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Mayor's Advisory Group

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Nicole Ravlin is a co-founder and partner at People Making Good PR, a public relations firm with offices in Burlington and Boston, which partners with socially and environmentally conscious businesses globally. Nicole's expertise is in media relations, new media strategy, and crisis communications.



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Pat Robins is Chairman of the Symquest Group, a technology services company with offices across Northern New England. The company offers comprehensive solutions to business clients in networking and document management. He is also a director of Merchants Bank of Vermont.

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Joan Shannon is a Realtor with Wynne Associates, and President of the Burlington City Council. As a City Councilor, Joan has served on the Burlington Telecom Blue Ribbon Committee, and is currently a member of the Burlington Telecom Advisory Board.



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Edward Shepard is founding partner at Superconductor Co, a digital audience accelerator for startups, brands, and creative projects. This fall Edward is launching 8 BitFit, a mobile fitness gamification platform conceived and developed exclusively in Burlington, Vermont. Apparently Edward also loves buzzwords.

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Alison von Puschendorf is director of Corporate Communications at Dealer.com, a leading provider of digital marketing solutions for the automotive industry. This Burlington-based, fast-growing SaaS company is more than 800-employees strong, and serves 40 percent of the auto market. Dealer.com is proudly recognized as a "best place to work" and tech innovator at both a local and national level.



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Jason Zuliani is a partner at Eagle Network Solutions, a provider of large-scale telecommunications infrastructure solutions and advanced cybersecurity services headquartered in Burlington. Jason believes that smart policy + technology can make things better; and he wants a piece of that action.

The Mayor's Advisory Group would like to recognize the contributions of:

Erika Lowe, Partnership for Change Community Based Fellow, Burlington High School (BHS)

Jonathan Rajewski, Assistant Professor, Champlain College

Rubi Simon, Director, Fletcher Free Library

The Mayor also has invited a BHS student to join the Advisory Group.



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Mayor Miro Weinberger

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Miro Weinberger was elected Mayor of Burlington based, in no insignificant part, on his embrace of social media. As Mayor, Miro has used technology to improve the City's financial accountability and to help restore the community's trust in City Hall, including through the recent announcement of a new cloud-based, municipal open data portal. The Weinberger Administration also is focused on public infrastructure projects, downtown housing opportunities, municipal sustainability initiatives, and making Burlington inclusive for all.

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William Wallace is Executive Director of U.S. Ignite, a non-profit, public-private partnership launched at the White House in June 2012. Its mission is to foster the creation of next-generation Internet applications that provide transformative public benefit.





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Jeanne Collins is Superintendent of the Burlington School District, which serves nearly 4,000 students. Jeanne believes that running a school system in the 21st century, to prepare kids for 21st century jobs, requires equitable access to the Internet and technology for all learners and is an exciting and urgent investment.

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Jeff Couture is Executive Director of the Vermont Technology Alliance. The vtTA is a non-profit business association with a mission to support, promote, celebrate, and grow technology businesses and technology jobs in Vermont. Jeff believes that tech businesses represent an economic growth opportunity for Burlington and Vermont.



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Kelly Devine runs Burlington's leading voice for business, the Burlington Business Association. A recognized community leader, she manages and influences initiatives in the public and private sectors. Kelly works to ensure that Burlington responds to the digital needs of its growing tech sector.

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Dan Harvey is the Director of Operations for the Vice President for Research at the University of Vermont, as well as a founding board member of Generator, the Burlington maker space and a board member of Burlington City Arts. Dan is very interested in economic development and the cultural economy.

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Bradley Holt is Co-Founder and Technical Director at Found Line, a creative services studio with design and development capabilities in web, print, and mobile. He is a Code for America Brigade Captain with Code for BTV and helped organize the National Day of Civic Hacking in Burlington, Vermont. He also co-organizes the Burlington, Vermont PHP Users Group, Vermont Code Camp, BTV Gig, and the Northeast PHP Conference.



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Jessica Nordhaus is founder of Horny Toad Activewear and a former high school English teacher. She currently works as a strategist and consultant, specializing in educational transformation. In her spare time, Jessica represents the Mayor on the Partnership for Change Steering Committee, is a Fletcher Free Library Commissioner, and serves on the Young Writers Project Board of Directors.



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For the past 20 years, Michael has been President of Michael Metz and Associates, a technology based consulting company serving the electronic and electronic material industries worldwide. He is also a trustee of Champlain College, the Vermont Community Foundation, Burlington City Arts, and the Burlington City Arts Foundation, where he serves as Chair.

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David Provost currently holds the position of Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration at Champlain College. He is responsible for the business operations of the College including Finance, Human Resources, Campus Planning, Physical Plant, Information Technology, Safety and Security, and all other non-academic functions of the institution.



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Mark Puryear is a director of FarVision of Rutland, Vermont, one of the region's premier organizational consulting firms working to assist in building strong, effective, and measurable cultures to manage growth and change in all fields of endeavor. Mark believes that BTV IGNITE will thrust Burlington into the forefront of cities vying to attract tech companies and other high paying industries. This is big and, being a Burlington resident, he wants a stake in it!