

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL CITY ELECTION
BURLINGTON, VERMONT
MARCH 2, 2021
WARD 7**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. Use **BLACK PEN** or **PENCIL** to fill in the oval. ●
2. To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
3. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or stick their name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line. ●
4. Do not vote for more candidates than the "vote for not more than #" for an office.
5. If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

FOR MAYOR

Three-Year Term
Vote for not more than ONE

HAIK BEDROSIAN
11 Matthew Avenue INDEPENDENT

ALI DIENG
165 James Avenue INDEPENDENT

WILL EMMONS
30 Blodgett Street Unit 1 INDEPENDENT

KEVIN McGRATH
266 North Avenue INDEPENDENT

MAX TRACY
39 Greene Street Apt. #2 PROGRESSIVE

MIRO WEINBERGER
14 Summit Street DEMOCRATIC

PATRICK WHITE
95 Lakeside Avenue INDEPENDENT

(Write-in)

**FOR NORTH DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMISSIONER**

Two-Year Term
Vote for not more than ONE

KENDRA SOWERS
1 Surf Road

(Write-in)

**FOR INSPECTOR
OF ELECTION**

Three-Year Term
Vote for not more than ONE

AMY BIELAWSKI-BRANCH
93 Hardy Avenue DEMOCRATIC

MEGAN POLYTE
7 Roseade Parkway PROGRESSIVE

(Write-in)

FOR WARD CLERK

Two-Year Term
Vote for not more than ONE

THOMAS L. FLEURY
164 Saratoga Avenue DEMOCRATIC

(Write-in)

**FOR NORTH DISTRICT
CITY COUNCILOR**

Two-Year Term
Vote for not more than ONE

MARK BARLOW
25 Holly Lane INDEPENDENT

KIENAN CHRISTIANSON
35 Alqird Street DEMOCRATIC/PROGRESSIVE

(Write-in)

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

QUESTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. TO VOTE IN FAVOR of any of the following questions, fill in the oval marked YES.
2. TO VOTE AGAINST any of the following questions, fill in the oval marked NO.
3. TO VOTE, FILL IN THE OVAL LIKE THIS: ●
4. If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. DO NOT ERASE.

1. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

"Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$95,105,000 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?"

It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,069.13 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.89% higher than spending for the current year." YES
NO

2. PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGE TO ADD MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS

"Shall the Charter of the City of Burlington, Acts of 1949, No. 298, as amended, be further amended to increase the size of the board of airport commissioners to seven members, including adding a representative from Winooski and an additional Burlington representative, through the amendment of City Charter §120 and §276?" YES
NO

3. PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGE TO REGULATE THERMAL ENERGY SYSTEMS

"Shall the Charter of the City of Burlington, Acts of 1949, No. 298 as amended, be further amended to permit the City Council to regulate thermal energy systems in residential and commercial buildings, through the amendment of Section 48 Powers of the City Council Enumerated to add the following power:

(67) To regulate thermal energy systems in residential and commercial buildings, including assessing carbon impact or alternative compliance payments, for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions throughout the city; no assessment of carbon impact or alternative compliance payment shall be imposed unless previously authorized by a majority of the legal voters of said city voting on the question at any annual or special city meeting duly warned for the purpose.?" YES
NO

4. PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGE TO ADOPT RANKED CHOICE VOTING FOR CITY COUNCILORS

"Shall the Charter of the City of Burlington, Acts of 1949, No. 298 as amended, be further amended to adopt ranked choice voting for the election of the City's city councilors beginning with the March 2022 election, through the amendment of City Charter § 5?" YES
NO

5. PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGE TO PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL TENANTS FROM EVICTIONS WITHOUT JUST CAUSE

"Shall the Charter of the City of Burlington, Acts of 1949, No. 298 as amended, be further amended to give the City Council the power to provide by ordinance protections for residential tenants from evictions without 'just cause' by adopting and adding a new section 48(66) that
- identifies certain definitions of just cause;
- excludes from 'just cause' the expiration of a rental agreement as sole grounds for termination of tenancy, except for certain properties, subject to mitigation provisions such as adequate notice;
- limits unreasonable rent increases to prevent de facto evictions or non-renewals?" YES
NO

6. AUTHORIZING RETAIL CANNABIS SALES

"Shall the City of Burlington permit the operation of cannabis retailers that are licensed by the State of Vermont under Act 164, beginning in October of 2022, such sales also being subject to any city ordinances or regulations that the City may lawfully adopt?" YES
NO

7. ADVISORY QUESTION RE CLIMATE JUSTICE IN BUILDING DECARBONIZATION

"Shall the voters of the City of Burlington advise the City Council and Mayor's Administration, in its regulation of thermal energy systems in residential and commercial buildings, to create policies, programs, and incentives focused on delivering the benefits of the transition to clean energy to low- and moderate-income Burlingtonians, to Black, Indigenous, and people of color, and to otherwise disadvantaged community members?" YES
NO

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