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This publication has been produced and distributed by the Elections Division of the Office of the Secretary of State as directed by the Legislature in 17 V.S.A. § 2906. A key element of democracy is the informed participation of potential voters. This publication will provide you with a non-partisan presentation of candidates for federal and statewide offices who submitted information to our office. (Some candidates did not submit information.)

All candidate information was prepared and submitted to us by the candidates. To ensure fairness, our office developed specifications for the presentation. Each candidate was invited by a letter to submit a photograph, a logo, a biographical sketch not to exceed 100 words, and position statements on up to five issues of the candidate’s choice not to exceed a total of 550 words. The content has not been edited or changed by our office. However, we have formatted each presentation to provide uniformity of type and page layout.

The statute requires that we state which candidates have accepted public financing. Under Vermont law, only candidates for governor and lieutenant governor can seek public campaign finance grants. No candidate has accepted public financing grants under 17 V.S.A. Subchapter 5.

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CANDIDATE’S NAME
HILLARY CLINTON

PHOTOGRAPH
Please see attachment.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Elected Experience: U.S. Senator, New York

Other Professional Experience: U.S. Secretary of State; First Lady of the United States; First Lady of Arkansas; Attorney; Assistant Professor, University of Arkansas School of Law; Director, University of Arkansas Legal Aid Clinic; Children’s Defense Fund

Education: Wellesley College; Yale Law School

Community Service: Chair, American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession; Co-Founder, Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families; Chair, Legal Services Corporation; Co-Author, Handbook on Legal Rights for Arkansas Women

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Our campaign is based on the notion that Americans are stronger together. We’re stronger when everyone can contribute to the economy and share in its growth. We’re stronger when we work with each other – and with allies around the world – to keep America secure. And we’re stronger when we’re united, not divided; when we come together to overcome the challenges we face.

If we win this November, in our first 100 days, we’ll make the biggest investment in good-paying jobs since World War II. We’ll invest in infrastructure, manufacturing, and small businesses. We’ll make America the clean energy superpower of the 21st century to take on the threat of climate change, and create jobs in the process. And we’ll pay for our plans by making Wall Street, corporations, and the super-wealthy pay their fair share in taxes.

We’ll make college debt-free for all and tuition-free for the middle class, while helping millions of people with student debt. We’ll crack down on companies that ship jobs overseas, and we’ll reward companies that share profits with their employees. We’ll create policies that help people balance work and family. And we’ll bring opportunity to communities that have been left out and left behind.

Beyond the economy, we’ll take on other urgent challenges—from reforming our broken criminal justice and immigration systems to ending the epidemic of gun violence to getting unaccountable money out of politics.

Americans aren’t just electing a president; we’re also choosing a Commander-in-Chief. We’ve laid out a comprehensive strategy to keep America safe by defeating ISIS, standing with our allies, and respecting the men and women who serve our country.

We know that America’s best days are still ahead of us. When Americans come together as one nation, there’s nothing we can’t do. That’s what our campaign is all about.
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PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Name: “Rocky” Roque De La Fuente
Age: 61
Occupation: Real Estate Entrepreneur
Marital Status: Divorced
Children: I have five wonderful children: Roque III (RD3), Katayoun (Katita), Ricardo (Ricky), Kassandra (Kassy) and Kamila (Kami)

Political Experience:

2016 – Candidate for the Democratic Nomination for President of the United States
- Participated in primaries (or caucuses) of 40 states, 5 territories, and the District of Columbia
- Amassed more votes than current Governors Walker and Jindal, former Governors Chafee, Perry, Pataki and Gilmore, current Senator Graham and former Senators Webb and Santorum combined and more votes than Carly Fiorina, former Governor Mike Huckabee, current Governor Chris Christie and current Senator Rand Paul individually

1992 – First Hispanic American to serve as a Delegate At-Large (i.e., a Superdelegate) for the State of California at a Democratic National Convention

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Other Professional Experience: I have been extremely successful in business. Starting in sales at an automobile dealership at the age of 20, I ultimately owned 28 dealerships before divesting all but one to pursue a new career in real estate. In that capacity, I have acquired premiere commercial and residential properties throughout the United States.

To help Mexico address its financial crisis in 1982, I opened 11 currency exchanges to facilitate free trade between our countries. Over the next five years, I also founded three banks.

Today, I serve as a Corporate Director and/or President of eight companies and am involved in two partnerships.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Physics and Mathematics from Instituto Patria (Magna Cum Laude)

Community Service: I do not disclose charities and organizations I support without their permission. However, I support minority organizations, veterans’ organizations, business organizations (e.g., Chamber of Commerce), service organizations like the Rotary, and charities involving medical research or children.

I was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for my work as an “International Corporate Ambassador.”

I also am actively pursuing election reform. Having faced a wide variety of ballot access barriers, election anomalies and election fraud in the primaries, I have the experience and standing to confront the injustice and force meaningful change.

Rocky’s Bio (150): “Rocky” Roque De La Fuente is living proof that the American Dream can be achieved by those who are inspired to pursue it. He has an amazing record of success. From earning an FAA license to fly single engine planes at the age of 20 to owning 28 automobile dealerships and becoming Chairman of the National Dealers Council for the third largest automobile manufacturer in the world by the age of 28, he’s in a league by himself. He created a banking network in 1982 to help address Mexico’s economic crisis and established impressive real estate holdings throughout the United States while creating thousands of new jobs along the way. In 1992, Rocky became the first Hispanic American to serve as a Delegate-At-Large for the State of California at a National Convention. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Physics and Mathematics (Magna Cum Laude) and an honorary doctorate from UNESCO.

Rocky’s Candidate Statement (250): I’m not a career politician. I’m just like you. I live in the real world, not a political one.

- I don’t have to pretend to understand minority issues because I am a minority.
- I don’t have to pretend to understand how to create jobs because I have created thousands.
- I don’t have to pretend to understand the importance of paying a fair wage and providing health care benefits because I’ve witnessed the impact it has on the lives of the families of those I employed.
- I don’t have to pretend to understand international relations because I’ve traveled extensively and both lived and worked abroad.
- I don’t have to pretend to care about the environment because I’m actually doing something about through renewable energy.
- I don’t even have to pretend to understand the cost of education… because I have five children.
And where I really differ: I don’t look at problems through a political lens; I look at them through a practical one.

Our Nation is at a crossroad. Einstein once said, “We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.” I would suggest that it’s also true that we cannot solve our problems with the same people who created them. We’re suffering from political gridlock fashioned by career politicians who place party politics ahead of the people. Additionally, our election process has been rigged to maintain the status quo. It’s time for change, and I will do everything in my power to deliver it.
VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Name: Michael Steinberg
Age: 57
Occupation: Attorney
Marital Status: Married to Miriam Motzne Steinberg
Children: I have three wonderful daughters: Jacklyn, Sarah, and Ester

Political Experience:
2010-2016 – Hillsborough County Healthcare Advisory Board
2008 – Chairman of Hillsborough County Democratic Executive Committee
2000-2016 – Precinct Committeeman
2004 – Delegate to Democratic National Convention

Other Professional Experience: I have practiced law in the Tampa Bay area for 34 years, specifically in the areas of Social Security Disability, Veterans' Disability Benefits, Private Long-Term Disability, ERISA and Personal Injury. In that regard, I am admitted to practice before the following:

- Florida Bar
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Circuit Court for the 11th Circuit
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- United States Federal Circuit Court of Appeals
- United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

Education: J.D., University of Florida College of Law, 1981
B.A., University of Florida, 1979 (Economics)

Community Service: Community and professional service is extremely important to me. I have performed such service throughout my adult life. In that regard, I have longtime relationships with the Hillsborough County Bar Association, the National Organization for Veterans' Advocates, the National

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Organization of Social Security Claimants’ Representatives, and the Hillsborough County Healthcare Advisory Board.

Michael’s Bio (150):

Michael Steinberg is a married father of three. He has a Juris Doctorate degree and a BA in Economics. Michael is a member of the Florida Bar and is licensed to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Federal Court of Appeals, the United States Circuit Court (11th Circuit), the United States District Courts for Florida's Northern, Southern and Middle Districts, and the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. He practices law in the areas of Social Security Disability, Veterans' Disability Benefits, Private Long-Term Disability, ERISA and Personal Injury. Community and professional service are extremely important to him. In that regard, he has longtime relationships with the Hillsborough County Bar Association, the National Organization for Veterans’ Advocates, the National Organization of Social Security Claimants’ Representatives, and the Hillsborough County Healthcare Advisory Board in Florida, and he has been active in politics for over 16 years.

Michael’s Candidate Statement (248): I envision a country where policy is based on the interests of the people rather than just a privileged few. Unfortunately, we have lost our way on that point in recent years.

I believe in the free market system, but the system must be fair. To grow the middle class, we need to create and keep jobs in this country that pay a fair wage and provide access to healthcare. We should support laws that encourage innovation and investment in durable goods, machinery and equipment. However, we must demand that the rest of the world conducts trade with us on a level playing field.

I also believe that every child deserves the opportunity to receive a quality education because to do otherwise is to sentence them to remain right where they are. We have grown stagnant as a nation, and upward mobility has been ground to a halt. We have to begin growing the middle class again, and education is the key.

As a Social Security Disabilities attorney for over 30 years, I’ll work to ensure that Social Security Retirement and Disability programs, along with Medicare, remain solvent and are operated in a professional, courteous and efficient manner.

Additionally, our nation is facing a debt crisis. While we need to address waste and fraud in government, that is not enough. We need a tax policy that treats people fairly and new jobs to increase tax revenues.

And finally, I’ll work hard to restore integrity to our electoral system.
Gloria Estela La Riva, Liberty Union Party 2016 Presidential Candidate 99 word bio:

Gloria Estela La Riva is a labor, community and anti-war activist. Born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, her father was a letter carrier, her mother, a Mexican immigrant garment worker. She is a union vice-president and delegate to San Francisco Labor Council. La Riva is the presidential candidate of the Peace and Freedom Party in California and the Party for Socialism and Liberation in other states, as well the Liberty Union Party. She was founder and coordinator of the National Committee to Free the Cuban Five, and an organizer with the ANSWER Coalition-Act Now to Stop War & End Racism.

Eugene Puryear, Liberty Union Party 2016 Vice Presidential Candidate 98 word bio:

Eugene Puryear is a graduate of Howard University, a founder of the Jobs Not Jails Coalition and co-founder of the DCFerguson Movement, a Black Lives Matter organization in Washington, D.C.; key organizer of many marches and rallies against wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and in solidarity of Palestinian rights. Puryear is the author of Shackled and Chained: Mass Incarceration in Capitalist America. He was the 2014 candidate of the DC Statehood Green Party for DC City Council in 2014. Puryear is a frequent lecturer at colleges and universities on issues of war, racism, police brutality and mass incarceration.
Statement by Gloria Estela La Riva and Eugene Puryear, 2016 Liberty Union Party Candidates for President and Vice-President

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Statement follows:

Donald Trump is poison, but Hillary Clinton is not the antidote. Neither of the corporate parties nor their candidates represent the interests of the vast majority of people in the United States. While Trump has waged an unprecedented campaign based on racism, bigotry and misogyny, Clinton’s record points to an even more warlike and aggressive foreign policy if she takes the White House.

Gloria La Riva and Eugene Puryear are running on a radically different program. La Riva is the candidate of the Peace and Freedom Party of California, the Party for Socialism and Liberation in other states, as well as the Liberty Union Party of Vermont. A vote for La Riva and Puryear is a vote against a system based on exploitation and oppression.

The La Riva/Puryear 10-point program begins: For the earth to live, capitalism must end. La Riva calls for making a job or income, health care, education from Pre-K through university, adequate food and affordable housing constitutional rights; Shutting down all U.S. military bases around the world and bringing all U.S. armed forces home; Ending U.S. aid to Israel and self-determination for the Palestinian people; Lifting the blockade of Cuba; Independence for Puerto Rico; Ending racism, and the epidemic of police brutality and mass incarceration and freeing Leonard Peltier, Mumia Abu Jamal, Oscar Lopez Rivera and all political prisoners; Honoring Native treaties; Defending unions and a $20/hr minimum wage; Equal rights for women including full reproductive rights; Full equality for LGBTQ people; Full rights for all immigrants; Nationalizing the banks and corporations and using their vast stolen wealth to provide for people’s needs; and Jailing Wall St. criminals.

Today, 62% of the U.S. population is living paycheck-to-paycheck, while the super-rich accrue obscene wealth. When the capitalist bankers torched the economy, the federal government bailed
them out with trillions of dollars of our money. Today, the criminal bankers are richer than ever while millions of working people have been plunged into poverty.

At the same time, the real military budget is more than a trillion dollars, more than most of the rest of the world’s military spending combined. The Pentagon has some 800 bases in more than 100 countries, with Central Commands for every continent. It is the military of an empire serving to protect the interests of corporate America around the world. The wars waged by the U.S. in Korea, Vietnam, Central America, and the Middle East have all been wars of aggression.

The capitalist system cannot be fixed. The multiple crises of inequality, injustice, endless war, environmental destruction and more can only be resolve by replacing profit-driven capitalism with a system based on meeting people’s needs—socialism.

Real change will not come about through the corrupt and undemocratic electoral system we live under. All profound, progressive social advances in U.S. history have been primarily the product of grassroots, determined and organized mass movements. That is the movement that La Riva and Puryear are devoted to building.

Why vote for candidates who are unlikely to win on November 8? Nearly a century ago, the great socialist and labor leader Eugene V. Debs wrote, “It is better to vote for what you want and not get it, than to vote for what you don’t want and get it.”

Vote Socialist in 2016!
CANDIDATE'S NAME
Jill Stein

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Dr. Jill Stein is a mother, physician, teacher of internal medicine, and pioneering environmental-health advocate. She has frequently testified as a health expert on behalf of local citizens fighting pollution in their communities.

She was twice elected to Town Meeting in her home town of Lexington, Massachusetts. In 2006, she received over 350,000 votes in a race for Secretary of State.

Jill grew up in Highland Park, Illinois. She graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College in 1973, and from Harvard Medical School in 1979. She lives in Lexington, Massachusetts with her husband who is also a physician.

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

People are tired of our rigged economy - tired of struggling with imposed debt - and tired of politicians who serve insiders and big money instead of the people. A vote for the Green Party is a step toward a new kind of politics in which voters become more powerful than big money donors and our nation is freed from the grip of lobbyists and corrupt special interests. It's a vote for fair taxes, jobs for all, alternatives to expensive and failing wars, affordable universal health

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care, canceling student debt, ending racial disparities, and launching a clean energy initiative that can really save the planet from climate change.

Among my top priorities are the following:

• Jobs: full employment through direct job creation wherever unemployment exists, ending wasteful "stimulus" programs that mostly benefit the rich and don't create jobs where they are really needed.

• Health Care: Ensure universal access to health care by replacing the complicated and expensive Obamacare exchanges with a simple application form that will give every American a Medicare-for-All insurance card.

• Climate change: Pursue a binding international agreement to do what science says is necessary to avert a climate catastrophe. Create millions of green jobs to produce renewable energy and phase out all dirty energy.

Initial costs for these programs would be covered by cutting unnecessary military spending and requiring wealthier Americans to pay their fair share of taxes. Ultimately, all expenses are more than paid for by health care savings and the avoidance of costly environmental disasters.

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2. Candidate Photo

3. Candidate Logo

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5. Biographical Sketch:
Cris Ericson graduated with a B.A. Degree from UMass/Amherst and also received credits from UCLA in Workers’ Rights, Industrial Relations & the ADA, taught by EEOC Attorney Ralph Fertig. Cris crewed on a fishing ketch sailing 2,400 miles from San Diego to Hawaii when the Captain and other crew went below deck to seemingly smoke pot and get stoned. Cris had not been informed that there would be drugs on board. She became temporary Captain by default when a storm came up with Cris alone at the ship’s wheel in control, and 20 foot waves crashing on deck. Cris decided that marijuana

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should be legal so people don’t conceal it.

6. Position Statements:

CRIS ERICSON WILL SPONSOR BILLS IN THE U.S. SENATE TO:

(1) to make marijuana legal under federal law;

(2) for Tour Bus parking lots with bathrooms in cute, small Vermont towns to increase business for Vermont artists, bakeries, antique sellers, etc.;

(3) to bring non-violent federal prisoners to Vermont to work for low income senior citizens who want to stay in their homes and need home care;

(4) to create a free college education website by scanning all text books and tests for which the copyrights have expired, and provide funding for federal court clerks to provide testing days and issue certificates of education for each course passed;

(5) to restore all of your 2nd amendment rights to own guns;

(6) to require all non-profits and universities be treated the same as persons and reveal their bank accounts, assets and foreign bank accounts under penalty of perjury like persons applying for food stamps.

No entity receiving federal funding will be allowed to pay any employee more than the equivalent pay rate for U.S. Government employees;

(7) to make Lake Champlain a drinking water reservoir allowing canoes, kayaks, sailboats, solar powered ferries, row boats and swimmers, but outlawing motor boats and outlawing dumping of treated sewage into the Lake.

Re-route treated sewage to industrial uses and south to the Atlantic Ocean. One-third of Vermonters draw their drinking water from Lake Champlain. The number one cause of death in Vermont is cancer;

(8) to stop the F-35 strike fighter jets from being based in Chittenden County because they are designed to be dual capable to carry nuclear bombs;

(9) to stop any type of pipeline from

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being built under Lake Champlain because one-third of Vermonters
draw their drinking water from the lake and all pipelines burst sometimes;

(9) to prohibit any non-elected federal official
from making any rules and regulations
which can end you up in court over your rights to your property,
children, liberty, health care, etc.;

(10) to allow all certified teachers to be
independent contractors and home-school local children at
the rate per child that the State, which receives federal funding,
claims is the cost of education per child;

(11) to build wood cabins with solar panel roofs
in Vermont forests near streams for homeless
War Veterans using prison labor;

(12) to provide low income recipients of telephone "lifeline" benefits
with wifi and broadband to encourage online employment;

(13) to end the "Benefits Trap" such as not allowing anyone
on SSI to save over $2,000.
so they can't buy a reliable car to get to work;

(14) to demand taxpayers own 50% of the profits for all
prescription drugs they pay for the research for;

(15) to demand taxpayers own 50% of the profits of sales
of F-35 jets to foreign allies because taxpayers paid for
the research and design;

(16) to require a transparent EB-5 program
where anyone can post their idea for a new business
on the government website in a list that foreigners
can read;

(17) to require all medical schools receiving
federal funding to require students work for
government run free clinics to pay back the taxpayers
for their investment in education.

(18) to out-law all state "prescription drug monitoring plans"
which are a violation of the U.S. Constitution and treat
patients like criminals on probation.

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5.) **Biographical Sketch:**

Patrick Leahy was born in Montpelier, Vt. A graduate of St. Michael’s College in Colchester, Leahy received his Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center.

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After private practice, Leahy became State’s Attorney for Chittenden County and was nationally recognized as one of the best prosecutors in the country. In 1974, Leahy was the first Democrat elected to the United States Senate from the state of Vermont and remains the only Democrat elected to this office from Vermont.

Leahy and his wife Marcelle live in Middlesex, Vt. They have three children and five grandchildren.

6.) Position Statements:

- **Jobs and the Economy:** My priority is to use my seniority in the United States Senate to continue the fight to bring back jobs to Vermont and strengthen our economy. I am proud to support legislation that would increase the federal minimum wage, and I am prouder still to support legislation that would bring an end to the wage discrimination that hard working Vermont women face in every paycheck. Vermont’s agriculture economy demonstrates that to succeed and thrive, we have to innovate. Born here in Vermont, organic agriculture is now a $30 billion industry.

- **Climate Change:** Human-caused climate change is accelerating with each passing year to devastating effects on our natural resources and our global economy. We must act to mitigate any further damage by aggressively moving toward clean energy sources and cutting our carbon emissions. I was proud to support President Obama’s Clean Power Plan, which set the first ever carbon pollution standards for power plants, our nation’s largest stationary source of greenhouse gas emissions. But more needs to be done. We cannot allow climate deniers to continue to risk the futures of our children and our grandchildren.

- **Citizens United:** The *Citizens United* decision was a strike at the core of our democracy with few other decisions having such a negative impact on our political process. I advocated for campaign finance reform before the *Citizens United* decision. As Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee and on the heels of the disastrous *McCutcheon* decision, I led the debate for a Constitutional Amendment to rein in the influence of billionaires and make it clear that corporations are NOT people. I will continue to lead this fight if I am re-elected to the United States Senate.

- **Supreme Court:** The issues facing the Supreme Court affect the core of who we are as a democracy and as a country, and they can be as fundamental as the right to vote. In order to have a functioning democracy we must have a functioning Supreme Court. The Senate Republicans’ unprecedented obstruction of Chief Judge Merrick Garland has left this eminently qualified jurist as the longest pending Supreme Court nomination in our country’s history, and it has left our country hanging in the balance.

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5) Biographical Sketch:

I am an artist/photographer and Getty Images contributor. Go to Jerrypilot2016 on Instagram for examples of my work. I am also a community advocate/organizer, and have my resume on my website jerrytrudellforsenate.com

I graduated from Johnson State College in 2011 where I studied history and forest ecology. I am a Vermonter with roots that run deep. My mother grew up in Richford, and my dad grew up in Burlington, where he later Graduated from the University of Vermont and went on to create and

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direct Nasa’s SARASAT (search and rescue satellite) program credited with saving over 30,000 lives to date. My father traveled to the Soviet Union, and enlisted their cooperation and incorporated their effort into the SARSAT program. He went against the conventional wisdom, and succeeded, through innovation to solve problems through collective effort. That is what I believe as well. See my 10 point program below.

6) Position Statement

1 The establishment of an investment tax on Wall Street trading in securities of 1% to finance the rebuilding of Americas crumbling infrastructure and building the 21st Century economy

2 Build the 21st century energy infrastructure of clean green energy technologies to create a zero emission energy footprint by 2050 through the transition to a solar hydrogen economy. This is also my proposal to address climate change, as this is also the only real solution to the problem

3 Provide financing to retrofit home farm and business with solar heat and photo voltaic capacity, this will greatly reduce greenhouse gasses and benefit Vermonter financially as well. Current energy policy leaves families farms and small businesses out in the cold, in a literal sense, and instead funds large scale enterprises that only benefits the developers and the banks

4 Develop and retrofit communities that allow pedestrian, bike and other non-motorized access to schools, shopping and other neighborhood amenities. This will benefit the economy and the environment at the same time

5 Increase investment in the public sector to rehire teachers, police officers and other people who were laid off in the economic and banking crisis of 2008 to improve the safety and welfare of citizens

6 Build a 21st century public transportation system by expanding service in rural areas, with the creation of a statewide public transportation system in Vermont, and the development of other nationwide transportation systems such as high speed rail and increasing service in urban areas served by mass transit

7 Provide Microloans for small business and cottage industries. Establish new agricultural legislation that supports small and medium size farms, instead of the current paradigm of enriching and supporting large agribusiness interests which exists under current U.S.D.A policy and programs

8 Enforce large scale banking reform to create a stable and equitable banking system that works for everyone and also invests in the local community economy by providing access to low interest capital for small businesses and community investment

9 Community control of large scale energy development such as the construction of gas and
other pipelines and industrial scale wind farms which have a major impact on habitat and environment

10 Set goals of American foreign policy to build global peace and international security for the world community of all nations through international cooperation and multi-lateral efforts to cure our oil addiction by working together, instead of global empire building by supporting the oil oligarchy and its puppet politicians

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About Phil:
Phil Scott has been a small business owner for more than thirty years and a public servant for sixteen, serving in the Legislature and as Lieutenant Governor. Throughout his public service career, Phil has been a consistent voice of reason and common sense in Montpelier. As the only Republican elected to statewide office, he’s shown consistent leadership, advocating for Vermonters and promoting policies and programs that focus on strengthening the economy and making Vermont more affordable for families and businesses. Phil has a strong record of fighting for responsible budgeting, transparency and accountability in state government, and is the leading voice for Vermonters facing a growing crisis of affordability.

Candidate’s Position Statements:

Installing truth in budgeting and real fiscal responsibility
Phil’s plan to install truth in budgeting and real fiscal responsibility focuses on prioritizing economic growth and affordability, setting clear budget limits and strengthening Vermont’s workforce through pro-growth investments. Core to this proposal is a commitment to:
- Stay laser-focused on pro-growth economic and fiscal fundamentals;
- Set clear standards and limits that help Vermonters get ahead; and
- Not support, or carry out, experiments at taxpayers’ expense.
Most importantly, a Scott administration will never propose or sign an annual state budget that grows more than the economy or inflation-adjusted wages in the prior year.

Modernizing state government to achieve efficiency through innovation
Vermont’s state government is functioning on outdated systems that no longer meet the everyday needs and expectations of 21st century citizens. These same systems make it very difficult to identify waste, fraud and abuse, and to eliminate inefficiencies. Each year, the cost of administering and updating these old systems grows faster than the state economy. Phil has put forward five proposals to modernize – and where necessary, restructure – government, including to create a modernization and efficiency team; implement proven IT project management protocols; set clear, measurable savings goals; foster a citizen-centric management culture; and empower frontline state employees.
Restoring faith and trust in state government
Disengaged leadership, expensive policy experiments, misguided proposals and a lack of transparency and accountability have damaged trust in state government over the last six years. Without trust in our public institutions, Vermont lacks the crucial foundation needed to move forward and ensure a secure and prosperous future, which is why Phil has introduced a plan to restore faith and trust in government. As Governor, Phil will put public service first, focus on the fundamentals, always follow through, be honest with Vermonters about the scope of our challenges, work toward consensus and lead with action, and install greater transparency and accountability.

Addressing our opiate epidemic
Virtually everyone in our state has been affected by the opiate crisis, and while we’ve made progress, we have much more to do. Phil has a plan that will focus the state’s efforts in the areas of education/prevention, treatment and enforcement. He has put forth several proposals that include a strategic expansion of community-specific initiatives; the appointment of a director of drug abuse prevention policy; creation of an Opioid Coordination Council and a statewide summit on prevention; tightening of rules surrounding prescriptions and drug disposal; providing law enforcement greater flexibility and resources to address the challenge; and expanding treatment options.

Setting clear priorities for transportation and infrastructure
Phil will prioritize spending in pro-growth areas such as technical education, workforce development and infrastructure. His plan for smarter investments in transportation infrastructure will enhance commerce, facilitate tourism and travel, and foster small business growth. Such investments contribute to job creation and additional economic activity. Phil will, however, ensure these investments are not paid for through taxes and fees. He will oppose additional transportation taxes and a carbon tax, and will not add to our debt in order to pay for transportation investments. He will continue to protect the transportation fund and encourage innovation in transportation through pro-growth tax policies.
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Background Sketch:
I am a Chittenden County Senator and founder of Full Moon Farm, producing 25 acres of organic vegetables, pork and chicken in Hinesburg. If elected, I would be the first active farmer to serve as Lieutenant Governor in over 50 years. I first engaged in politics in 1992 after volunteering for Bernie Sanders. I was elected to the House in 1994 and served seven terms before being elected to the Senate in 2012. My leadership style of bringing a diverse set of voices to the table is why I have been endorsed by Bernie in every race I have run.

Position on Why Running and Issues:

I am running for Lieutenant Governor because I see an opportunity to further engage Vermonters in developing solutions to our states challenges. While serving in the legislature for 18 years, I have always worked both in the statehouse and engaging citizens outside of it to help increase citizen voices in the process. I want to ensure Vermonters have the tools necessary to work with their legislators to help make progress on the issues that are important to our state. As Lieutenant Governor, some issues that would be my top priorities are:

Supporting our Rural Economy- Small, family businesses are the backbone of our rural communities. We need to grow our diverse farming sectors, improve the forest products industry, support our dairy farmers and expand rural telecommunication infrastructure.

Protecting our environment- As a farmer, I feel the impacts of climate change each season. We must continue to invest in renewables and reduce our fossil energy use and do more to clean up our rivers and lakes. My long-time work for environmental sustainability has been honored with awards from the VNRC and Renewable Energy Vermont, and endorsements by the Sierra Club and Bill McKibben.

Boosting Wages & Working Conditions- Ensuring working Vermonters have a livable wage, earned sick days, and can organize in the workplace is essential for families. We must invest in early childhood education, affordable and accessible childcare and healthy food for our children. I have fought for minimum wage increases and have stood with workers on picket lines and in negotiations for fair contracts. I am a co-founding member of the working
Vermonters caucus. My commitment to fighting for working Vermonters is why I have been endorsed by the Vermont NEA and the Vermont State Employees’ Association.

**Easing Property Taxes** - Our property tax structure is regressive and lets high-income households off the hook while hurting middle class families. We need to ease property tax burdens so Vermonters can use more of their hard-earned money to meet basic needs. I’ve supported a bill that proposes extending income-sensitivity to all Vermonters. Estimates suggest this will reduce bills for any household earning less than $200,000. I also believe there are opportunities to improve outcomes and find efficiency in government by integrating human services resources into our education facilities so that we reduce the dependence on property taxes for the social services for our children.

**Supporting Equality** - I was a lead sponsor for marriage equality. I am very concerned about the racial disparities in our legal system and over the years, I’ve been a consistent leader on many women’s issues including raising the minimum wage, reproductive freedom, and earned sick leave. As Lieutenant Governor, I will continue fighting to ensure women have equal access to good-paying jobs, affordable housing, and medical care. In 2001, I was a sponsor of H.440, a bill demanding employers give equal pay for equal work. As your Lieutenant Governor, I will work every day to end the wage gap.
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5. **Biographical Sketch: (Personal History/Experience)**

Having grown up in Vermont, and traveled all over the state, I know the state and the people and have worked hard throughout my political career to represent the interests of all Vermonters.

I have dedicated over 25 years to public service: on the South Burlington City Council 1989-2007 (Vice Chair 1995-99, Chair 1999-2007); as a member of the Vermont Senate: 2001-2008 – where I served as Chair of Senate Education (2003-04), Chair of Senate Government Operations (2005-06), and Chair of the Joint Legislative IT Committee (2007-08).

I am completing my third term as Vermont’s Secretary of State, where I have promoted open, transparent, and accountable government.

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6. **Position Statements:**
My main focus as Secretary of State has been to transform the Secretary of State’s office by modernizing its processes while providing for open and transparent government that Vermonters deserve. To that effect, my priorities have been and will continue to be:

**Government Transparency and Accountability:**
A commitment to open government must go further than just open campaign races. It must be a commitment to transparency at all levels of government, including open access to public records throughout our state agencies and departments.

As Secretary of State, I have worked with the legislature, citizens, and the media to improve government openness and transparency:
- Worked with Vermont’s Legislature to improve our Open Meeting/Public Records laws.
- Traveled the state on my Transparency Tour (over 45 stops) explaining the public’s right to know and answering questions from both elected municipal officials and the public.
- Worked to ensure that media, citizen, and state employee access to public records is regularly encouraged, not regularly denied.

**Cost Efficient and Effective Government:**
Since first being elected in 2010, I have successfully implemented the following improvements in the Secretary of State’s Office:
- **All Divisions** – new user-friendly website enabling Vermonters to access important information related to voter registration, corporate filings, professional licenses and archives.
- **Corporations** – completed installation of a new IT system
  - 98% Corporation and Non-Profit annual reports now filed on line.
  - Startup registration time for new business reduced from 10 days to 30-60 minutes.
  - UCC liens moved to on-line filing with instantaneous filings.
  - Received IACA international award for moving to paperless systems.
- **Office of Professional Regulation** – completed successful upgrade of IT system
  - 98% on-line license renewal for the 50 professions and 65,000 licensees
  - Moved to paperless notices & licenses saving hundreds of thousands dollars.
  - Improved the investigation/prosecution processes
  - Improved initial licensing processes
- **Elections** – completed installation of a new Elections Management IT system
  - Worked with Legislature to improve both Campaign Finance and Elections laws
    - Same Day Voter Registration (eff. 2017)
    - Automatic Voter Registration (eff.2017)
    - On-Line Voter Registration
    - My Voter Page - unique web page for each registered voter
    - Campaign Finance and Lobbyist Disclosure successfully installed and on-line filing active
    - 100% on-line for both
  - Created a Town Clerk Advisory Committee to enhance collaboration

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7. **If Re-Elected I will continue to focus on:**
   - Improving the efficiency/productivity of the Secretary of State’s office by working with the Legislature and other state agencies on good government solutions.
   - **Ombudsman** – work with legislature to add an Ombudsman to handle Open Meeting and Public Records appeals for citizens and media
   - **Financial Disclosure** – statewide and legislative candidates
   - **Notaries Public** – work with legislature to strengthen and improve the processes and oversight
   - **Elections** – continue improvements to Elections division to encourage more voter participation.