

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.

Attorney General

Republican Nominee

Michael Tagliavia

Michael Tagliavia (R) was appointed by the Vermont Republican Party as their general election nominee after the original Republican primary winner, H. Brooke Paige, choose to run in the Secretary of State contest: Paige had secured the Republican nomination in multiple primary races, but could only run in one statewide contest in the general election.

A political newcomer, his campaign message has been that of a non-career politician and a candidate who would put the people of Vermont first.

His <u>campaign</u> is largely focused on public safety and protecting small businesses. A former business owner himself, Tagliavia points to this experience as his credentials for leadership.

Other priorities in his law-and-order campaign include voter integrity, addressing the drug crisis, and increasing support to police.

With only a few short months to mount a competitive campaign and essentially no name recognition, Tagliavia has quite the uphill climb to try and close in on Democratic candidate Charity Clark. He has registered around \$2,700 in campaign contributions since his appointment, spending almost half to date.

Trivia: In his spare time, he enjoys hunting and a good campfire.