



Wards 4 & 7 NPA
Wednesday, October 26, 2016
6:45-9pm
The Miller Center, 130 Gosse Court, Burlington
Draft Agenda

Agenda

6:45-7:00 - Snacks and socializing
7:00-7:10 - Ground-rules, Introductions, Nominations, Announcements, and Requests
7:10-7:20 - Open Forum
7:20-7:30 - Coalition for Livable Cities - Presentation
7:30-7:40 - DPW Update on North Ave Pilot

7:40-8:10 - Discussion of Ballot Items with the Mayor
(7:40-7:50 - Report from the Mayor)
(7:50-8:10 - Questions from the Community)

8:10-9:00 - Legislative Candidates Forum
(8:10-8:25 - Introductory Statements [3 min per candidate])
(8:25-9:00 - Questions from the Community)

Ward 4 Steering Committee

Matt Cropp, Green Acres Dr., 338-1002
Dan Weber, Muirfield Road, 999-8043

Ward 7 Steering Committee

Liam Griffin, Billings Ct, (347) 647-0371
Martha Molpus, Heineberg Rd., 652-0323
Michael McGarghan, Birch Ct., 233-1238
Linda Deliduka, Village Green, 864-5114
Chris Trombly, Sandy Lane, 238-1158

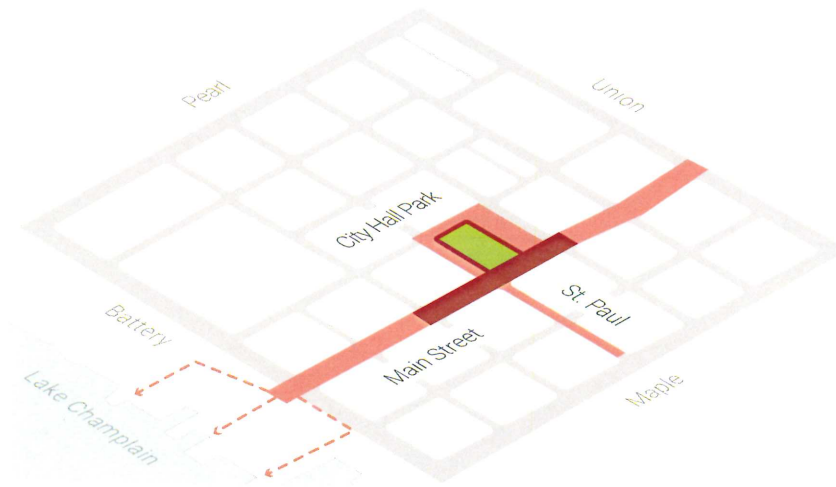
GROUND RULES

Listen to others speaking
Respect the agenda and process
Share your opinion politely
Treat people respectfully

For more information about Wards 4 and 7 NPA visit their CEDO webpage
<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Neighborhood-Services/NPAs/Wards-4-and-7-NPA>

Great Streets BTV

Creating a downtown that is a vibrant, walkable, and sustainable urban center



SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Contois Auditorium, City Hall

Presentation of Concept Plans for Main Street & City Hall Park

Discussion of Draft Concept Plans for *Main Street* (Union to Battery) and *City Hall Park*, projects of the Great Streets Initiative.

The Great Streets Initiative is a culmination of many years of planning and project development with the citizens of Burlington for our downtown. Through this Initiative, we'll advance several key projects envisioned by plans such as *Imagine City Hall Park*, *planBTV Downtown* and *Waterfront Master Plan*, and the *Transportation Plan*.

Videos from previous Great Streets presentations are available on the project website www.GreatStreetsBTV.com under "Media." Leave any comments on the "Contact" page.



For questions and information, please visit

www.GreatStreetsBTV.com

or contact Diane Meyerhoff at 802.865.1794

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WARD 4/7 NPA NORTH AVENUE PILOT PROJECT UPDATE

1ST QUARTER: JULY – SEPTEMBER 2016



UPDATES

- Crashes / safety observations
- Intersections operations / side street wait times
- Travel times
- Survey results
- Next steps

- Full reports and analysis in packets and online

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CRASH ANALYSIS

JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30



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JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30

Small sample size, need more data before making assumptions about project impacts on crashes

- Crash data and Driver opinions
 - 38% feel less safe
 - 39% feel more safe
 - 23% unsure/about the same

North Ave A consists of the stretch from Washington St to Plattsburg Ave

North Ave B consists of the stretch from Route 127 to Shore Rd

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Change from Average
Citywide	475	513	511	503	520	+4%
North Ave A	18	18	19	23	10	-49%
Type of Crash						
Backing Into	1	0	1	0	1	0%
Broadside	7	4	2	4	1	-76%
Head On	1	1	2	2	0	-100%
Rear End	4	4	5	6	7	+47%
Roadside Obst	2	1	2	4	0	-100%
Sideswipe	2	3	5	4	1	-71%
Other/Unknown	1	5	2	3	0	-100%
North Ave B (subset of A)	13	10	8	12	6	-44%
Type of Crash						
Backing Into	1	0	0	0	0	0%
Broadside	6	2	1	3	0	-100%
Head On	1	0	2	1	0	-100%
Rear End	2	1	3	3	5	+122%
Roadside Obst	1	0	0	2	0	-100%
Sideswipe	2	2	1	2	1	-43%
Other/Unknown	0	4	1	1	0	-100%

CRASH ANALYSIS

JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30: INJURIES

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Change from Average
North Ave A	3	3	0	4	1	-60%
North Ave B (subset of A)	3	1	0	3	0	-100%



TRAFFIC ANALYSIS

TRAVEL TIMES, WAIT TIMES, SPEEDS, AND VOLUMES



TRAFFIC ANALYSIS

Travel Times

Projected average 1-2 minute increase

- Morning peak hour
 - Avg: +21 seconds northbound / +32 seconds southbound
 - Max: +51 seconds NB / +2m 33 seconds SB
- Evening peak hour
 - Avg: +1m. 10 seconds northbound / +13 seconds southbound
 - Max: +3m 37 seconds NB* / +58 seconds SB

*Ethan Allen Parkway signal detection issue – since resolved

Side Street Wait Times

- Weighted average delay increases
 - ~6 seconds AM, ~12 seconds PM*
 - Greatest impacts at Village Green
- Data should be recollected
 - School traffic
 - Signal detection fixed

Speeds and Volumes

- No change to avg. speeds; % of cars speeding down 2-4%
- Bikes on road +92%, on sidewalks -61%, pedestrians +10%



PUBLIC OPINIONS

SURVEY RESULTS + PROCESS



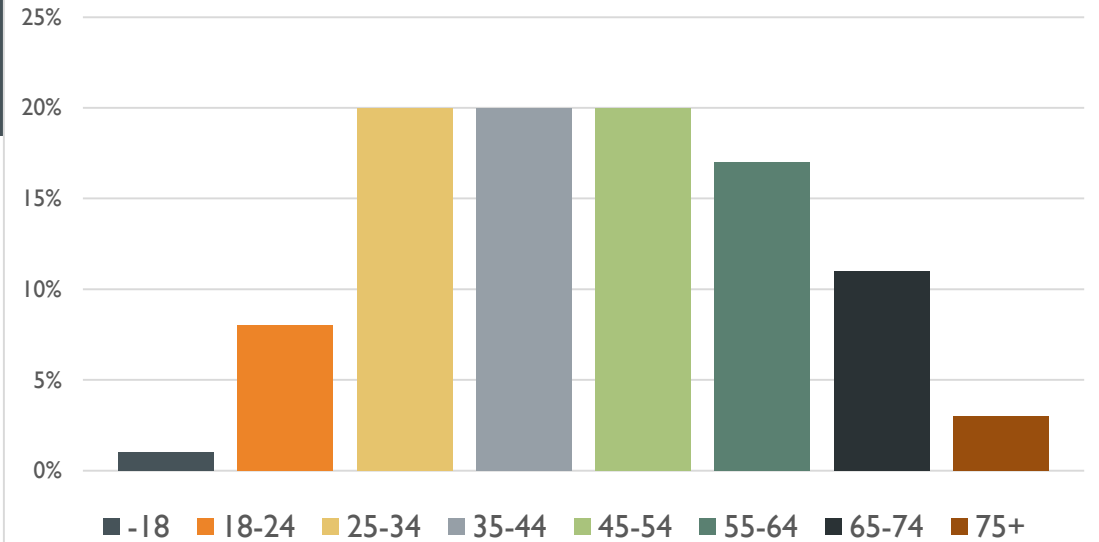
PUBLIC OPINIONS: SURVEY RESPONSES

Survey Development

- Third-party led
- Online due to time constraints between school and winter
 - CCRPC assistance with surveys
- Spring 2017 – more surveys
- Sept. 13 – Oct 2 = 2700+ respondents
 - Drivers well represented
 - 97% through City media and FPF

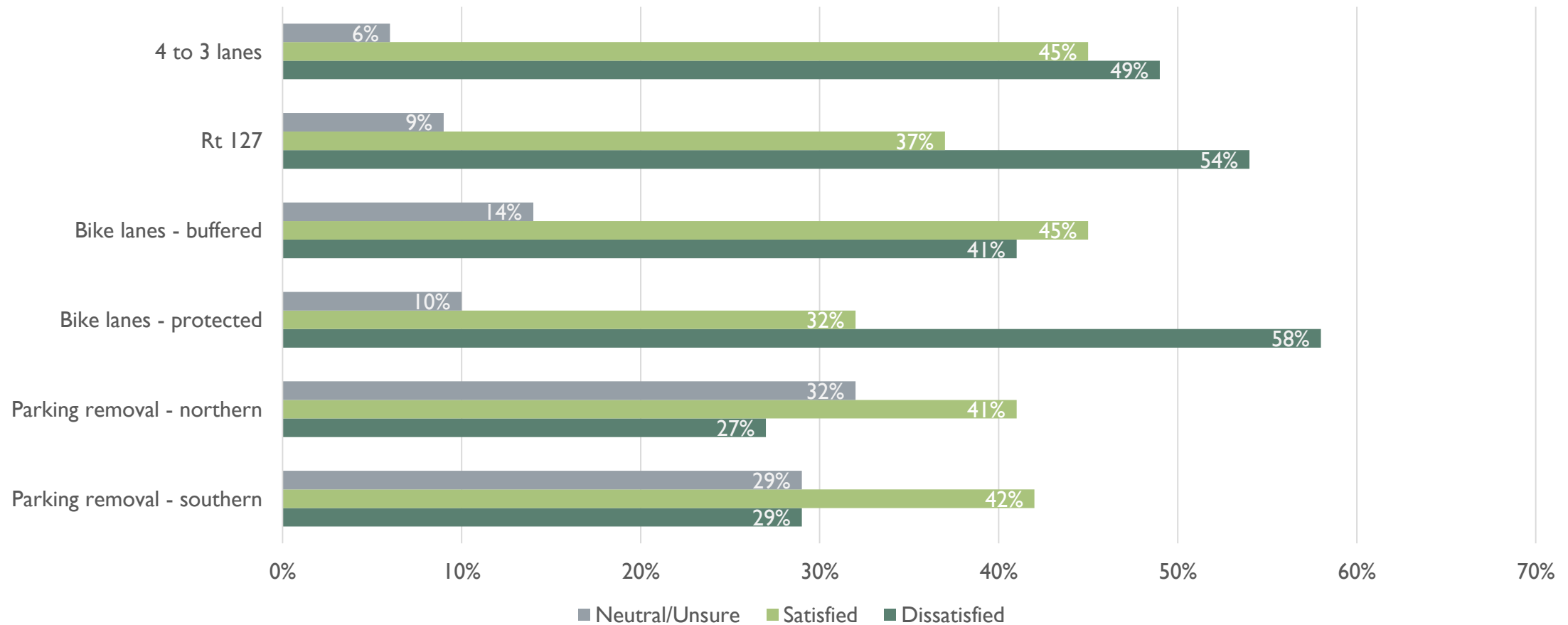
1/4 of the
NNE
population

Age of all Respondents



SURVEY RESULTS: PROJECT OPINIONS

NNE Project Opinions





PRE-WINTER RECOMMENDATIONS



STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations

- Initial traffic data is consistent with projections, no imminent operational failure
 - Survey responses were mixed
 - Distinct dissatisfaction with the protected bike lane materials
 - Potential increase in public safety from fewer crashes
 - Continue to explore Benefit/Cost Analysis
- Bike lane bollards and “armadillos” removed early, will not reinstall on this section
 - Retain lane configurations to June 2017
 - Monitor Route 127 intersection, evaluate possible modifications
 - Monitor all intersections to minimize travel times
 - Continue to monitor, measure, and make adjustments to project
 - Spring surveys
 - Return to Council in June 2017 with final recommendations and reports
 - Identify additional improvements over winter:
 - Bike lane materials and configurations
 - Benches, planters
 - Sign and marking plans if reconfiguration will be long-term
 - Continue crosswalk coordination at 5 locations

Q&A

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Neighborhood Planning Assembly Attendees

NPA (choose one)	Wards 1 & 8	Wards 2 & 3	Wards 4 & 7	Ward 5	Ward 6
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Date of Assembly : 10-26-16 Location: Miller Center

Please return to your convenor,
or email to cedofd@burlingtonvt.gov

1	A. KRIEGER	
2	Tony Bell	
3	Chris Trombley	4/7
4	MARIE BOLDUC	4
5	PAT KEATINGE	4
6	Sam Ayres	7
7	Billy Novak	4
8	Martha Melpus	7
9	Jason Charest	7
10	Andru Bolduc	4
11	Kira Schmitt	4
12	Jessika	4
13	Nicole Losel - DPW	
14	Joy McHarney	4
15	Joanna Cole	7 6-1
16	Cindy Cook	
17	LIAM GREEN	7
18	Peter Dottie Ireland	4
19	JOANNE HUNT	4
20	STEVE GOODKIND	7
21	Mary Han	4
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Steering Committee members present: Liam Griffin-Ward 7, Martha Molpus-Ward 7, Chris Trombly-Ward 7, Linda Deliduka-Ward, Michael McGarghan-Ward 7

Meeting Start time-7:02pm

Ground Rules, Introductions, Nominations, Announcements, and Request.

White cards have been set up for participants to write questions for the candidates.

Oct. 27th 5:30pm on traffic safety at Police Dept. 10.30 Gene O'Sullivan hosting and Tom Ayers hosting house party for discussion about 4 ballot questions. RSVP with Tom Ayer at tayres@burlingtonvt.gov or at 324-4117.

Announcement of Great Street Initiative Public Forum on November 16th. See attachment for more information.

Coalition for a Livable City

Concerned about #3 and #4 on the ballot that address Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and New Zoning changes. Item #3 are huge changes and also questionable. In the pre-development agreement, the developer said that there needs to be zoning changes and city is accommodating this. The plan prior to the developer was better and didn't distort the downtown. Development can take place without TIF and then we can get tax revenue immediately instead of waiting 20 years. TIF is under attack across the nation about being shady and used to develop under agenda of Mayors. This and also developers pay for their own streets. This is why we should vote no on # 3 and #4. There was no traffic or water study done for this project. Concerned to receive flyer that was paid out of 18k from Mayor's political Action Committee (PAC). This flyer is unethical and misleading because it does not show picture of trees and how large in scale the project is. Against zoning change because of the height. There's a contradiction which is same time encouraging dense living but has 50% more parking.

DPW Update on North Ave Pilot

Overview from City Council meeting on Oct. 17th of the presentation for the collection of crash analysis 2700 people responded to the survey. Crash analysis is from 2012-2016 July-Sept. This is of City wide data. 2016 since the pilot project car crashes decreased 44%. All types of crashes decreased with the exception of back end. The sample is small and scientist would say it's statically insignificantly but the

magnitude is high enough that the pilot project does have an impact on decreasing crashes. Chittenden County Regional CCRPC charged with data collect for project

Prior to project 1-2minute increase to peak hours. So far has seen 20-30 second increase in morning. Evening peak hour seen 1 minutes. All these are averages. Collected Side Street wait times in four heavily turning places-Village Green, Saratoga, Killarney, and Lake Wood. The results are 6 second in a.m. peak time and 12 second in p.m. peak time increases. Greatest impact of increase is on Village Green. Will continue to collect now that school has started. Speed have generally stayed the same. Increase in bikes on roadway and decrease in sidewalk. Did online only because constraint on time due to needing to report at Oct. 17 City Council. Had a short window to work in. 2700 responded, over 1800 were North Ave residents which 100% represented drivers at one time. Most people are mostly satisfied with the pilot based on survey. Will do a paper and online survey in the spring. Reviewing all of this, feel that there appears to be increase in safety. Will continue the pilot through the winter to have pilot stay for a full year.

Ballot Items with the Mayor

There are 4 ballot items but they represent two issues. #1 and #2 is about infrastructure. If vote yes to these two items will see improvements in sidewalks, bike paths, get new fire engines, and water main over 5 years. Rust has built up in the water main. We have had a policy not to replace water pipes unless they break which breaks. Which water mains tend to break in the middle of the night or during the winter. We are going to replace old pipes incrementally before they break. In the course of 15-20 years all the pipes will be replaced in the City. 3 and 4 is about redevelopment of downtown core. Voting yes will dramatically increase the expansion of property tax growth. This will increase the tax growth to 2.4million in just the first phase of the development. Also will see increase of downtown jobs. Also there will be an increase to our housing stock and adds more affordable homes. 55 affordable homes will be produced which will be substantial. Will get back streets that were lost due to past urban renewal and bring back connectivity and vibrancy for the City. The Burlington Town Center development project will lower carbon footprint and storm water management. There are sites in the zone that is not owned by Sinex. Macy's is not owned by Sinex. This store may close and there may need to redevelop. Other two sites are City parking garages. There is no changes coming to these infrastructure any time soon but if there is there will be a public process. This project is still in conceptual design. If 3 and 4 voted in, the project still needs to go through DRB and a final development agreement needs to be created between the City and developer, and City Council. There has been a long history of TIF creating jobs and building economic development. Especially at the Waterfront. Winooski, St. Albans and Barre has revitalized their downtown. TIF is done across the nation. 21.8million is not a gift to the developer. TIF will bring back two streets to rebuild battery, church, and Cherry Street. The City won't release money until blocks around the mall is built under the City's standards and has enough private investments in place before TIF money is released to the developer. The public and City has been working with Sinex for two years and his original design didn't have as much of the public benefit. There has been a lot of compromise between Sinex and the City.

Candidates Forum

Each candidate was given 3 minutes to answer questions that were from google docs, posted on front porch forum.

Curt Wright-Chittenden 6-1. Unable to make it but send him any questions and he will follow up kwright@leg.state.vt.us or 658-1410

Michael McGarghan- Running for State Representative for the House. 8 months ago sent out a tweet raising concern about President Obama's leadership and labeling the President as a traitor. Since then he has been targeted as a racist and anti-immigrant and his family has been targeted also. Believes in Judo Christian, military support, and pro-life. Strong on 2nd amendment. Doesn't support Carbon tax. Also Doesn't support legalization of marijuana. Vermont is taxing retirement and we need to not do this. Does support service tax. Currently supporting Phil Scott. Need to expand mental health services. Doesn't support pre-k in school because this passes responsibility to schools and not parents. Feels no one goes out to make hate a speech.

Joanne Cole-Rep. 6-1 Elected 2 terms for 4years. Worked as government operations committee full time. Three biggest goals are; tax reform, more graduated tax system and need schools to be supported by state tax rather than property tax. Second is education, pre-school needs to be more accessible as well as STEM programs in technical schools. Third, is energy renewables and efficiency is important. Thinks we will have a carbon tax in the near future but does not believe we are ready at this time. Supports legalization for Marijuana because of the need to regulate it for safety. Need more housing options so we can have market place housing especially for low income. Currently supporting Sue Minter. Need a better mental health system. Support universal background checks. Pre-k is important to support for the development of a child. Invest in affordable, and teacher training. Doesn't believe that hate speech is acceptable for public officials. Tax on what is sold for services and sales but at a lower rate.

Carol Ode-running for 6-1. Raised a family in New North End. Found three areas of focus when talking to community members; Affordability-taxes. Second, economic and housing-want jobs that pay well so children can stay in Vermont, and third is quality of life, environmentally concerned about the lake. We want to make progress on reducing opiates and supporting our veterans' health care. Concerned about carbon tax due to affordability and people already getting taxed. Ode does not support the Marijuana legalization. Need to grow the work force to grow tax base to increase affordability. Also concerned tax on services. Need more beds to care for the mentally ill and we're losing mental health workers. Need to enforce laws on the books and support universal background checks. Help childcare centers reach 5 stars. Support universal pre-k because we will save overtime. Moderating yourself on social media is important because representation for people.

Jean O'Sullivan-State rep for 6-2 Been a representative for three terms and currently unopposed. Property taxes are too high, they need to be lower to grow the economy. Currently working with the department of financial regulation and department of economic development. Currently a clerk of the economic development committee and is trying to grow the economy to bring down the burden. Working with Economic Development office to have a financial fair. Will have lenders come to work with businesses. Working on technical education. Every kid out of H.S will have a credit and community college opportunities. Working with TJ Donovan on fair and bias profiling. Supports carbon tax and think it's a good idea to do it regionally. Supports legalization of Marijuana. Core issue is having more of the elderly population and a low population of young people. Need to grow the workforce. Need to have bond for housing to cut cost of living down. Do not support sales tax on services. Supporting Sue Minter for Governor. More money needs to go mental health. Need universal background checks. Public officials need to present themselves as professionals and moderate themselves on social media.

End time: 9:02pm