

NORTH DISTRICT

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<p>Economic Vitality</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! "I think infill development is important because it allows us to build more densely, allowing for more green space and reducing overall carbon emissions." "Burton went out of their way to involve the community and bring them into the process. I would like to see more projects do this and commend Burton for the effort they put into involving the community."</p>	<p>Yes, I enthusiastically support all of these projects. I would add CityPlace to the list. With the limited undeveloped space in Burlington, adaptive reuse makes good sense. HULA Lakeside and Burton Hub Projects are exciting because they are bringing business to Burlington. Any opportunity we have to bring new business into the city is a win. Cambrian Rise and CityPlace are adding much needed housing to the city.</p>
<p>Pandemic Recovery</p> <p>If elected, what specific actions would you take to help small businesses survive and recover from the pandemic?</p>	<p>Would work to secure significant funds from the Vermont Legislature to help businesses. Will work hard " to push out the vaccine as quickly as possible to eligible Burlingtonians." "The sooner we get ... fully-vaccinated, the sooner we can begin re-opening."</p>	<p>"I am a small business owner and understand the unprecedented challenges many businesses are facing. The impact is especially acute for retail and restaurants, many of which are on life support right now and face a long road ahead as we emerge from the pandemic. We should prioritize support for our business community during this difficult time, through both action and policy."</p>
<p>Working with the Business Community</p> <p>How would you work with and engage the business community if elected to City Council?</p>	<p>"I think as we move through the pandemic, ensuring all of our local businesses are able to function in an online setting is vitally important." Supports training and direct assistance through small business loans.</p>	<p>YES! "If elected I would pursue business friendly policy and support smart growth in Burlington. We need more projects like CityPlace that address housing, downtown revitalization, increasing tax base, and increased economic activity. As a city councilor the business community would have my ear and my belief that they are vital partners in achieving a more prosperous and affordable Burlington."</p>
<p>Transportation Choice</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>"I would like to see a small set of shuttle vans that go out into the neighborhoods that will bring folks closer to the lake and the river to the Avenue so that when it is cold out, they can use the public transportation system." Supports incentives to carpool downtown from NNE.</p>	<p>"Reconnecting the street grid as part of the CityPlace project may open up additional travel and walking options that change parking dynamics in the downtown core and make some currently less desirable parking locations more convenient." Supports expanded transit to NNE.</p>

*Candidate responses have been edited for brevity and formatting. View unabridged responses at bbavt.org/voterguide.