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1. **Candidate Name:**

Jim Condos
Vermont Secretary of State



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5. **Biographical Sketch: (Personal History/Experience)**

I grew up attending K-12 public schools in the Burlington-South Burlington area, and graduating from the University of Vermont. I worked my entire private sector career (over 30 years) in Vermont, and having traveled to every corner of the state, I know Vermont and its people.

Additionally, I have worked hard throughout my public career to represent the interests of all Vermonters. I have dedicated over 30 years of public service: South Burlington City Council 1989-2007 (Vice Chair 1995-99, Chair 1999-2007); Vermont Senate 2001-2008 – (Senate Education Chair 2003-04, Senate Government Operations Chair 2005-06, and Joint Legislative IT Committee Chair 2007-08).

I am completing my fourth term as Vermont's Secretary of State, where I have promoted open, transparent, and accountable government and strong proponent of protecting voting rights. I was elected by my peers to be the President of the National Association of Secretaries of States.

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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 beyond just transparent campaign races. It must be a commitment to openness and transparency at all levels of government, including open access to public records by 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.
- Created the Transparency Tour (over 50 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.
- Led the charge to create a Vermont Ethics Commission

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 minutes.
 - UCC liens moved on-line with instantaneous filings.
 - Received IACA international award for move to paperless/transparent 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
 - Allow 17 year olds to vote in primaries if they 18 by the General Election
 - On-Line Voter Registration
 - My Voter Page - unique web page for each registered voter
 - On-Line filing for Campaign Finance & Lobbyist Disclosure
 - Same Day Voter Registration
 - Automatic Voter Registration
 - Financial Disclosure— statewide and legislative candidates
- Following 2016 Election – Vermont ranked #1 for Election Administration
- **VT State Archives & Records Admin.** – working with state agencies and judiciary to improve records management and protection of archival records.
 - Reorganized staffing to better utilize skills and experience
 - Increased access to many public records

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7. **If Re-Elected I will continue to focus on:**

- Continuing the efficiency/productivity gains by working with the Legislature and other state agencies on good government solutions.
- Ethics Commission – I will work with the legislature to strengthen the:
 - Independence
 - Authority
 - Resources
- Ombudsperson – work with legislature to create an Ombudsperson to handle Open Meeting and Public Records appeals for citizens and media
- Notaries Public – work with legislature to strengthen and improve the processes and oversight
- Elections – Continue to oversee fair, accurate elections with integrity
 - Encourage more voter participation
 - Continue to be a leader for Elections Cyber-Security
 - Acquire new state-of-the-art Vote Tabulators

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