VERMONT

Voters in Vermont will elect a governor and attorney general this cycle. All 150 House seats will be on the ballot as well as all 30 Senate seats. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office. Democrats are expected to flip the Office of Attorney General and maintain control of the legislature.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

Brenda Siegel

Brenda Siegel (D) is the democratic candidate for Vermont Governor. She is an anti-poverty activist and two-time statewide candidate. Going up against a popular incumbent, Siegel has sought to differentiate herself as the candidate who had directly experienced Vermont's social challenges: poverty, skyrocketing rents, the grief following a death due to overdose.

Siegel is focused on several issues in her campaign, including the housing crisis, the state's drug epidemic, addressing climate change, and building a "bottom-up economy."

She has named housing as the most urgent dilemma and has proposed the state promote home ownership across low-, middle- and upper-middle income households, extend renter protections and expand transitional and emergency housing, such as pod-like structures and converted dormitories.

Siegel said, if elected, she would surround herself with climate scientists to advise her on climate legislation and would prioritize helping the state meet its 2030 emission reductions goals.

She believes the state should focus on collaboration with the community and address the root cause of crime by increasing mental health supports and substance use treatment.

In the 2022 election cycle, the Siegel campaign has brought in close to $150,000 and has spent around half of this to date.

Incumbent Governor Scott is very popular in the state amongst both parties. The Cook Political Report and Sabato's Crystal Ball have both rated this race as solid Republican.

Trivia: In 2021, Siegel slept on the Statehouse steps for 27 nights to pressure leaders to extend the state's motel voucher program for Vermonters without permanent housing.