



Hey Montpelier, I'm excited to announce that I'm seeking re-election as Montpelier's Mayor, and I hope I can count on your vote.

My number one priority continues to be doing our part on climate change, to continue leading the state on climate action. The City made a commitment to achieve net zero energy for its own operations by 2030. Because of the good work of our energy committee, our staff, and state partners, we now have a roadmap for that work. My goal is for us to be a model that other communities can emulate.

Secondly, we need to establish more comprehensive childcare options through the City. This means extending our current childcare hours to match a typical work day, and it means establishing childcare service for infants and children up to five years old. We have known for years that the need for childcare in Central Vermont is just not being met. COVID has only exacerbated this need. Getting our local economy fully functioning again means providing the necessary services for parents to get back into the workforce. I believe the City has an important role to play in meeting this need, but it will take time and dedication on the part of our leaders and staff.

A third priority that has risen to the top for me is equity, or more specifically, looking at all of our city's processes and systems through an equity lens. Within the last year we've had some excellent work done by city volunteers and contracted partners to help us take a hard look at some of our current practices. This resulted in the Equity report from the Social and Economic Justice Committee and the findings from the Police Review Committee. Both of these documents contain valuable insights and suggestions that will help make our community more equitable. Equity also means facing the homelessness crisis in our community and how the City can play a role in meeting the unmet needs of our unsheltered population.

During my four years as your mayor, it is clear that these issues are urgent and important, but there are many other pressing issues that we must simultaneously work on including cleaning up our waterways, improving city communication, building better stormwater mitigation, and catching up on infrastructure.

Over the last two years I have heard from many of you about the issues you care about, the issues that matter to you, that matter to Montpelier. Those conversations have shaped the way I think about policy and how we prioritize the work moving forward. Please continue to be in touch. I look forward to continuing to work together toward a better future for all of Montpelier, and I hope I can count on your vote on Town Meeting Day, March 1st, 2022.