

Lauren Hierl – Candidate for District 1, Montpelier City Council

It has been an honor to serve on the Montpelier City Council representing District 1 for the past four years. I am running for another 2-year term so I can continue the critical work underway to address the housing crisis and support the un-housed, invest in resilient infrastructure, cut our climate pollution, and foster an inclusive and vibrant community.



There are many pressing issues facing our community, and some of my top priorities will be:

- Support sustainable and safe roads, water, and other infrastructure
- Work with community partners to develop more housing
- Continue progress toward our Net Zero climate pollution commitment
- Ensure that Montpelier is an inclusive and equitable city, including supporting our most vulnerable residents
- Support Montpelier businesses and our vibrant downtown
- Maintain a responsible budget to meet the needs of all Montpelier residents

I have served on numerous city committees, including the Montpelier Energy Advisory Committee, where we continue to make progress on our plan for city operations to be net zero climate pollution by 2030. I also served on the Police Review Committee, where among other recommendations, we supported funding for peer outreach workers to connect our un-housed community to services and support for a social worker position to work in partnership with our police department. Further, I've served on the Social and Economic Justice Advisory Committee, where we worked to develop an Initial Equity Assessment for the community. We have been working to implement the recommendations – including, for example, developing a stipend program to make participation in city committees more accessible.

In my day job, I am the Executive Director of Vermont Conservation Voters, an environmental advocacy organization. I previously worked at the Vermont Public Interest Research Group, and in Washington, DC at National Audubon Society and Alaska Wilderness League. I conducted climate change research in Kruger National Park in South Africa, and oversaw a land and endangered species conservation assessment in San Diego. I received my Master of Environmental Management and Master of Public Policy degrees at Duke University, and a Bachelors in Environmental Studies and Ecology at Dartmouth College. I am the proud parent of two children in the Montpelier school system.

Please reach out with your input, ideas, or questions at: laurenhierlvt@gmail.com.