VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

2026 CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

GENERAL ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 3, 2026

STATEWIDE CANDIDATES



Phil Scott

GOVERNOR

Governor Scott has been a REALTOR® Champion since his days in the Senate. He has been a tireless leader through covid pushing back on new taxes and holding the line on state spending. He works to build Vermont's economy and is a strong advocate for property rights.



Sarah Copeland Hanzas

SECRETARY OF STATE

Secretary Copeland Hanzas oversees the Office of Professional Regulation and our Real Estate Commission. She has welcomed Vermont REALTORS® to discuss issues impacting our business, encouraging collaboration with her office.



Mike Pieciak

STATE TREASURER

Treasurer Pieciak has always made himself available to speak with our REALTOR® Association. He has created programming that invests Vermont funds for housing initiatives in a responsible way.



Charity Clark

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attorney General Clark provides consumer protection for Vermonters, protecting children's data privacy, fighting for fairness in health care and a leader for public safety.



John Rodgers

LT. GOVERNOR

Website:
rodgersforvt.com



Molly Gray

LT. GOVERNOR

Website:
mollyforvt.com

No endorsement. The trustees interviewed John Rodgers and Molly Gray and found many positive attributes in both candidates. We encourage members to visit their websites to learn more about their priorities.

VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

2026 CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

SENATE CANDIDATES



Senator Steven Heffernan (R)

ADDISON 2 Seat District

Senator Steven Heffernan advanced changes to repeal Tier 3 and the Road Rule. He supports property tax relief, education reform, rural property rights and lower housing and health care costs. **Website: heftvt.com**



Andrew Klein (R)

ADDISON 2 Seat District

Andrew is a new candidate for one of the two seats available in Addison County. He is a Middlebury grad, JD and MBA. Andrew focuses on economic growth through effective policy direction. **Website: andrewkleinvt.com**



Josh Williams (R)

BENNINGTON 2 Seat District

Josh is a new REALTOR® and business owner from Arlington VT. His platform focuses on affordability especially property taxes, property rights and accountability for government. **Website: josh4vt.com**



Senator Seth Bongartz (D)

BENNINGTON 2 Seat District

Senator Bongartz is accessible and responsive to REALTOR® issues. He has advanced education reform and listened to VAR's concerns about Tier 3 rulemaking and the Act 181 road rule.



Senator Scott Beck (R)

CALEDONIA 1 Seat District

Senate Minority Leader Scott Beck is a REALTOR® champion who helped repeal Tier 3 and the Road Rule and negotiated education reform with the Governor. His priorities include fiscal restraint, economic growth, education property tax reform and rural revitalization. **Website: scottbeck4vermont.com**



Representative Ashley Bartley (R)

CHITTENDEN NORTH 1 Seat District

Representative Ashley Bartley is running for REALTOR® Chris Mattos' Senate seat. As vice chair of House General and Housing, she champions REALTOR® priorities on housing and landlord-tenant legislation. Endorsed by Governor Scott, she focuses on affordability and child care. **Website: ashleybartley.org**

VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

2026 CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

SENATE CANDIDATES



Senator Thomas Chittenden (D)

CHITTENDEN SOUTH 3 Seat District

Senator Thomas Chittenden led the Democratic primary in his three-seat district. He plans to seek a leadership role, potentially chair of Senate Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs. His priorities include growth, regionalization and affordability. **Website: thomaschittenden.com**



Senator Kesha Ram Hinsdale (D)

CHITTENDEN SOUTH 3 Seat District

Senate Majority Leader Kesha Ram Hinsdale chaired Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs in 2025 and may seek the Senate's top leadership role if reelected. Her priorities include housing as a human right, addressing climate change and Medicare for all. **Website: keshaforvermont.com**



Senator Russ Ingalls (R)

ESSEX 1 Seat District

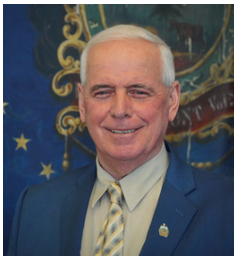
Senator Ingalls is a REALTOR® and true leader of Senate Republicans. He was instrumental in helping to organize the Repeal Act 181 group and arranging for the rally on the statehouse steps. VAR supported Russ in 2024 and he is unopposed in 2026.



Senator Randy Brock (R)

FRANKLIN 2 Seat District

Senator Randy Brock is a REALTOR® champion serving on Senate Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and Senate Finance. He has a strong relationship with VAR and faces two Democratic opponents in Franklin County while providing balance in the Senate.



Senator Robert Norris (R)

FRANKLIN 2 Seat District

Senator Robert Norris serves on Senate Judiciary and supported VAR's position on the landlord-tenant bill. A trusted sounding board and friend of Ken Libby, he asked key questions during committee review. He faces an opponent for his Franklin County seat.

VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

2026 CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

SENATE CANDIDATES



Senator Patrick Brennan (R)

GRAND ISLE 1 Seat District

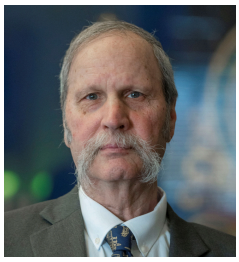
Senator Patrick Brennan serves on Appropriations and Transportation and voted against S.325 and the landlord-tenant bill. His priorities include property and education taxes, the economy, cost of living, clean water for Lake Champlain, public safety and efficient government. **Website: brennanforsenate.org**



Senator Rich Westman (R)

LAMOILLE 1 Seat District

Senator Rich Westman serves on Senate Appropriations and Transportation and has a strong relationship with Steve Foster. Running unopposed, he uses VAR's investment to communicate with his constituents.



Senator John Benson (R)

ORANGE 1 Seat District

Senator Benson is a civil engineer with great understanding of land use. His priorities focus on fiscally responsible government, encouraging economic development and protecting public safety.
Website: bensonforvtsenate.com



Senator Brian Collamore (R)

RUTLAND 3 Seat District

Senator Brian Collamore chairs Senate Government Operations and supports VAR's opposition to municipal charter changes for just cause eviction and rent control.



Senator David Weeks (R)

RUTLAND 3 Seat District

Senator David Weeks is a dependable supporter of REALTOR® priorities on Senate Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs. He understands VAR's issues and seeks our input. He also serves on Senate Education, working to advance education reform. **Website: weeksvtstatesenate.com**

VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

2026 CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

SENATE CANDIDATES



Senator Terry Williams (R)

RUTLAND 3 Seat District

Senator Terry Williams served as vice chair of Senate Natural Resources and on Senate Education. He supported VAR's position on S.325 and worked with Senator Weeks to advance education reform. His priorities include natural resources, property rights, education and health care. **Website: terryforsenate.com**



Senator Ann Cummings (D)

WASHINGTON 3 Seat District

Senator Ann Cummings is a retired REALTOR® and chair of Senate Finance. A senior senator whom VAR has supported in the past, she has invited our input on property taxes and second-home tax classification. **Facebook.com/ann.cummings.524**



Senator Joe Major (D)

WINDSOR 3 Seat District

Senator Joe Major has become a REALTOR® champion in his first term, building a strong relationship with VAR. His priorities include housing affordability, community vitality and rural economic development. We anticipate he will earn important committee appointments. **Website: joemajorvt.com**



Senator Rebecca White (D)

WINDSOR 3 Seat District

Senator Rebecca White has worked with VAR since 2023, when she served on Senate Natural Resources. She currently serves on Senate Government Operations and Transportation. **Website: beccawhitevt.com**



Andrea Murray (R)

WINDSOR 3 Seat District

Andrea Murray is a new Windsor Senate candidate who won the Republican primary. Her platform focuses on affordability, rural property rights and efficient, effective education. **Website: andrea4vt.com**

VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

2026 CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

HOUSE CANDIDATES



Rob North (R)

ADDISON 3

Rob North was the first House Environment member to invite VAR testimony on H.70, Mark Higley's bill to include current use lands in the conserved land inventory. A champion of affordability and rural property rights, he is well organized and keeps constituents informed. **Website: northforvthouse.com**



Debora Dolgin (R)

CALEDONIA/ESSEX

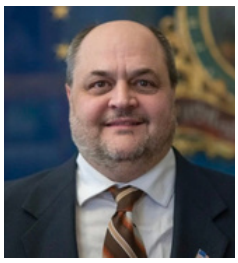
Debora Dolgin serves on House General and Housing and has been a positive voice on the landlord-tenant bill. As a housing provider in St. Johnsbury, she brings firsthand experience and effectively represents landlord concerns.
Website: debdolgin4vthouse.com



Kumula Kase Long (R)

CHITTENDEN/FRANKLIN

Kumula "Kase" Long is a Vermont REALTOR® appointed to the Legislature and running again in 2026. He supports VAR's priorities and has the potential to grow as a voice for REALTOR® issues in the House.



Anthony Micklus (R)

CHITTENDEN/FRANKLIN

Anthony "Tony" Micklus is a REALTOR® member and a dependable sounding board on House Commerce and Economic Development. He supports VAR's priorities and is a valued partner in addressing issues affecting the real estate profession.
Website: tonyformilton.com



Jed Lipsky (I)

LAMOILLE 1

Jed Lipsky is an independent representative from Stowe and a logger by trade, bringing firsthand knowledge of rural Vermont issues. He welcomes discussion with VAR and supports REALTOR® priorities. **Website: kascenskaforvt.com**

VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

2026 CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

HOUSE CANDIDATES



Daniel Noyes (D)

LAMOILLE 2

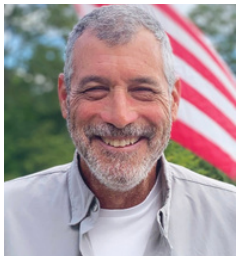
Daniel Noyes is a moderate Democrat and a friend of REALTORS®. He wants to address sign laws affecting lakefront properties and welcomes discussion on VAR's priorities. **Facebook.com/DanNoyesVermontHouseofRepresentatives**



Mark Higley (R)

ORLEANS/LAMOILLE

Mark Higley is a REALTOR® champion on House Ways and Means who supports VAR's tax policy positions. A vocal member of the rural caucus, he introduced H.70 to include current use lands in the conserved land inventory.
Facebook.com/RepMarkHigley



Mike Tagliavia (R)

ORANGE 1

Mike Tagliavia is a REALTOR® champion and a strong voice for property rights and less regulation on House Environment. He kept pressure on the committee to repeal Tier 3 and the Road Rule. He is running unopposed.
Website: miketagforvt.com



William Canfield (R)

RUTLAND 10

William "Bill" Canfield, vice chair of House Ways and Means, keeps VAR informed on upcoming tax legislation. On a committee with seven Democrats and four Republicans, he ensures minority perspectives are heard.



Chris Pritchard (R)

RUTLAND BENNINGTON

Chris is always open to discussion on any issue. He serves on House Environment and was instrumental in the repeal of Tier 3 and the road rule.
Website: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chris_Pritchard_(politician)

VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

2026 CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

HOUSE CANDIDATES



Thomas Charlton (R)

WINDSOR WINDHAM

Tom is a builder and a supportive member of House General and Housing. He works to expand opportunities for off-site modular home construction and has supported VAR's priorities on landlord-tenant legislation and other housing issues. **Website: charlton4vermont.us**



Marc Mihaly (D)

WASHINGTON 6

Marc Mihaly chairs House General and Housing and values VAR's advocacy and input on legislation. He introduced a balanced landlord-tenant bill supported by the Apartment Owners Association. Running unopposed, he will continue working on issues affecting REALTORS®. **Website: marcmihaly.com**

QUESTIONS?

Contact Peter Tucker

Advocacy & Public Policy Director
Vermont Association of REALTORS®
peter@vermontrealtors.com

ELECTION RESOURCES

Everything you need to be ready to vote.

Scan for information on:

- Polling locations
- Early & absentee voting
- Election information

REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC)

RPAC supports VAR's candidate endorsement efforts by helping us support candidates who understand the issues that impact REALTORS® and the consumers they serve. These investments strengthen the REALTOR® voice on housing, property rights, and homeownership. Learn more at war.realtor/rpac