TWO

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	ROBIN SCHEU Middlebury	Democratic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	AMY SHELDON Middlebury	Democratic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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# See where to cast your ballots in every town

## Follow instructions on your 2020 ballot then drop it off, or vote in person

Secretary of State Jim Condos, the state's chief election official, has been working hard to make sure that as many Vermonters as possible get to cast ballots in the Nov. 3 General Election. His office and elections officials all around the state have taken steps to get ready for an election during the coronavirus pandemic.

"The hard work we have conducted planning and preparing for an election unlike any we have ever experienced will ensure that Vermont voters do not need to choose between their health and their right to vote," he said.

The Secretary of State's Office sent out Early Voting ballots to all registered voters in Vermont. Voters who have not received their ballots in the mail by now should contact their town or city clerk to ensure they receive a ballot.

"When Vermonters receive their ballots, it's important that they follow the included instructions, such as placing their ballot in the voted ballot envelope, filling out the certificate on the envelope completely, and making sure to sign that certificate, for their vote to be counted," Condos said. "Seal, sign, and send! I am encouraging Vermont voters to help 'flatten the absentee ballot curve' by voting and returning their ballots as early

as they feel comfortable."

Voters may also vote in person at the polls on Election Day.

Voters can return their ballots by mail, using the pre-paid postage return envelope that comes with their ballot, bring their voted ballots directly to their local town clerk's office or bring their ballots to the polls on Election Day. Polling locations will be open as normal for all voters who do not vote early.

Voters are encouraged to contact their town clerks with any issue they experience or questions they have about their ballots. "Our town and city clerks are some of, if not the, hardest working municipal officials in the state," Condos said. "They are our elections superheroes, keeping the doors open to democracy for Vermonters, and can help their voters troubleshoot any questions that arise, working with our office to ensure a safe, secure, and fair election."

Condos urged Vermonters who are mailing their ballots to get them in to the post office by Oct. 24 to ensure that they get to the town clerk by Election Day.

Addison County voters who wish to drop off their ballots, rather than put them in the mail, may do so in the following places:

### ADDISON

Drop ballots off at Town Office during regular office hours in a drop box by the right side of the front door. Addison officials retrieve ballots left in the drop box as they are deposited throughout the day on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m., and Wednesday and Friday 8:30-noon. The drop box is not left out when the office is closed.

### BRANDON

Brandon Town Office has a ballot drop box at the front counter, Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Otherwise, place ballots in the payment drop box in front of the town office at 49 Center St. or in the box in front of Neshobe School at 17 Neshobe Circle.

On Nov. 3 Brandon is limiting the number of people in the polling place at American Legion Post 55 at 550 Franklin St., so citizens may need to wait outside to drop off ballots there.

### BRIDPORT

Put ballots in the mail slot in the door of the Bridport Town Office; on Election Day drop ballots at the polls.

### BRISTOL

Deposit ballots in the large Drop Box at the entrance of the Town Office at 1 South St.; hand-deliver to the Town Office on Mondays and Wednesdays, 8 a.m.-noon; or bring them to the polling place in person at Holley Hall on Nov. 3.

### CORNWALL

Drop box on the town hall front porch.

### FERRISBURGH

Drop box to the left of the side entrance of the town office. The current box is on the outside, but a new, larger one is being installed that will be inside the building's entryway. When installation is complete, it will be accessed by a slot from outside

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## Nurse. Union Leader. Grandmother. Fighting for a planet and a Vermont for everyone.



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#### Community Resilience

A leader and advocate for affordable and accessible medications, preventative care, And all health care including dental and mental health.

#### COVID-19 Economic Relief

Sponsored economic stimulus parity bill for Vermonters left out by federal payments and helped 100+ neighbors get assistance through the Department of Labor — reinstating benefits for some unjustly denied.

#### Racial, Social, and Environmental Justice

Championed racial and gender equity in the Healthcare Committee, the House, and in our community. Leader in climate change statewide response and income-sensitive weatherization programs.

We are all Vermonters, and Vermonters make good neighbors. This is how we have gotten through the pandemic and this is how we will continue to rebuild our economy and support our small businesses and family farms.



Learn more at  
[MariCordes.org](http://MariCordes.org)

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### Lincoln, VT

#### General Election Polling Place Change

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at **BURNHAM HALL**, 52 East River Road.

Please BYOB (bring your own ballot) if you received one in the mail, otherwise you will have to complete a sworn affidavit to get a new one.

**Questions?**  
Contact Lincoln Town Clerk, Sally Ober, at [clerk@lincolnvermont.org](mailto:clerk@lincolnvermont.org) or call (802)453-2980

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the building so it will be available 24 hours per day.

### **GOSHEN**

Place ballots in a slot in the town hall wall that leads to a secure box inside the town clerk's office. A free-standing lock box is being erected just outside the town clerk's office that will be available for ballots, payments and other town business.

### **GRANVILLE**

Drop ballots at the Town Clerk's Office, Monday through Thursday, or place in a newly installed secure ballot drop box.

### **HANCOCK**

Call the town office at 767-3660 to set up an appointment to drop off a ballot, or use the drop box labeled "town clerk/treasurer" on the outside of our building near the front entrance.

### **LEICESTER**

Contact the Town Office at 247-5961, ext. 3, to schedule an in-person ballot drop off, or leave your ballot in the drop box in the front of the Leicester Town Office under the bulletin board.

### **LINCOLN**

Secure drop box outside the office. It is checked daily.

### **MIDDLEBURY**

A large drop box on the landing next to the Town Office side door closest to the Ilsley Library. It is secured to the cement and is under 24-hour video surveillance.

### **MONKTON**

Knock on the Town Office door, if open they will accept hand-delivered ballots. Otherwise, use a drop box outside the office door on the right.

### **NEW HAVEN**

Secure drop box marked with bright pink paper by the front door to the Town Offices/Library. Or hand them through the door: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

### **ORWELL**

Drop off at Town Office in person Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. After hours use the mail slot in the front door, or drop office on Election day at the Orwell Town Hall, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

### **PANTON**

Drop box inside town hall available 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and Friday, 8 a.m.- noon. Drop box on Election Day at Town Garage, 2167 Panton Road, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### **RIPTON**

Drop box at the town office.

### **SALISBURY**

Drop ballots in the town office during business hours or put them through the mail slot in the front door of the town office anytime.

### **SHOREHAM**

Drop box — the same one that is used for tax payments.

### **STARKSBORO**

At the Town Office either hand them to town staff during business hours or drop them in the drop box next to the door.

### **VERGENNES**

No drop box; deliver ballots in person at city hall 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays or hand them in on Election Day, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

### **WALTHAM**

Mail slot in the door of the town office, or drop them off during office hours.

### **WEYBRIDGE**

Put ballots in the mail slot in the Town Office door any time.

### **WHITING**

Drop ballots in the secure drop box in the door of the town office or bring them to the polls.



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Monkton, Starksboro*

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- Establishing a universal primary care system for any Vermonter needing care.
- Continuing to fund Lake Champlain cleanup work at an accelerated pace.
- Enabling renewable energy development while facilitating our transition away from fossil fuels.

*Please VOTE for me in the 2020 General Election.  
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## Addison - 1 candidates

Three candidates are running for two seats in the Addison-1 district, which represents the town of Middlebury: incumbent Democrats Amy Sheldon and Robin Scheu, and Republican Tom Hughes.

Amy Sheldon was first elected to the Vermont House in 2014. She holds a BA in economics from Middlebury College and an MS in Natural Resource Planning from the University of Vermont. She is a consulting Natural Resource Planner and River Scientist at Landslide Natural Resource Planning Inc. Sheldon served on the Middlebury Planning Commission for 10 years, on the District 9 Environmental Board for Act 250, and on the Middlebury Area

Land Trust board. She has served on the Fish, Wildlife and Water Committee.

Robin Scheu, who was elected first in 2016, graduated from Smith College and Antioch University New England. She spent more than 16 years in commercial banking, and moved to Middlebury in 1992. She was executive director of the Addison County Economic Development Corp. and has served on many boards. This past biennium she was on the House Ways and Means Committee.

Tom Hughes ran for this House seat as an Independent in 2014, but finished behind Sheldon and then long-time incumbent Betty Nuovo.

He is a long-time employee of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation &



HUGHES



SHELDON



SCHEU

Historic Preservation, and has managed the Crown Point State Historic site just across Lake Champlain. He has lived in Middlebury more than a dozen years, and has two grown children.

Hughes declined to answer the

questions that we posed to candidates earlier this fall, but recently reached out and said he would be happy to be profiled in the *Addison Independent*. Look for that story in an upcoming edition.

## Addison - 2 candidates

In Addison-2 (Cornwall, Goshen, Hancock, Leicester, Ripton, Salisbury) incumbent Rep. Peter Conlon (D-Cornwall) will be the only candidate on the ballot. Millard "Mac" Cox of Ripton has mounted a write-in campaign.

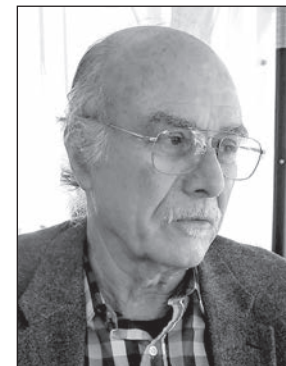
Peter Conlon was raised in Montpelier and has lived in Cornwall since 1990. He and his wife, Mary, have three sons. He was a reporter and news editor of the *Addison Independent* through 2004, then worked for nearly a decade as a dairy labor specialist throughout New England. Since 2014, he has owned and operated

Vermont Move Management and Home Inventory. He is a member of the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department and the Addison Central School District board. First elected to the House in 2016, he is ranking member of the House Education Committee.

Millard Cox announced a write-in candidacy earlier this fall. He said that the principal reason he is running is to give the people in Ripton, Cornwall and Salisbury and the three other towns an additional voice in protesting Act 46 and the consideration of school consolidation in the Addison Central School District.



CONLON



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# Looking for a NEW direction?

## Vote for Tim Buskey for your Addison 3 Representative to the Vermont Legislature on November 3<sup>rd</sup>

# Addison - 3 candidates

In Addison-3 (Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton, Vergennes, Waltham) four candidates are running for two seats: incumbent Vergennes Democrats Matt Birong and Diane Lanpher, and Republican challengers Tim Buskey of Addison and Steve Thurston of Ferrisburgh.

Diane Lanpher, who moved to Vergennes in 1984, was first elected to the House in 2008. She and her husband, Jim, owned the Horace Mann Insurance agency. She has worked for many years with the Department of Health and worked for the New England Institute of Addiction Studies in Maine. She has been active in the community on many boards and organizations. She has been on the House Appropriations Committee since 2015.

Matt Birong was first elected to the House in 2018. He graduated from New England Culinary Institute and has worked

for two decades in fine dining establishments in Manhattan, Boston and Burlington. Since 2007, Matt has been the Chef/Owner of 3 Squares Café in Vergennes. He has been active in his community in many capacities.

Tim Buskey has an extensive history of public service. His résumé includes lengthy terms as chairman of both the Addison and Middlebury selectboards. He has also served on the Addison planning commission and is now an Addison auditor and town meeting moderator. In Middlebury he also worked on the zoning board, and his nonprofit board service



**BUSKEY**



**BIRONG**



**LANPHER**



**THURSTON**

over the years includes the Addison County Home Health and Hospice and Addison County Chamber of Commerce. Buskey's career includes working at WFAD-AM radio station from 1968 to 1981 and ownership of that business for several years. From 2004 to 2019 he and his wife, Barbara, also owned and operated Vergennes Residential Care Inc.

Steve Thurston is a Pennsylvania native with a long career as a homebuilder in the

Manchester area. After graduating from New Jersey's Rutgers University with a degree in English in 1970, he headed to Maine, and ended up in Manchester, Vt., working as a builder. In Manchester, Thurston said he served as a selectman, zoning board chairman, rescue squad member, and member of the boards of three schools. In 2013 he moved permanently to Ferrisburgh to property he had purchased in 1995.

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- Safe, collaborative COVID-19 response
- Equitable, inclusive schools
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- Affordable childcare & college education
- Accessible health care
- Racial & gender equity
- Responsible state budgeting
- Consistent communication & information

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"COVID19 has impacted every single Vermonter's life. As a state we must continue to focus on recovery and on what is needed for our families, businesses and our health. I stand with my community and we face these challenging times together.

As a member of the budget Appropriations committee, I am aware of the importance of my leadership role and my responsibilities to the fiscal health of VT. The citizens of Addison-3 and my colleagues in Montpelier know they can count on me to always focus on the greater good.

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*-Diane*

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## Addison - 4 candidates

In Addison-4 (Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton and Starksboro) four candidates are running for two seats: incumbent Mari Cordes (D-Lincoln), Lynn Dike (R-Bristol), incumbent Caleb Elder (D-Starksboro) and Valerie Mullin (R-Monkton).

Mari Cordes, RN, is finishing up her first term in the Statehouse. As a nurse she co-led a nationally recognized multi-year project to reduce central line bloodstream infections at UVM Medical Center, and has presented nationally on topics in medicine. She organized and led medical teams providing relief in Haiti and Greece. She also organized teams to respond to communities hit by Tropical Storm Irene. She was a founding organizer of a nurses union and has worked on numerous state policy-making initiatives. Cordes has many volunteering stints in her resume.

Caleb Elder is a first-term House member. He grew up in Bristol and is a

board member for the Mount Abraham Unified School District. He has served on the House Education Committee. He has worked in the renewable energy field for more than a decade. He has helped find solar solutions for scores of area homeowners, schools, nonprofits and businesses.

Lynn Dike, a Massachusetts native, arrived in Vermont in 1986 with her first husband, a career military man who had taken a job as an ROTC instructor at Norwich University. And that's where Dike completed her nursing degree. She and her current spouse, Lloyd Dike, married in 1992 and quickly settled



CORDES



DIKE



ELDER



MULLIN

in Bristol. Dike worked many years at Helen Porter Rehabilitation & Nursing in Middlebury. While she has no political experience, Dike is confident that her decades spent as a mom and volunteer have made her ready for a legislative role.

Valerie Mullin is a native Vermonter and a Mount Abraham Union High School graduate. She's an independent businessperson, and has taught skincare techniques and mentored women nationally on the subject

of entrepreneurship and financial independence. She previously co-owned and operated "Needleworks and Crafts," a craft supply store in Charlotte that was eventually expanded to locations in downtown Burlington and Ticonderoga, N.Y. Mullin is spending a lot of time these days volunteering with Champlain Valley Rescue, a non-profit group that saves dogs.

## Addison - 5 candidates

In Addison-5 (New Haven, Weybridge and Bridport) two candidates are running for one seat: incumbent Harvey Smith (R-New Haven), and Jubilee McGill (D-Bridport).

Harvey Smith has served on and off in the Vermont House since 1999. A Nashua, N.H., native he earned a degree at UNH and for years ran a successful farm in New Haven. Active in his community, Smith has served in leadership positions in the Lions Club, New Haven Congregational Church, Addison County Farm Bureau, Addison County Regional Planning Commission, United Dairy Industries Association and many others. He was state executive director of Farm Service Agency.

Jubilee McGill, a 36-year-old Bridport resident, has

gone from being office manager with the Addison County Community Trust to being senior property manager and compliance manager for the county's largest affordable housing provider. This past January, she started her new job as a service coordinator for the John W. Graham Emergency Shelter in Vergennes. There, she works with homeless individuals and families, connecting them with the services they need to weather the storm and ultimately land permanent housing. She's also tended to the shelter's COVID-19 safety protocols. She became a principal organizer of Addison County Mutual Aid, a countywide effort to match those who needed help during the pandemic with those offering help.



MCGILL



SMITH

## Addison-Rutland candidates

In the Addison-Rutland House district (Shoreham, Orwell, Whiting and Benson) three candidates are running for one seat: incumbent Terry Norris (I-Shoreham), Ruth Shattuck Bernstein (D-Shoreham) and Rick Lenchus (I-Benson).

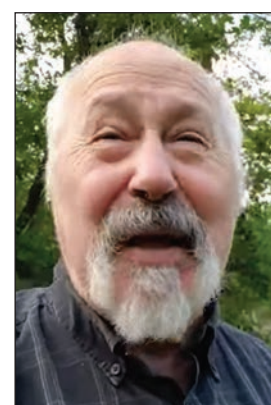
Terry Norris, born and raised in Vermont, has have lived in Shoreham since 1960 on the family farm. He graduated from Tri-State College with a BS in Electrical Engineering and worked with family on their large dairy farm until they sold it in 2008. He is a captain and deck hand on the Fort Ticonderoga Ferry and was a professional photographer for many years, serving as President of Vermont Professional Photographers for two terms. He served on the school board at St Mary's School. He has served in the House since February 2017.

Ruth Bernstein is a lifelong Addison County resident, having spent her formative years in Bristol and Lincoln. For the past 14 years she's lived in Shoreham, where she's been busy as a mom and as director of the Salisbury Free Library. Her past professional experience includes stints as a grade 5/6 teacher at the Leicester School, as a market research professional in Burlington, and as an educator at the Addison County Parent-Child Center in Middlebury. She and her partner have built four homes in Shoreham. A graduate of St. Michael's College, Bernstein also has experience in public service as a member of Shoreham's "Farnham Property Task Force" and on the Shoreham Elementary School Board.

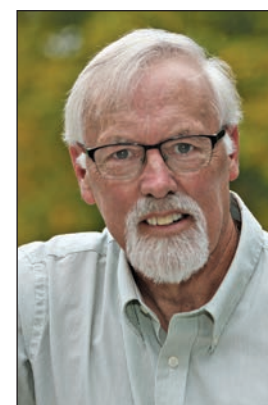
Richard "Sensei" Lenchus, who has been a prominent proponent of martial arts



BERNSTEIN



LENCHUS



NORRIS

for much of his life, is a professional architect. He served as a U.S. Marine Corps jet pilot during the Vietnam War. He moved to Benson 32 years ago, and calls himself a "regular guy" — not a politician and not a member of

a political party. He places a premium on ensuring schools are safe places to learn, and has dealt with lead in drinking water and asbestos in walls, ceilings and floors.

**Make sure your vote counts!**



## 5 vie for Senate race

ADDISON COUNTY — On their ballot this fall local voters will see five candidates for the two Vermont Senate seats representing Addison County, Huntington and Buel's Gore.

Incumbents Christopher Bray (D-Bristol) and Ruth Hardy (D-East Middlebury) will be vying with Republicans Peter Briggs of Addison and Jon Christiano of New Haven plus Hancock Libertarian Archie Flower.

Christopher Bray won his first run for the Legislature in 2006, when he won the House seat representing New Haven, Bridport and Weybridge. He won his seat in the Senate in 2012, and has since moved to Bristol. A University of Vermont (BA, Zoology, 1977; MA, English, 1991), he taught there in the English Department, then worked at National Life of Vermont, IBM, Intel and Apple, and now operates Common Ground Communications, which serves the book publishing industry.

Bray has been active in agricultural and environmental issues in the Legislature. He was a lead sponsor of Vermont's Farm to Plate Program and the Biomass Energy Development Working Group. He has served the community as part of the United Way of Addison County, Middlebury Rotary Club, Vermont Milk Commission, chair of the Rural Economic Development Working Group, Justice of the Peace, and president of the Middlebury Area Land Trust, among other concerns.

East Middlebury resident Ruth Hardy

is running for her second term in the Senate. She was raised in the Ithaca, N.Y., area, and earned degrees in government (BA, Oberlin College) and public affairs (master's, University of Texas at Austin). She worked in Wisconsin state government before moving to Vermont in 2002. Hardy has been executive director of the Open Door Clinic, assistant budget director at Middlebury College, government grants director at Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, and executive director of Emerge Vermont, which recruits and trains women to run for public office.

She served three terms on local school boards, including as chair of Middlebury's Mary Hogan School Board. Hardy has served on several early childhood education boards, spearheads tree-planting initiatives at schools, and is active in local politics.

In her first term, she served on the Senate Agriculture and Education committees, in addition to other Legislative posts.

Peter Briggs, the 30-year-old Addison Selectboard member, says "It's important that there are options" when it comes to the election. He was raised in Addison, where he's the fourth generation to work on his family's 170-cow dairy farm off Otter Creek Road. Needless to say, the future of agriculture in Vermont is important to him. Personal responsibility is also key to him: "If people want to wear a mask, that's their own personal preference ... Everybody is responsible for themselves." As is fiscal



BRAY



BRIGGS



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Jon Christiano has spent four years ending in 2019 shepherding the Addison County Republican Committee. He and his wife, Jane Ross, moved to Vermont from Pennsylvania in 1969, after Jon took a job with IBM in Essex Junction. At IBM, he was responsible for negotiating annual equipment purchases totaling more than \$40 million. He retired from Big Blue in 1993. The couple bought land in New Haven in 2006, built a house, and moved into it seven years ago. A self-described hobby farmer, Christiano and his wife raise pigs and chickens and sell eggs. He has served as a New Haven lister since 2015. He ran

unsuccessfully for his town's selectboard in 2017, but remains keenly interested in local, state and federal policies.

Libertarian candidate Archie Flower has a golden rule: "Live and let live."

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## Local House races

**ADDISON COUNTY** — Addison County is represented by 11 legislators in the Vermont House of Representatives, and all 11 incumbents are running for re-election this fall. Each will also face one or more challengers.

Six legislative districts cover most of Addison County. The following is a thumbnail of who is running to fill our local seats in the Legislature.

**Addison-1** (Middlebury) Three candidates are running for two seats: incumbent Robin Scheu (D), incumbent Amy Sheldon (D) and Tom Hughes (R).

**Addison-2** (Cornwall, Goshen, Hancock, Leicester, Ripton, Salisbury) One seat: incumbent Rep. Peter Conlon (D-Cornwall) will be the only candidate on the ballot. Millard “Mac” Cox of Ripton has mounted a write-in campaign.

**Addison-3** (Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton, Vergennes, Waltham) Four candidates are running for two seats: incumbent Matt Birong (D-Vergennes), Tim Buskey (R-Addison), incumbent Diane Lanpher (D-Vergennes) and Steve Thurston (R-Ferrisburgh).

**Addison-4** (Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton and Starksboro) Four candidates are running for two seats: Democratic incumbents Mari Cordes of Lincoln and Caleb Elder of Starksboro, and Republican challengers Lynn Dike of Bristol and Valerie Mullin of Monkton.

**Addison-5** (New Haven, Weybridge and Bridport) Two candidates are running for one seat: incumbent Harvey Smith (R-New Haven), and Jubilee McGill (D-Bridport).

**Addison-Rutland** (Shoreham, Orwell,

Whiting and Benson) Three candidates are running for one seat: incumbent Terry Norris (I-Shoreham), Ruth Bernstein (D-Shoreham) and Rick Lenchus (I-Benson).

Granville, in the northwest corner of Addison County, is represented by two House members in a district that crosses across towns in three counties. The incumbents in the **Orange-Washington-Addison** District are Rep. Philip Jay Hooper, a Randolph Democrat, and Rep. Peter Reed, a Braintree Independent. They are both running, and face four challengers: Kevin Doering, a Randolph Independent; Joseph Roche, a Braintree Republican; Charles Russell, a Randolph Republican; and Larry Satcowitz, a Randolph Democrat.

## Senate

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A lifelong Addison County resident, Flower first ran for the Senate two years ago. He said then that he was drawn to the Libertarian ideals of autonomy, freedom of choice, voluntary association and individual judgment.

Flower has worked as a computer technician at UTC Aerospace in Vergennes. Prior to that he worked a variety of jobs, including as a bouncer, a deli clerk and cashier, and as a laborer at the former Specialty Filaments plastics company in Middlebury. When he isn't at work or campaigning, Flower — who jokingly refers to himself as a “nerd” — can be found immersed in science fiction literature or movies.

The Libertarian Party platform, according to Flower, contains many sensible ideals that should appeal to the independent instincts in many Vermonters. He explains that he is “running to restore the proper relationship between the People of Vermont and Montpelier, as outlined in Article six of the Vermont Constitution.” Article six calls on state officials to be the servants of the people. He does not believe that gun ownership should be restricted by the state, calling it an inalienable right.



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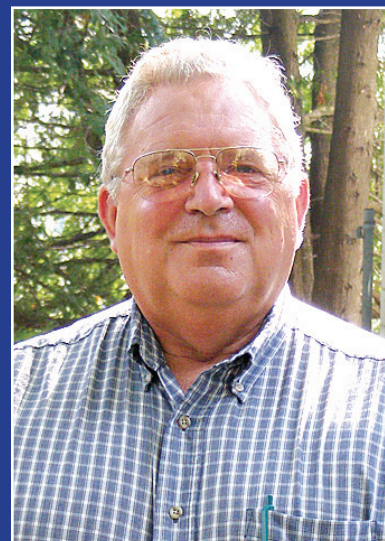
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## Statewide candidates

The races for the top two constitutional offices in Vermont — governor and lieutenant governor — are competitive this year. Incumbent Republican Gov. Phil Scott is seeking his third term as **Governor**. Lt. Gov. David Zuckerman, D/P-Hinesburg, seeks to displace Scott. The six other challengers are Emily Peyton of the Truth Matters party, Charly Dickerson (unaffiliated) and Independents Erynn Hazlett Whitney, Kevin Hoyt, Michael A. Devost and Wayne Billado III.

The field is smaller but no less competitive on the **Lieutenant Governor's** ballot. With incumbent Zuckerman seeking the governor's office, the field is wide open for the No. 2 spot. Democrat Molly Gray and Republican Scott Milne are taking most of the limelight. Gray, an assistant attorney general living in Burlington, has worked as a Congressional aide to Rep. Peter Welch and internationally with the Red Cross. Milne, of Pomfret, is president of Milne Travel. He was the Republican nominee for governor in 2014. Other candidates for Lieutenant Governor are Ralph "Carcajou" Corbo, who identifies his party affiliation as

"Ban the F35s," St. Albans Independent Billado III and Cris Ericson, a Chester Progressive.

Ericson appears on the ballot in five of the six statewide races.

Also on the Vermont ballot are candidates for Vermont's four other constitutional offices: State Treasurer, Attorney General, Secretary of State and Auditor of Accounts.

In the Treasurer's race, incumbent Democrat Beth Pearce was appointed to the post in 2011 and won it in the subsequent three elections. She has more than 40 years of government finance experience at both the state and local level. Republican Carolyn Branagan is a life long Vermonter who grew up on a dairy farm and lives on a large farm in Georgia. She has served on many local boards and in the Legislature from 2003 to 2019.



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Also on the ballot for **Treasurer** are Progressive Cris Ericson and Alex Wright, and Independent from Essex.

Incumbent **State Auditor** Doug Hoffer, who was first elected in 2012, squares off against Ericson on the ballot.

**Attorney Gen.** T.J. Donovan, a South Burlington Democrat, was Chittenden County State's Attorney before being elected to this post in 2016. He appears on the ballot along with Republican H. Brooke Paige of Washington, the former CEO of Philadelphia-based Remington News Service, and Cris Ericson.

Voters will also see Paige and Ericson on the ballot as candidates for **Secretary**

**of State**, along with incumbent Jim Condos, D-Montpelier, and St. Albans Independent Pamala Smith.

Smith has worked for 22 years in the UVM library — 14 in information technology support — and she has a master's degree in Public Administration.

Condos worked for more than 30 years in the private sector, plus served nearly two decades on the South Burlington City Council and in the Vermont Senate for eight years. He is president of the National Association of Secretaries of State.

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# Statewide race for Vt. lieutenant governor

MONTPELIER — Perhaps the closest statewide race in Vermont this year is the contest for lieutenant governor. Five candidates are vying for the position, including: Democrat Molly Gray, Republican Scott Milne, fringe candidate Ralph “Carcajou” Corbo of Wallingford (representing the Banish the F35s

party), Chester resident Cris Ericson of the Progressive Party and Independent candidate Wayne Billado III of Saint Albans.

VTDigger.org sought and ran profiles of the candidates in its Election Guide. Each candidate was asked six brief questions in which the candidates were asked to reply

“yes or no” along with a brief response. Following that, the candidates were asked 10 more questions and were allowed longer responses. The candidates were also asked to provide a self-written biography.

Of the candidates, only Molly Gray and Ralph Corbo made the effort to respond to the questions, while Gray and Milne

supplied brief biographies. While Gray wrote her biography in the first person, Milne supplied information taken from his campaign website, which is used in his biographical sketch below.

The questions and answers provide an overview on important issues facing the states and are published below.

## MOLLY GRAY, DEMOCRAT

**Biography:** “I’ve spent my career serving our state and fighting for human rights, justice, and equity across the globe and here in Vermont. I was born and raised on a vegetable and dairy farm in Newbury, where my family still farms today. I am a proud product of Vermont’s education system and a graduate of the University of Vermont (UVM) where I competed as a Division I cross-country skier.

“After graduating from UVM, I worked to elect Rep. Peter Welch to Congress and moved to Washington to serve as a Congressional aide. At the height of the Iraq war, while my younger brother was deployed, I worked for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to help promote adequate humanitarian assistance and the humane treatment of detainees at Guantanamo. I spent three years engaging the U.S. government and leading field missions into Haiti, Uganda, Georgia, the Western Balkans, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

“Like many of my generation, I returned home to Vermont to be closer to family and to build a life and career. I attended Vermont Law School while bartending nights at the Worthy Burger in South Royalton.

“After law school, I worked in Rutland as a law clerk to Vermont’s judge to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, the Honorable Peter W. Hall. Because of my background and prior work, I was recruited to support the U.S. government and the international community in launching the International Code of Conduct Association; the first global initiative mandated to oversee the compliance of private security contractors with human rights. I led human rights monitoring missions in East Africa, Nigeria, and Iraq.

“Today, I work statewide as an Assistant Attorney General, where I bring my unique background to my criminal justice work. I also teach night classes at Vermont Law School where I train the next generation of lawyers and leaders on human rights.

“I am running for lieutenant governor because Vermont is at a crossroads. We must elect leaders who will put people before politics and will help unify our state as we build a bright future for Vermont.”

### Quick Q&A

**Q:** Do you support a facemask mandate in public spaces?

**A:** Yes. We must follow the guidance of health care experts and scientists and recognize that we are all in this together.

**Q:** Should K-12 schools return to in-person learning this fall?

**A:** Yes. Decisions around how and when schools should reopen in the fall should be



**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CANDIDATE Molly Gray brings her background as assistant attorney general and former worker on humanitarian missions to her race for Vermont’s second-highest elected post.**

guided by the needs and expertise of our teachers and administrators. Schools are our most essential places and teachers are our most essential workers....

**Q:** Do you think Vermont’s property tax rates are too high?

**A:** Yes. Many Vermonters are overburdened, not just by property taxes, but also by the high cost of living in Vermont. If we are going to address our demographic challenges and keep a generation in Vermont, we will need to address the soaring costs of childcare, housing, health care and education in Vermont. I support progressive tax reforms that are transparent, easy to understand and give every family and community the support they need to build a brighter future.

**Q:** Do you think the state is doing enough to address climate change?

**A:** No. It is the responsibility of the state to help protect and care for the land and environment that has taken care of us. As lieutenant governor, I will work to mitigate the harmful impact of climate change on our communities and livelihoods and to lead Vermont in an equitable transition to a clean, renewable energy economy. Every year, Vermonters collectively spend over a billion dollars heating their homes and businesses and commuting to school and work. Right now, this investment goes largely to out-of-state fossil fuel companies rather than circulating in our local economy. I will work to incentivize investment in renewable energy programs that are equitable, transparent and good for our local economy.

**Q:** Do you support a paid family leave insurance program funded by a mandatory

payroll tax?

**A:** Yes. As lieutenant governor I will work to advance an equitable and universal paid family and medical leave bill. Our future depends on it... No Vermonter in 2020 should have to choose between paying the bills and caring for family.

**Q:** Do you support the creation of a legal market for marijuana?

**A:** Yes. As an Assistant Attorney General and advocate for criminal justice reform, I support Vermont’s leadership in decriminalizing marijuana... I support a legal market that promotes clarity in regulation and safety for communities, entrepreneurs and law enforcement together with thoughtful revenue reinvestment in programs that will support the urgent needs of our communities.

### Longer Q&A from VTDigger:

**Q:** What steps should the state take to prevent further COVID-19 outbreaks?

**A:** What I have learned from working with the International Committee of the Red Cross in humanitarian response is that in times of crisis we must align our response with a needs assessment and let medical professionals guide decisions around public health and safety. We should be proud of our statewide response to COVID-19. As we look forward, we should take additional steps to ensure full access to safety and health information, protective equipment, and testing for all Vermonters. As we learn more about this pandemic, we must capture lessons learned and look for ways to adapt and prepare for an uncertain future. This should include emergency steps to close Vermont’s broadband gap so that our families and communities can work remotely, engage

in online learning, and access critical health and safety information.

**Q:** What would you propose to improve the state’s economic recovery during the pandemic?

**A:** From our greatest economic challenges, also come our greatest economic opportunities. We are facing a global pandemic, a demographics crisis, and justifiable social unrest. If we are going to build a more economically viable and equitable future for Vermont, we need to make investments in our future. Top among them, closing Vermont’s broadband gap once and for all. Without equal access to broadband, Vermonters are left without access to education, remote work, economic opportunity, telemedicine, and critical health and safety and information. Second, we need to make it possible for our families to go back to work. Investments in affordable, quality childcare as well as paid family and medical leave allow families to care for loved ones and pay the bills. Finally, we need to support our farmers, restaurant owners, small and socially responsible businesses, and downtowns in adapting and innovating so that our communities and local economy are resilient now and for the future.

**Q:** Is the state doing enough to protect students and staff returning to school? What additional steps would you support?

**A:** As a product of Vermont’s education system, I have a deep appreciation for the diverse needs of our schools and communities. What I continue to hear from teachers across Vermont is that the state is not doing enough to support students

*(See Molly Gray, Page 13)*

## SCOTT MILNE, REPUBLICAN

Editor's note: This is information from the biography provided by Scott Milne to VTDigger that is posted on Digger's website. It is taken from some of Milne's campaign literature.

Scott Milne is president of Milne Travel, an independent, family-owned travel management company. During his 33 years with the company, which his mother founded years ago, Milne Travel has grown to six community-based offices in four states. As the Republican nominee for governor in 2014, Milne lost in a close election to then-Gov. Peter Shumlin.

Milne grew up in central Vermont, spending his early years in Barre before moving with his parents, Don and Marion Milne, and three siblings to the town of Washington where he helped out on the family's 200-acre former sheep farm. His mother, Marion, later founded Milne Travel as a one-person, woman-owned business and successfully ran the business for years. Scott's parents were deeply involved with the community, with both serving as members of the Vermont House of Representatives.

As someone whose business has been profoundly impacted by coronavirus, Milne knows how difficult this time has been for so many Vermonters whose lives and livelihoods have been upended. "Now



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Milne is running for lieutenant governor "in order to help move Vermont through our economic recovery and toward a more prosperous future."

He currently lives in North Pomfret and has two adult children. Read or download Scott's policy plan ProgressVT at [scottmilne.org/uploads/progressvt.pdf](http://scottmilne.org/uploads/progressvt.pdf).

## RALPH "CARCAJOU" CORBO, BANISH THE F35S PARTY

This candidate has not provided a bio to VTDigger. Corbo is running under the party called, Banish the F35s.

Q: Do you support a facemask mandate in public spaces?

A: No.

Q: Should K-12 schools return to in-person learning this fall?

A: No.

Q: Do you think the state is doing enough to address climate change?

A: No.

Q: Do you support a paid family leave insurance program funded by a mandatory payroll tax?

A: Yes.

Q: Do you think Vermont's property tax

rates are too high?

A: No.

Q: Do you support the creation of a legal market for marijuana?

A: Yes.

Q: What steps should the state take to prevent further COVID-19 outbreaks?

A: Wait until January 2021 to reopen schools and indoor public spaces like churches and athletic/concert venues.

Q: What would you propose to improve the state's economic recovery during the pandemic?

A: Increase in the non-residential property tax and the liquor sales tax.

Q: Is the state doing enough to protect students and staff returning to school? What additional steps would you support?

A: Give students the option to independent study at home for this upcoming school season.

Q: Do you believe systemic racism is a

problem the Legislature needs to address? If so, how?

A: Yes, by creating an ethnic community police liaison who is a resident of and speaks the native language of that community and through passage of H.496 and H.808.

Q: Do you believe Vermont's police forces are in need to reform? If so, what changes would you push for?

A: Yes, by requiring any departments that have acquired military weaponry and vehicles from the Pentagon to return or scrap them and by outlawing the use of tasers and tear gas.

Q: Do you believe the criminal justice system should be reformed? If so, how?

A: Yes, starting with a comprehensive review of current judicial parameters in the area of sentencing guidelines.

Q: How would you propose to expand broadband access in rural Vermont?

A: By lobbying for more federal funds for

internet billing discounts for low-income Vermonters.

Q: Is climate change a major concern? What should the state do to stem carbon emissions?

A: Yes, by expanding the scope and more vigorously enforcing idling laws and by ending the sale of all diesel vehicles for non-commercial use by 2022.

Q: Are the state's SNAP (supplemental foods) programs sufficient? How would you ensure Vermonters have access to food during the pandemic?

A: Yes, but under the current health situation the economic thresholds for it and for other similar programs need to be expanded to make more people eligible.

Q: How would you make Vermont a more attractive and affordable place to live?

A: Implementing rent-to-own programs, tiny house projects, and better home share program promotion.

## Molly Gray

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and staff in returning to school. We need to begin by recognizing that teachers are our most essential workers, and schools are our most essential places. Our teachers deserve our every support.

I would support the following measures: First, greater efforts to include teachers in the decision making about how and when schools reopen. Second, a district-by-district needs assessment to more fully understand how health and safety guidelines can be met and what support will be needed. Third, an emergency investment in broadband to create full and equal access to online learning. Finally,

immediate investments in childcare and paid family and medical leave that support parents, teachers, and students in adapting to the health, safety, and social distancing requirements posed by COVID-19 as our schools reopen and we go back to work.

Q: Do you believe systemic racism is a problem the Legislature needs to address? If so, how?

A: Yes. It is our responsibility as leaders to confront and root out systemic racism wherever it occurs. From housing and employment to education and criminal justice, we need to re-think how our systems are structured and who they serve. We need to collect data, review existing

laws, and recognize that if we have the same voices at the table we will have the same outcomes. I have committed my career to promoting human rights and I will draw on this experience to unify Vermont in confronting systemic racism and promoting equity.

Q: Do you believe Vermont's police forces are in need to reform? If so, what changes would you push for?

A: Yes. As an Assistant Attorney General, I have seen firsthand where we can do more and how we can do better. The people who sign up to protect and serve our communities as frontline workers, including police officers, deserve

our gratitude and respect. However, after decades of failed police reforms, we need to fundamentally rethink the institution itself. We ask too much of our officers who constantly double as social workers, mediators, and medical responders, without the proper training and support. To start, we must invest in mental health and support services, the collection of data on bias policing, and adequate training for officers. Second, we need to strengthen the tools to hold law enforcement accountable through unmitigated investments in body cameras and by rewriting our use of force standards to consider the totality of the

*(See Molly Gray, Page 14)*

## Molly Gray

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circumstances.

Q: Do you believe the criminal justice system should be reformed? If so, how?

A: Yes. As an Assistant Attorney General, I have witnessed firsthand areas where our system can be improved and would use the office of lieutenant governor to support meaningful and lasting criminal justice reform. I strongly support and will advocate for proper investments in prevention and rehabilitation over incarceration. As an example, in light of the recent decrease in Vermont's in-state prison population, I was the first candidate to call for Vermont's out-of-state inmate population held in a private prison in Mississippi to be brought home. I suggested that the roughly \$6 million in potential savings be reinvested in meeting Vermont's urgent childcare needs. Moreover, I will support greater investments in restorative justice and Vermont's community justice centers as well as just and supportive re-entry processes after incarceration.

Q: How would you propose to expand broadband access in rural Vermont?

A: In my hometown of Newbury, one in three children do not have access to the internet. Still today, roughly 70,000 Vermont homes and businesses do not have broadband. If 70,000 homes and businesses did not have access to water, heating, or electricity we would

be outraged. Moreover, COVID-19 has exposed why access to the internet is absolutely critical for access to remote work, online learning, telemedicine, economic opportunity as well as basic safety and health information. It's time to close the broadband-gap in Vermont once and for all. In partnership with Vermont's Congressional delegation, communication union districts, private service providers, lawmakers, and community leaders we need to urgently commit the funding, resources, and labor necessary to close the broadband gap.

Q: Is climate change a major concern? What should the state do to stem carbon emissions?

A: Yes. Growing up nourished by food grown on the family farm, skiing and hiking our outdoors, and swimming in our lakes and rivers, I know our working lands and natural environment are what attract people to our state and bring us together. We need to take bold action on climate now. Climate change is the greatest threat to everything that makes Vermont so special, and climate action represents the greatest economic opportunity of our time. I support policies such as the Transportation Climate Initiative and the Global Warming Solutions Act, which hold our government and private companies accountable and invest directly into our communities. To build climate-resilient communities, we need to elect

leaders ready to support Vermonters in a transition away from fossil fuels and into clean, local renewable energy. This also includes investments in weatherization programs, public transit, and affordable electric and fuel-efficient vehicles, as well as workforce development and job creation in these areas.

Q: Are the state's SNAP (supplemental foods) programs sufficient? How would you ensure Vermonters have access to food during the pandemic?

A: No. Organizations like Hunger Free Vermont, the Vermont Foodbank, AgeWell, and their many partners, have done incredible work capturing every available funding source for food security and nutrition programs. Their staff and volunteers have gone above and beyond to deliver nutritious meals to neighbors in need. Still, this pandemic has uncovered what these dedicated professionals have always known, that there is pervasive food insecurity in Vermont and too many of our families are at risk. In addition to innovative new programs to bring local food to food-insecure Vermonters, our National Guard stepped up to deploy over 500,000 meals ready to eat during this pandemic. This should be a wake-up call. As lieutenant governor, I will advocate for the critical programs, like SNAP, and strong local food systems that are necessary to support our families and communities through any crisis.

Q: How would you make Vermont a more attractive and affordable place to live?

A: I am running for lieutenant governor to help solve Vermont's demographic challenges and amplify the opportunities that a diverse rural economy presents for the future of Vermont. In envisioning Vermont's future, I am inspired by our young farmers and our diverse food and agricultural economy. I'm inspired by our more than 30 community-led coworking spaces, our innovative start-ups, our local renewable energy pioneers, and those who serve our state as teachers, tradespeople, first responders, and healthcare workers.

We must commit to addressing the constellation of challenges and opportunities that will make Vermont an equitable, inclusive, and inviting place to live now, and for future generations. That means deploying broadband to every home to expand access to online learning, telemedicine, and remote work. That means investing in our schools and creating a talent pipeline that creates new opportunities for young Vermonters to stay here. That means establishing a universal paid family and medical leave program so that no one has to choose between caring for a loved one or paying the bills. Together, we can bring a generation to Vermont and keep a generation here. It's time to elect the next generation of bold Vermont leadership.

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Leadership that **Listens**

Rising Above Partisan Politics

Bringing People **Together**

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**The Addison County Republican candidates for Senate and House of Representatives** support Governor Scott's call for a balanced budget with no new taxes or fees, restoring the economy safely, creating good jobs with decent wages, and fair and impartial policing. Moreover, we need balance in the legislature so that no voices are ignored.

### Addison County Senate



**Peter Briggs**



**Jon Christiano**

**We respectfully request your vote.**

### House of Representatives



**Rep. Harvey Smith**  
Bridport, New Haven, Shoreham



**Tom Hughes**  
Middlebury

### House of Representatives



**Tim Buskey**  
Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton, Vergennes, Waltham



**Steven Thurston**

### House of Representatives



**Valerie Mullin**  
Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, Starksboro



**Lynn Dike**

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