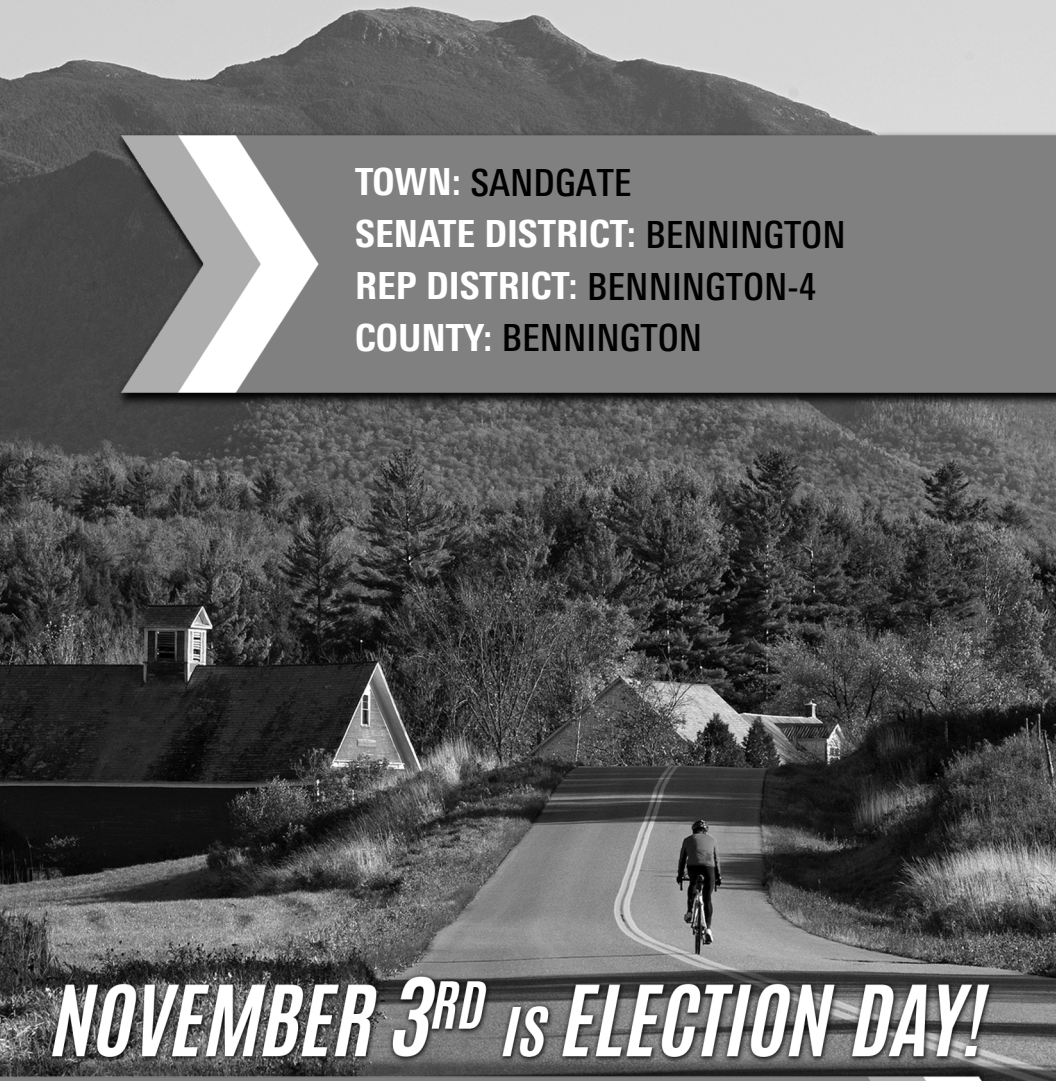
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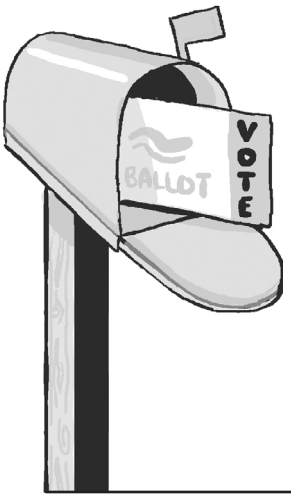
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A MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY OF STATE SARAH COPELAND HANZAS

I am pleased to present the 2026 General Election Vermont Voter Guide. In these pages, you'll find a comprehensive guide to the candidates on your ballot and all the information you need to cast your vote. **Election day is November 3, 2026!**

Our democracy depends on free, fair, accessible, and secure elections. Of course, an election is not an election without you – the voters! My office is making this Voter Guide available to every household in Vermont because we believe that receiving access to nonpartisan information improves the voting process. You can also find an accessible online version of the Voter Guide in your Vermont Voter Portal at https://vote.vermont.gov.

Every candidate has had the same opportunity to introduce themselves and their platform. You can also find links to their website, social media, and contact information if you would like to do further research. The Voter Guide provides you with the information you need to decide who earns your vote.

This year, Vermonters will also vote on two constitutional amendments. If approved by the voters, the Vermont Constitution will be amended. You can find a description of the constitutional amendment process and the two amendments on pages 8-9.

Your vote is your voice! Thank you for making your voice heard in this election and contributing to the health and vibrancy of our democracy.



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DEADLINES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURNING YOUR BALLOT

Every registered voter in Vermont receives their General Election ballot in the mail. Make sure to place your ballot in the designated Voted Ballot Envelope and sign it!

- We recommend mailing your ballot by October 20 to allow enough time for it to reach your clerk.
- You can also deliver it to your clerk in person during business hours or put it in the secure ballot drop box in your town.
- **Ballots must be received by 7 P.M. on Election Day (11/3/2026) to be counted.** After you've returned your ballot, you can track it online at vote.vermont.gov! You can see exactly when it was received and accepted.
- If you choose to vote in person on Election Day, bring your ballot with you to your polling place. If the ballot you received in the mail was lost or destroyed, you will need to sign an Affidavit of No Ballot Cast. This protects election integrity by allowing your clerk to ensure one ballot is cast per voter.

If you are not registered to vote, you can register online at vote.vermont.gov or at your town clerk's office. You can even register to vote on Election Day at the polls.

VERMONT VOTER PORTAL

Your resource for all things voting in Vermont!

Every registered voter automatically has an account. Simply sign in with your name, date of birth, town of residence, and either your driver's license or last four digits of your Social Security Number. Make sure your information is entered exactly as it appears on the voter checklist. Your town clerk can provide this information to you if you have trouble logging in.

- ☑ Check your registration status
- ☑ Update your address and contact information
- ☑ Request an early / absentee ballot
- ☑ Track your early / absentee ballot
- ☑ Find contact info for your town clerk
- ☑ Find your polling place
- ☑ View a sample ballot
- ☑ Access the electronic version of this Voter Guide

Vermont Voter Portal

https://vote.vermont.gov

ACCESSIBLE VOTING INFORMATION

An accessible version of this voter guide is available online. You can log in to the Vermont Voter Portal to access your personalized guide. The online version allows you to increase the font size and is compatible with screen readers.

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

- Contact your town clerk to request "JP Home Delivery" for your ballot. **Please plan ahead and make this request as soon as you are able** so that your town clerk can schedule two Justices of the Peace to deliver your ballot. They will also bring the ballot back to the polling place so that it can be placed in the ballot box and counted.
- 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 at your polling place (this is called "curbside voting").
- Bring a magnifying glass or other devices to help you use the ballot.
- Bring a list of candidates into the voting booth to help you.
- Ask for another ballot if you make a mistake (maximum of three).

If you have questions, you can contact the Disability Rights Vermont Voter Hotline at 1-800-834-7890.

Learn more about the Accessible Voting Machine Here:

https://tinyurl.com/AccessibleVotingVT

Vermont has Accessible Voting Machines available at every polling place. Voters with disabilities can vote privately and independently using this tablet-based system.



ADDITIONAL VOTER RESOURCES

Questions about Election Security? Learn More Here:

https://tinyurl.com/vtsecureelection

Vermont has many steps for protecting the integrity of our elections. Our town clerks describe them in this video overview of election security procedures.

View Campaign Finance Information Here:

https://campaignfinance.vermont.gov

Vermont's campaign finance law recognizes that transparency is vital to democracy. Vermonters deserve to know who is spending money to influence our elections. They deserve to know how candidates and committees spend campaign funds.

State law requires candidates for certain offices to register with the Secretary of State's Campaign Finance System. The relevant offices are all non-federal statewide, general assembly, and county offices. Candidates must complete this registration prior to filing paperwork to appear on a Vermont primary or general election ballot.

View Election Results Here:

https://electionresults.vermont.gov

Did you know that you can view real-time, unofficial results starting on election night? As clerks report the results, we collect them on this website. You can sort by specific races and see results at the statewide and town levels.



ELECTED OFFICIAL POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

FEDERAL:

U.S. Representative
Vermont elects one U.S. representative at the federal level in the United States House of Representatives. The population size of a state determines the number of representatives representing each state in the House of Representatives. Representatives have a significant role in shaping national legislation—they propose, debate, and vote on bills that affect matters across the United States. Like senators, Vermont's representative is tasked with advocating for Vermont's interests in Washington, D.C., and assisting constituents with issues involving federal agencies, ensuring that Vermonters' voices are heard on the national stage. U.S. representatives serve for a two-year term.

STATEWIDE:

Governor
Vermont elects a governor who is the chief executive officer of Vermont. The governor oversees the operations of the executive branch and carries out the state laws. They appoint heads of state agencies and state judges. The governor presents a legislative agenda for the state and a budget to the Legislature every year. They have the power to sign or veto bills that the Legislature passes. The governor declares states of emergency, commands the National Guard, and can deploy troops when needed. The governor is the face of Vermont's state government. The governor serves for a two-year term.

Lieutenant Governor
Vermont elects a lieutenant governor who is the second-in-command to the governor, playing a key role in legislative and executive matters. They preside over the Senate and cast tie-breaking votes. If the governor is out of state or unable to serve for any reason, the lieutenant governor steps in and assumes the responsibilities of the governor. The lieutenant governor may also advocate for important issues and lead public discussions. The lieutenant governor serves for a two-year term.

State Treasurer
Vermont elects a state treasurer who oversees Vermont's finances, including state funds, investments, and debt obligations. The treasurer manages the state's cash balances, administers retirement benefits for public employees, issues state bonds, and serves as a central bank for the state agencies. The treasurer also helps return unclaimed property to its rightful owners. The treasurer engages in accountability by reporting on the shape of Vermont's finances to the public and to various stakeholders. This role is crucial for maintaining the state's financial health. The treasurer serves for a two-year term.

Secretary of State
Vermont elects a secretary of state who is the state's top elections official, ensuring that Vermont's elections are secure and that candidates follow the state's campaign finance laws. The secretary's office also registers businesses, nonprofits, and trademarks, in addition to overseeing licensing and regulatory practices for more than fifty professions and industries. The secretary oversees the upkeep of Vermont's historical records and state archives. This role is essential for keeping state operations transparent, organized, and efficient. The secretary of state serves for a two-year term.

State Auditor
Vermont elects a state auditor who assesses state agencies to guarantee accountability. The auditor conducts financial and performance audits of state departments and programs, checks financial statements and agency records, and oversees the use of federal funds. The auditor produces reports on their findings that are used to guide government practices and preserve their transparency. This role is vital to identify waste, fraud, and inefficiency, ensuring taxpayer money is used wisely. The auditor serves for a two-year term.

Attorney General
Vermont elects an attorney general who is Vermont's chief legal officer, representing the state in civil and criminal legal matters. The attorney general provides legal aid and advice to state agencies, officials, and the Legislature. They enforce laws on consumer protection, civil rights, and environmental issues. They prosecute criminal cases and manage various programs to reduce criminal activity, diverting individuals from the court system through restorative justice. The attorney general plays a key role in protecting the public interest and ensuring justice throughout the state. The attorney general serves for a two-year term.

STATE LEGISLATORS:

State Senator
Vermont elects state senators who represent their Senate district in the Vermont Senate. There are 30 state senators in total. Their main responsibilities include proposing and voting on new state laws, crafting the state budget, and addressing the concerns of their constituents with the ultimate goal of improving all aspects of life in Vermont. State senators confirm the appointment made by the governor and serve as a direct link between the residents of their district and the state government. State senators serve for a two-year term.

State Representative
Vermont elects state representatives who represent their House district in the Vermont House of Representatives. There are 150 state representatives. Their main responsibilities include proposing and voting on new state laws, crafting the state budget, and addressing the concerns of their constituents with the ultimate goal of improving all aspects of life in Vermont. State representatives serve as a direct link between the residents of their district and the state government. State representatives serve for a two-year term.

COUNTY OFFICES:

Probate Judge
Vermont elects probate judges that reside within the probate division of the Superior Court. They handle adoptions; corrections to birth, death, and marriage records; emancipation; guardianship; authorization of nonresident clergy to perform marriages; and probate (proving the validity) of estates, trusts, and wills. There are 14 probate division judges who are elected for four-year terms.

Assistant Judge
Vermont elects two assistant judges in each county who serve both judicial and administrative roles. Assistant judges help determine the facts of a case in certain civil and family court matters by sitting alongside a Superior Court judge. With the help of the county clerk, Assistant judges also oversee the county budget, manage courthouse operations and maintenance, and allocate funding to the sheriff's department. Assistant judges play an important role in supporting the Vermont judicial system and county government. Assistant judges serve for a four-year term.

State's Attorney
Vermont elects a state's attorney as the chief law enforcement officer for their county, responsible for prosecuting crimes, deciding which charges to file, and representing the state in local criminal proceedings. Their duties include working with law enforcement on investigations, conducting discovery and plea bargaining, and recommending sentences. They also work with crime victims, families affected by crime or addiction, and assist people charged with crimes.

Sheriff
Vermont elects a sheriff who is the chief law enforcement officer in a Vermont county. Sheriffs are responsible for maintaining public order and enforcing laws within their jurisdiction. Their duties include managing the county jail, serving warrants, and providing security at the county courthouse. Sheriffs also oversee the transportation of prisoners and may assist with emergency response efforts. They work with other law enforcement agencies to ensure public safety across the county. The sheriff plays a crucial role in upholding the law and maintaining peace within the community. Sheriffs serve for a four-year term.

High Bailiff
Vermont elects a high bailiff who steps in to assume the responsibilities of the county sheriff if the sheriff cannot perform their duties. While the position is limited, it is essential for maintaining continuity in law enforcement at the county level. High bailiffs serve for a two-year term.

Justice of the Peace
Vermont elects justices of the peace who handle several important local judicial and administrative duties. They serve on the Board of Civil Authority, which oversees local elections and tax appeals. Justices of the peace have the power to officiate weddings, administer oaths, and act as notaries public. They can also serve as magistrates in some cases (a judge for family-related legal matters). Their work is essential for local governance and community functions. Justices of the peace serve for a two-year term.

Your town may elect Justices of the Peace on the General Election Ballot.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROCESS

The process to change Vermont's Constitution takes several years. The Constitution itself lays out the process in Chapter II, Section 72. There are four steps:

1 **The Senate initiates an amendment.** The Senate may take up amendments no more than once every four years. Each proposal must cover just one topic. The Senate must pass the proposal by a two-thirds vote (e.g. 20 of 30).

2 **The House must approve the amendment**. The House must pass it by a majority vote (e.g. 76 of 150). This vote must occur in the same two-year period (legislative biennium) that it passes in the Senate.

3 **The next legislature must pass the amendment again.** In the following legislative biennium, the new legislature must approve the amendment. This time, passage only requires a majority vote in each chamber.

4 **Voters decide.** The amendment is placed as a question on the next general election ballot. If more voters say 'yes,' the amendment is 'ratified,' or becomes part of the Constitution. If more voters say 'no,' it does not.



CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ON YOUR BALLOT THIS YEAR:

Proposal 3:
To see if the voters will amend the Vermont Constitution by adding Article 23 to read:

Article 23. [Right to collectively bargain]
That employees have a right to organize or join a labor organization for the purpose of collectively bargaining with their employer through an exclusive representative of their choosing for the purpose of negotiating wages, hours, and working conditions and to protect their economic welfare and safety in the workplace. Therefore, no law shall be adopted that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to collectively bargain with respect to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and workplace safety, or that prohibits the application or execution of an agreement between an employer and a labor organization representing the employer's employees that requires membership in the labor organization as a condition of employment.

Proposal 4:
To see if the voters will amend the Vermont Constitution by adding Article 23 to read:

Article 23. [Equality of rights] That the people are guaranteed equal protection under the law. The State shall not deny equal treatment under the law on account of a person's race, ethnicity, sex, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or national origin. Nothing in this Article shall be interpreted or applied to prevent the adoption or implementation of measures intended to provide equality of treatment and opportunity for members of groups that have historically been subject to discrimination.

GETTING TO KNOW MY CANDIDATES

The following pages contain the candidates for this year's election listed alphabetically in order of position as listed on your ballot.

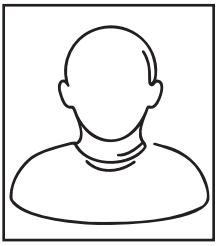
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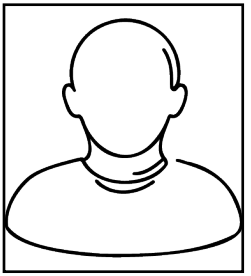
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Candidates submitted their information for this guide prior to printing. For most current information, you can view your electronic guide at vote.vermont.gov.

REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS



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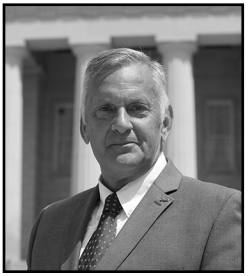


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I'm running for re-election because I believe our government should work for the people – not powerful corporations or wealthy elites. It is the honor of my life to represent Vermont in Congress, and every day I am fighting to lower costs, protect our freedoms, and make sure our voice is heard in Washington. I'm working to expand affordable housing, strengthen our rural health care system, protect Social Security and Medicare, stand up for workers, and invest in our rural communities and small businesses. On the Judiciary and Budget Committees, I'm using my position to take on abuses of power, demand accountability, and fight for our rights. I'm also pushing to get money out of politics so we can restore trust in our government. I know these are difficult times, but I also know who Vermonters are. We look out for one another, solve problems together, and never back down from a fight for what's right. I'm asking for your support so we can keep building a future for our state where families can afford to stay, seniors can retire with dignity, young people can build a future, and everyone has a fair shot at a good life.

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Vermont deserves a representative who delivers results—not rhetoric. For too long, Washington has been dominated by division, overspending, and promises without results. Vermonters are paying the price through higher costs, fewer opportunities, and government that feels out of touch.I'm running to bring proven leadership, accountability, and common sense to Washington—and to represent all Vermonters.

My priorities are clear: strengthen Vermont's economy, create high-paying jobs, support dairy, agriculture, manufacturing, and small businesses, and promote Made in Vermont and Made in America. I'll fight inflation through fiscal discipline, oppose tax increases on Vermont families, and protect Social Security and Medicare.

I'll support affordable, reliable American energy; empower parents and local schools; stand with law enforcement; strengthen our border and national defense; combat the opioid crisis; and defend the Constitution, individual liberty, states' rights, and limited government.

I'll be accessible, accountable, work across differences, and never put special interests ahead of Vermont.

Duty. Honor. Country. It's time to restore trust, deliver results, and build a stronger, more united Vermont.

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The President is the President and no Tantrum thst is going to change that! Feelings or the moral high ground does not pay bills. There's over 400 Federal Agencies and most have funding available for random projects @t random times. I will apply for everything. There is no justification with the military budget being what it for any activity serving member to be homeless. Each town needs to have a realistic worst case scenario plan in place put together by people who understand emergency situation don't happen @t convenient times. We have recreational and athletic tourism that generate micro transactions, physical therapy tourism will do the same. Federal Recognition for our Native population and once we bring back every lost fruit vegetable and seasoning make lost recipes. The Vermont Brand needs to be protected. The EPA of America and Canada's EPA need to sit down to protect there drinking water. I will dot every eye cross every tea and check every box.

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Suz Seymour — Putting Vermonters First

Vermonters are being squeezed by rising taxes, education, fuel, housing, healthcare, and everyday costs. Enough is enough. I will fight fraud, waste, and abuse, demand responsible federal spending, protect Social Security, and reduce unnecessary burdens on working Vermonters.

Government should serve the people—not political insiders, wealthy donors, or special interests. I will push for greater transparency, accountability, fair and effective justice, and a government that puts Vermonters' interests first.

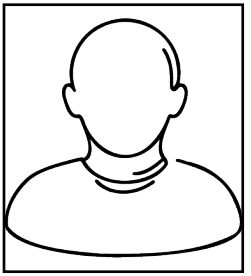
Healthcare should focus on prevention as well as treatment. I support greater access to affordable care, mental health services, wellness, education, and meaningful choices so Vermonters can live healthier lives and build stronger communities.

Vermont's future depends on smart investment. I will work to bring federal resources home for infrastructure, housing, workforce development, small businesses, and economic growth—while making sure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely and deliver results.

As an Independent, I answer to Vermonters—not a political party or special-interest agenda.

REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS

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My vision for Vermont turns the system that treats people and the planet as disposable upside down. Using the skills and knowledge of ordinary people and the oppressed, we can create a system from the bottom up that is based on cooperation and caring rather than on exploitation. Principles from the Peace and Justice Party Platform guide that vision: A just, inclusive society; equitable distribution of wealth and power; and sustainable use of resources for the benefit of all. I would appoint people who have lived experience of the harm caused in the current system and who are motivated to create a system based on my vision to head agencies. I would actively work with the legislature to create laws that block Data Centers, mandate a livable wage, and create meaningful jobs that support development of a network of thriving communities and local food and energy production and distribution. I support full implementation of our Universal Health Care Law and stand for the freedom and safety of everyone who lives here. We can create local economies that can survive climate change and disruptions in systems we rely on while building systems of mutual support in thriving communities.

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I'm a Vermonter and an economist who has spent my career building economies that work for people and the planet.

I'm running for Governor because we deserve better than managed decline. In Vermont, neighbors look out for each other, and I know we can build an economy that does that too.

In a moment when fear, insecurity and authoritarianism are rising, Vermont can lead a different way forward. Not from the top down but from the bottom up:

Revitalizing town meeting and direct democracy to resist authoriarianism

Investing in community schools

Free primary and preventative healthcare for every Vermonter, funded by taxing the 1% and bringing back small-town doctors

Reducing property taxes and investing in permanently affordable housing by taxing private equity, second homes/vacation rentals and luxury estates

Banning AI data centers and fighting big tech and corporate capture of our democracy and economy

Building a diverse, resilient economy through local food systems, renewable energy and green jobs

Support small businesses, sole proprietors, cooperatives to keep Vermont's wealth in Vermont

Together, we have everything we need to build a better future.

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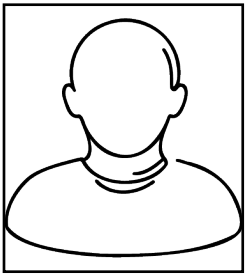
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Hello. My name is Brian Judd. If elected your Governor in November 2026; per The Constitution Of The State Of Vermont; I Will Govern the State Of Vermont, I Will use Supreme Executive Power at every opportunity I can as afforded to me as Governor per The Constitution Of The State Of Vermont, My number One responsibility Will be to take care that the Laws be Faithfully Executed, I Will be Captain-General and Commander-in-Chief of the forces of the State. All per The Constitution of The State Of Vermont. As your Governor working with the Legislative Department and if necessary the Judiciary Department we Will; 1) STOP RAISING TAXES, 2) LOWER TAXES, 3) RETURN TAX PAYER MONEY TO THE TAX PAYER. As Governor, at the conclusion of my inauguration on Thursday January 14, 2027, I Will repair to the Governor's Office and construct my 3, Day 1 Executive Orders; EXO 1: COMPLETE AND TOTAL REPEAL OF ACT 181; EXO 2: END HOMELESSNESS BY BRINGING BACK VERMONT STATE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS, EXO 3: AUDIT THE STATE OF VERMONT AND AUDIT ALL NON-PROFITS IN THE STATE OF VERMONT. THERE'S MUCH, MUCH, MUCH MORE. CALL ME OR EMAIL ME TO FIND OUT. SAVE VERMONT, VOTE JUDD !!! GOD BLESS VERMONT !!!

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I promise no new restrictions on personal freedom. Digital freedoms, firearm rights, LGBT+ rights, minority rights, abortion rights, rural traditions, and privacy will be protected. I support taxing short term rentals and wealthy Vermonters to lower taxes on the middle and lower class. I support auditing Vermont's healthcare system, creating a public option, and eventually moving toward universal healthcare. I oppose Phil Scott's EV mandate and support scrapping Act 250 to reduce housing costs and increase construction. I will expand affordable housing, aiming for homes under $150,000. I support protecting Vermont from federal overreach and ensuring state agencies serve Vermonters. I support banning Flock cameras statewide, a wealth tax and $1 billion net worth cap to reduce inequality, and allowing a nuclear power plant that could generate 33% of Vermont's energy.

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As Governor, I've consistently worked to grow the economy, protect the most vulnerable, and make Vermont more affordable. Over the next two years we must continue to focus on bringing down the cost of housing and healthcare, while putting the brakes on increased taxes and fees, to make it easier for our families, farms and businesses to be here. I'm committed to working across the aisle with those who understand the need for mainstream, commonsense solutions to the challenges we face while ensuring everyone, including our rural communities, has a seat at the table.

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Molly was born and raised on a farm in Orange County. She is a product of Vermont schools and for the last 20 years has worked as a human rights lawyer and advocate, an assistant attorney general, and as Vermont's Lt. Governor (2021-2023). After serving she became a mom, helped care for her mom who battles MS, and led the Vermont Afghan Alliance. Working with community partners, Molly helped over 650 Afghan allies who risked everything for the United States find jobs, housing, obtain a driver's license, immigration legal services, and other support. Molly partnered with dozens of employers to fill high-demand jobs and grow Vermont's workforce. Molly is running for Lt. Governor to protect the fundamental rights of every Vermonter, make life better for working families, lower costs, and fight for rural communities. As Lt. Governor Molly will help protect Vermonters from unlawful federal action, fight for universal primary care and affordable housing, and ensure every Vermonter can access a good job with a livable wage. Molly knows that there are no ceremonial offices and she is ready to act with urgency and experience to hit the ground running and deliver for Vermont.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



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I'm a fifth-generation Vermonter, farmer, small business owner, and your Lieutenant Governor. I grew up on my family's farm in Glover, where I learned the values of hard work, honesty, independence, and helping your neighbors.

Vermont faces an affordability crisis. Rising property taxes, health care, energy, housing, and everyday expenses are making it harder for working families, seniors, and young people to stay here.

My top priority is making Vermont more affordable. That means responsible spending, reducing unnecessary regulations, protecting property rights and rural communities, expanding vocational and technical education, and creating opportunities for Vermonters to earn a good living.

As Lieutenant Governor, I've worked closely with Governor Phil Scott, and am proud to have his endorsement, and with legislators of both parties to advance practical solutions. I'll work with anyone when it benefits Vermont and stand up to either party when it doesn't.

My vision is a Vermont where families can afford to stay, businesses can grow, and the next generation can build a future here. I'll always put Vermonters before politics. Learn more at WWW.RODGERSFORVT.COM.

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Primary issues that the campaign is focusing on include: Housing, Healthcare, and Education Reform. Additionally, establishing a public bank for the State of Vermont to increase the fiscal strength of the state and allow the legislature to make informed decisions for responsible investments.

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Lynn LaFleur; Republican candidate for State Treasurer. Currently the VTGOP Treasurer, she believes it is time to bring a different set of eyes to the state spending and deliver transparency to the public to show where their hard earned money is going. Lynn will learn everything that's going on with the finances at the state level as well as checking on the state level pension plans. She will inform the public where the state is investing its funds. Lynn is a Financial Professional with Quality Assurance experience and knows how to uncover things. She has an accounting background, runs her own business and is a Controller for a small, locally owned, Vermont business. This experience combined with her computer skills will lead to some positive changes and streamlining in the treasury department. She has been very good at uncovering additional revenue and cutting spending costs for businesses. Time to do it for ALL of you at the state treasury level. A VOTE for Lynn LaFleur for State Treasurer is a Vote For Spending Transparency for All Vermonters.

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In my first two terms as State Treasurer, we've worked to create a future where every Vermonter has decent housing, affordable healthcare, and a dignified retirement by advancing creative policies that tackle the biggest cost-drivers facing working Vermonters. We leveraged the state's balance sheet to finance 1,700 new units of housing. We turned a $1 million investment into the cancellation of $100 million in medical debt burdening Vermonters. We passed ArrayRX into law, a pharmacy discount card that bands Vermont with other states to negotiate down drug prices. And through Vermont Saves, the public retirement program we launched, over 7,500 Vermonters are building retirement security. When the Trump administration unleashed its campaign of fear against our immigrant neighbors, I refused to stand by. In my personal capacity, I helped launch the Vermont Immigration Legal Defense Fund, raising $1 million to increase the number of lawyers representing our immigrant neighbors from two to eight full-time, and we've won in court again and again. In my third term, I'll keep finding new ways to lower costs and ensure every Vermonter, no matter their background, can live with dignity.

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Greetings Vermonters! As your Secretary of State, I am committed to government accountability and transparency. Since taking office in 2022, I have worked to safeguard Vermont elections and protect your voter rolls. I have modernized our office with 5 new IT systems, and I have increased our office's outreach to hear from the Vermonters we serve. That is why I launched a Town Clerk Advisory Committee to improve collaboration with our local election officials. I do regular Business Listening Tours to hear how we can better support Vermont's small business community. I am passionate about civics, so I have made civic education and engagement a major priority of my office. This work includes the Kid Governor Program, K-12 civics education, a variety of voter accessibility task forces, and a universal voter guide, so Vermonters can find helpful information about the people and issues on their ballot. This summer, I launched a business civics program called Vermont Civic Connect. This is a partnership with employers across the state to share voter education materials and encourage more Vermonters to get civically engaged in their community.

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In recent years, the Secretary of State's office has increasingly taken control of aspects of our elections that are assigned by the Vermont Constitution to local election officials: the town clerks and the Boards of Civil Authority, those are best situated to conduct fair and honest election. The creation of Universal-Vote-by-Mail elections, the liberalization of vote harvesting, extending Election Day to an "Election Season" all act to expand the opportunities for errors, omissions and fraud in our voting process – all are at variance with the Constitutional Election process which proscribes that the local Boards of Civil Authority collectively are the state's Chief Election Officials. If elected, I will make sure that the Secretary of State's office returns to its Constitutionally authorized duties and no longer infringes on those duties best kept in the hands of local authorities. The Secretary of State's office has numerous other duties which include: managing of the state archives, the Office of Professional Regulation, Business Services all of which need attention and reform to more effectively serve the public.

SECRETARY OF STATE



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Vermonters deserve excellence from state government. As State Auditor I'll help make sure they get it by ensuring taxpayer-funded departments deliver results.

As I've crisscrossed Vermont, I've heard frustration and optimism. Vermonters are frustrated by rising health insurance premiums, the scarcity of affordable homes to own and rent, a seemingly intractable homelessness problem, and brutal property tax increases. Many of those same people are optimistic, too, that we can do better. I feel the same.

I look forward to using my experience — five years as Deputy State Auditor, a decade developing nearly 400 units of affordable housing, board president of Vermont's largest non-hospital primary care organization — to hold government accountable to make progress on the bread-and-butter issues that matter most to Vermonters.

As State Auditor, I'll also work with the executive and legislative branches to identify risks to Vermonters' interests, such as financial mismanagement, inadequate preparation for weather-related emergencies, and the policies of President Trump.

I'll lead this work not with the goal of placing blame but of making things better for Vermonters.

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The fundamental responsibility of elected office is to provide 100 % accountability for how your money is spent. I developed this belief through my service on a City Council and City Finance Committee in Massachusetts. I saw what happens when government spending lacks transparency and accountability. Millions of dollars in grants entered our city but often disappeared with no record of how the money was spent or who benefited. The most vulnerable citizens were left behind. This experience gave me a deep understanding of how mismanagement of public money can impact real people. In addition to my experience in office, I have a broad range of business experience, including running my own business for 15 years. In my current job with an international manufacturing firm in Manchester, I am the point person for company financial audits and handle all financial duties. I am the only candidate for Vermont State Auditor with this level of experience. So, I come to you genuinely determined to ensure our funds are used properly.

ATTORNEY GENERAL



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It has been my honor to serve as your Attorney General, protecting the sovereign state of Vermont since 2023. From day one, I have made fighting for our kids and their future a top priority – taking on big tech companies like Meta and TikTok and the multi-billion dollar company Monsanto — for harming the health and safety of our children.

Over the last year, I have also worked hard to stop the many unconstitutional and illegal actions taken by the federal administration. The lawsuits I have filed have brought tens of millions of dollars that were illegally withheld back to Vermont and its communities.

There is still important work ahead. That's why I'm running for re-election: to keep fighting for Vermont. As Attorney General, I will continue pushing back against federal overreach to defend the rule of law. I will keep protecting kids and our natural world. I will continue standing up to powerful corporations when they break the law. And, importantly, I will keep fighting for Vermont's values.

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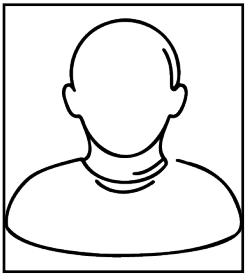
My family's Vermont roots began when my grandmother moved from Quebec to Rutland in 1902. She later married my grandfather, who lived on a 70-acre farm overlooking Killington Peak. The farm house and barns was built by one of the original Green Mountain Boys. Although some of our family left Vermont during World War II, I returned in 2015 when I moved to Vergennes.

I served in the U.S. Army before leading start-up companies in health care, robotics, and education. I supervised legal teams negotiating military encryption technology with a Canadian company and overseeing patents that helped people regain their vision.

As adjunct faculty at George Mason University, I helped develop proposals with the Smithsonian Institution and the National Zoo for the National Science Foundation. As an elections supervisor in Fairfax County, Virginia, I adjudicated precinct disputes and protected newly naturalized citizens' right to cast their first ballots.

As a candidate for Vermont Attorney General, I believe the law must be enforced fairly and impartially. When evidence of wrongdoing exists, investigations must follow the facts, prosecute the guilty, and protect innocent victims

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I am running for State Senate to focus on practical solutions that improve affordability and strengthen our communities:

- Fixing Vermont's broken property tax system to provide greater fairness, transparency, and predictability for homeowners and taxpayers.

- Building more housing that meets the needs and budgets of Vermonters in every stage of life.

- Improving education outcomes across the state.

- Continuing our work to lower the cost of healthcare and expand access to quality care.

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In 2024, after Dick Sears died, my neighbors wrote my name on a ballot by hand. I will not forget the trust they placed in me.

In my first term I earned leadership roles as chair of the committee that oversees state technology spending and as Vice Chair of Senate Institutions. I helped bring funding home for the Bennington Battle Monument and the Vermont Veterans' Home, and I championed the law that protects our kids online.

Bennington raised me, and I have been a prosecutor here for nearly two decades. You learn in that line of work that problems are not solved by what just sounds good: they are solved by understanding the details and doing the work.

Families cannot find a home they can afford. Property taxes and healthcare costs keep rising. Our small towns must not lose their voice in the education transformation. We want to be safe on our streets.

None of these issues have easy fixes, and I will not tell you otherwise. But I will dig into the details and work toward solutions.

Each community has its own voice, but ours is one district. Seth Bongartz and I treat it that way, and together we can do the work for all of us.

STATE SENATOR



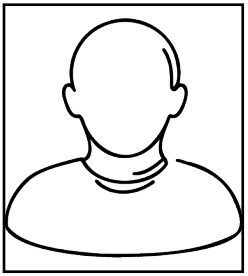
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STATE SENATOR - Vote for no more than Varies By District (1-3)

STATE SENATOR



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My name is Lawrence "Spike" Whitmire. I'm a long time Bennington County resident, a husband, father, grandfather, small business owner in construction and real estate for over 30 years, and currently serving as President of a local independent private school. Like the late Senator Dick Sears, I have given back to the community by volunteering feeding the disadvantaged, running a teen center and summer camp for local youth and working with the Department of Corrections to assist recently released individuals find homes, jobs and adjust to society. I'm running for Vermont State Senate because Bennington County families are being taxed out of their homes and regulated off their land. Vermont needs *Real Tax Relief- including CAPS on property taxes to protect our Seniors, working families and rural homeowners. *Full repeal of Act 181 to return property rights to rural land owners and *Education reform that is efficient and puts students and teachers first. If you want a Senator who will fight to cap taxes, make our schools more effective and efficient and remove the barriers that are restricting economic opportunities for young adults and families, I humbly ask for your Vote.

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I'm running for Vermont State Senate (R) because Bennington County needs real results, not more bureaucracy. Vermont is becoming too expensive for working families, seniors, young people, farmers, and small businesses to stay and build a future here. We do not have a revenue problem; we have a spending and accountability problem.

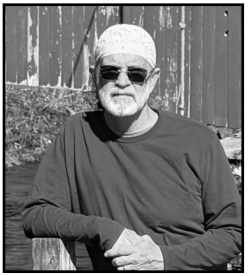
My priorities are simple: lower the cost of living, protect property rights, reform land-use laws that block housing and growth, support strong local schools with real accountability, and strengthen public safety across our rural communities.

I believe government should serve the people who pay for it. That means listening first, respecting local control, measuring results, and making hard choices when systems are failing.

I'm not running to become a career politician. I'm running because I have spent my life in service, emergency response, business, hospitality, real estate, and community work. I know what happens when systems move too slowly and regular people pay the price.

Vermont can be affordable and full of opportunity again. But we need leadership willing to get to work.

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Hi Neighbors , I'm running to grow Vt. When you boil down the challenges we face it points to needed growth. We have room in our school systems, we have land for housing and industry. We need to rework our regulations to be growth friendly as well as protecting our environment. Vermonters need opportunities, Vermonters need to take back control of school systems and zoning for better outcomes by local town control vs state bureaucrats . 647,000 people, 200,000 are on some assistance, 300,000 people work and the balance are doing well enough not to work. For every tax dollar generated we need another $.50 to make up our shortfall from the federal government. Elect Al Clayton for a vote for change. I want to be a part of that change.

A vote for me is a vote for change.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

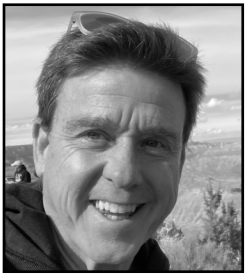


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For the past four years I've had the privilege of walking your fields and forests and sitting at your kitchen tables, working with you to navigate a system we know is broken. Montpelier has built a government that can't listen and won't deliver. The hearings happen. The plans and maps get written. The milking parlor falls silent, the water line takes a decade, the school closes. Getting people through that maze has been my job. I've brought millions in funding and expertise to farms, towns, and families here, and never needed a party label. I will work the same way in Montpelier, with anyone who delivers. Other states have built institutions that work for people, not against them. North Dakota has run a public bank for a century, lending its deposits through local banks to meet real needs, not enrich Wall Street. Vermont can do the same, financing the solutions we need to meet the challenges we face by investing in fellow Vermonters. We can bring land use home the same way, returning power to the people who live with the results, with the state as a partner, not a boss. The Vermont Dream did not die. It was priced out, permitted, and studied to death. Together we can rebuild it.

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In my first biennium we accomplished a lot: We did our best to curb healthcare costs, made important strides in creating more housing in Vermont, rolled back prohibitive aspects of Act 181, and took a huge step towards lowering property taxes in Vermont through Act 73 and this year's subsequent H955. Established in this legislation will be Cooperative Education Service Agencies which should immediately lower district spending. Second, now school districts, where appropriate, have the power and encouragement to create larger school districts that will both better serve our students, and continue to lower costs. I will continue to work for you on all of these fronts: healthcare, housing, education, and affordability. We are a small state getting smaller--we must be more agile and more responsive to our citizens.

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My name is Thomas West, and I am running to serve as your State Representative for Arlington, Manchester, Sandgate, and Sunderland.

I am a husband, father of four, Army veteran, local official, and community leader who believes government works best when it focuses on the challenges people face in their everyday lives.

My priorities are straightforward: creating more housing that working families, young people, and seniors can afford; strengthening our schools so every student is prepared for success; and building an economy that allows people to live, work, and raise a family here in Vermont.

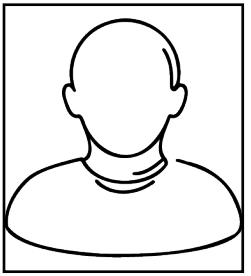
I believe our communities are strongest when everyone has the opportunity to belong, contribute, and build a future. That means strengthening education, supporting local businesses, expanding workforce opportunities, and making sure Vermont remains a place where the next generation can thrive.

I am running because I love this community and believe we can build a future that is more affordable, more connected, and full of opportunity for everyone who calls Arlington, Manchester, Sandgate, and Sunderland home.

PROBATE JUDGE - Vote for no more than ONE

PROBATE JUDGE

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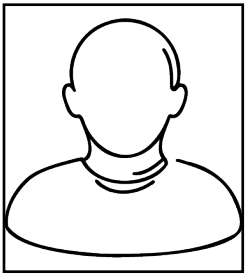


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I am running for re-election as Bennington County Probate Judge. The past three years have been both challenging and rewarding. The Court handles guardianships, estates, adoptions and other matters. Most people who come to Court do not have a lawyer. Much of my time is spent educating people about Vermont law and the Court's rules. My career as a lawyer and now as a judge, has been dedicated to public service. I have served on Shaftsbury's Selectboard and assisted many non-profit organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, The Tutorial Center, PAVE, BROC, The Vermont Bar Foundation and Vermont Legal Aid. I strongly believe the Court needs to serve everyone, those with wealth and those without, with respect and give every case the same thoughtful care. I would like your support so I can continue to serve the community that has given me, my wife and children so much since I began working in Bennington County over 40 years ago. Hon. Lon T. McClintock

ASSISTANT JUDGE - Vote for no more than TWO

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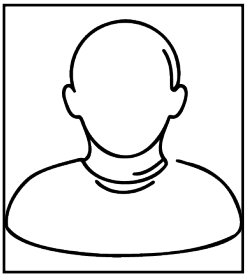


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I AM RUNNING AGAIN FOR ANOTHER 4 YEAR TERM AS ASSISTANT JUDGE. I WAS APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR SCOTT IN 2021 AND THEN ELECTED IN 2022. IT IS AN HONOR TO SERVE THE GOOD PEOPLE OF BENNINGTON COUNTY.

ASSISTANT JUDGE



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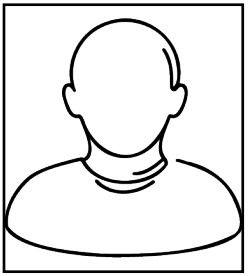
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Nearing the end of my first term it will be an honor to represent the voters of Bennington County for a second term.

STATE'S ATTORNEY - Vote for no more than ONE

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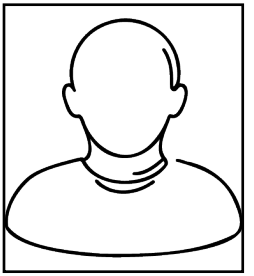
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SHERIFF - Vote for no more than ONE

SHERIFF



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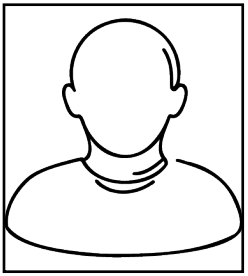
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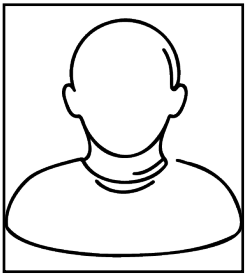
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The genesis of my candidacy is the desire to fulfill my civic duty. When the ballots for the primary election showed no candidate for High Bailiff, I decided to put my name forward. To paraphrase President John F. Kennedy's inaugural address in 1961; My fellow Americans, ask not what your county can do for you, ask what you can do for your county. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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