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PRESS RELEASE

SECRETARY OF STATE ANNOUNCES TRANSPARENCY TOUR

Montpelier, VT – Secretary of State Jim Condos announces he will conduct a 12 stop tour to discuss Vermont’s public records and open meeting laws with municipal and state employees and citizens who serve on local government boards. The public is invited and encouraged to attend these events.

After a presentation there will be time for Q&A and a general discussion with the audience. This is a great opportunity to address specific issues that you may have questions about, and to discuss the nuances of these laws.

Secretary Condos stated, *“Open and transparent government is good government! Vermont’s citizens deserve accountability in their government.”*

“This tour allows me to assist Vermont’s public officials who must abide by these laws every day. We recognize that these laws are not always clear and we need to hear from them regarding the challenges they face and the questions they have. I look forward to engaging in an open discussion about the importance of access to public records and public meetings.”

All events will be held from 6-8 pm. Dates and locations are as follows:

Montpelier	Pavilion Building	Tuesday	October 11 th
Colchester	St. Mike’s College	Thursday	October 13 th
Newport	Goodrich Library	Thursday	October 20 th
St. Albans Town	Town Hall	Tuesday	October 25 th
Springfield	Springfield High School	Wednesday	October 26 th
Brattleboro	Town Hall	Thursday	October 27 th
St. Johnsbury	St. J Middle School	Tuesday	November 1 st
Morrisville	Municipal Offices	Thursday	November 3 rd
Middlebury	Ilseley Public Library	Monday	November 7 th
Bennington	Fire Facility	Wednesday	November 9 th
Rutland	City Hall	Thursday	November 17 th
White River Junction	Bugbee Senior Center	Tuesday	November 22 nd

We are pleased to welcome the participation of the following organizations: VT League of Cities and Towns, VT Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Association, VT School Boards Association, VT Press Association, VT American Civil Liberties Union and VT Common Cause.



To find out more information **and to RSVP**, please contact Nancy Lynch @ 802-828-2148 or via email at nancy.lynch@sec.state.vt.us.

Jim Condos is Vermont's Secretary of State, after serving eight years as a Vermont State Senator, 18 years in local government and 30+ years of private sector business experience.

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