

## **VERMONT**

Voters in Vermont will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 150 seats in the House will be on the ballot as all 30 seats in the Senate. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the office of Attorney General and the Legislature. The Lt. Governor race will be one to watch on election night.

## Governor

## Lt. Governor David Zuckerman (D)

Lt. Governor David Zuckerman (D) is seeking to unseat Republican Governor Phil Scott. He was first elected to the Office of Lt. Governor in 2016 after serving seven terms in the Vermont House and two terms in the Vermont Senate.

The Lt. Governor first ran for the Legislature as a member of the state's Progressive Party and still holds steadfast progressive values including supporting a \$15 minimum wage, the Green New Deal, universal healthcare for all, and tuition-free in-state college. He was endorsed by U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders during the Democratic gubernatorial primary.

He has <u>outlined his top priorities</u> if elected including working with the Legislature to increase the state's minimum wage. He wants to expand broadband through new approaches, including the community based ECFiber model. He stated that childcare should be treated like Unemployment Insurance by requiring all employers to pay \$0.10 per hour per employee into a statewide fund.

The Lt. Governor wants to <u>implement</u> a 0.25% increase in the Property Transfer Tax for homes valued over \$700,000 to fund affordable housing programs. He additionally <u>supports raising</u> taxes on the top 5% of earners in the state to fund his broadband expansion plans as well as proposals to invest in weatherization efforts.

According to the <u>most recent</u> campaign finance filings, the Lt. Governor has raised approximately \$461,000. Lt. Governor Zuckerman and Governor Scott have already had one debate and one forum. As of this publication, no other debates had been announced.

Trivia: Lt. Governor Zuckerman is an organic farmer and uses a tractor as his campaign logo.