

# CENTRAL DISTRICT

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<p><b>Economic Vitality</b></p> <p>HULA Lakeside, The Burton Hub Project, and Cambrian Rise are all examples of adaptive reuse of underutilized industrial/institutional space. Have you or do you support these specific projects? Do you believe in this type of economic development?</p>	<p>YES! "There is a lot to like about these projects. They show economic vitality, opportunity, and hope." Has concerns about adequate public infrastructure for the projects; mainly streets. Would like to see more entry-level/starter home ownership. "Condos priced for starting buyers would benefit Burlington by expanding the tax base and reducing the enormous percentage of renters, who are currently a majority of voters and vote accordingly."</p>	<p>NO! "I have not been thrilled with the lack of consideration for green building in most of these projects. I do think we should look to reuse industrial spaces". "We need to be more innovative and creative to meet those challenges from climate chaos and economic breakdowns."</p>	NR
<p><b>Pandemic Recovery</b></p> <p>If elected, what specific actions would you take to help small businesses survive and recover from the pandemic?</p>	<p>As Public Works Commissioner, supported the street seats, open streets and curbside pick-up to help local business. "I believe the best help will involve opening as many doors as possible to survival." Supports using stimulus funds to benefit local businesses.</p>	<p>"Supports an ad campaign to educate and encourage residents to support local business. I support the City giving low interest loans to get affected businesses on their feet again."</p>	NR
<p><b>Working with the Business Community</b></p> <p>How would you work with and engage the business community if elected to City Council?</p>	<p>Sees himself working with the business community as part of the team working together for a common good. "While all this may sound cliché, I am resolute in seeing Burlington as a team. All of us who interact with Burlington - including our networking circles - are Burlington. With this mindset, we can solve any issue before us."</p>	<p>"Support local business and go against the grain of what is being imposed on us which is only big and internet business." I think if we focus locally we have the best chance of having some control of economic development.</p>	NR
<p><b>Transportation Choice</b></p> <p>What transit and/or parking solutions would you propose to improve access to our downtown for everyone? What funding sources are available to invest in these solutions?</p>	<p>On Downtown Parking: "The user experience matters most. If it's inconsistent, it is a recipe for frustration." Parking rates and fines need to be more equitable. On getting downtown: "I'm supportive of proportionally-sized shuttles running from top-of-the-hill locations like the Sheraton or Staples Plaza on a regular basis to keep from a negative vehicular experience." "I am supportive of the Champlain Parkway only as it contains the associated Railyard Enterprise Project that will divert traffic away from low-income neighborhoods and onto Battery Street."</p>	<p>Supports more bike and mobility vehicle routes downtown. "I do not favor more parking downtown as it adds pollution and congestion."</p>	NR

\* Indicates Incumbent

\*\*Candidate responses have been edited for brevity and formatting. View unabridged responses at [bbavt.org/voterguide](http://bbavt.org/voterguide).