

HOW MUCH MORE CAN YOU AFFORD?

PROPERTY TAXES AND STATE SPENDING

These are my stated priorities.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

I call for reducing property tax pressures on Vermont households.

EDUCATION FINANCE

I propose restructuring education funding and examining supervisory district costs.

BUDGET DISCIPLINE

I believe state spending should be scrutinized and taxpayer dollars used responsibly.

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BEFORE YOU VOTE ON THE 1% ESSEX TAX

WHY STEPHANIE MACK SAYS VOTE NO

Here are the key points Essex voters should keep in mind.

ESSEX IS NOT A REGIONAL SHOPPING DESTINATION

Williston, South Burlington, Burlington, and Colchester draw shoppers with major retail centers, hotels, restaurants, tourism, and interstate access. Essex does not have the same outside customer base.

ESSEX RESIDENTS WOULD CARRY MUCH OF THE BURDEN

In places with destination retail, more of this tax can be paid by nonresidents. In Essex, much more of the tax would be paid by the people who already live and shop here.

YOU WILL STILL PAY THE TAX ELSEWHERE

Essex residents already pay local option taxes when shopping in places such as Williston and South Burlington. Passing one here does not replace those taxes. It adds another tax when you shop in Essex.

ESSEX HAS A TAX ADVANTAGE TODAY

Many neighboring communities charge 7% sales tax because of their 1% local option tax. Essex remains at 6%. That can matter on larger purchases and helps keep Essex competitive.

THE SHARED ZIP CODE HAS ALREADY CAUSED CONFUSION

Essex and Essex Junction share ZIP code 05452, and businesses have already experienced problems determining where local option taxes should be collected.

THIS TAX IS REGRESSIVE

Everyone pays the same extra percentage regardless of income. Unlike Vermont's income-sensitive property tax system, there is no income adjustment for a local option sales tax.

VOTE NO ON THE ESSEX LOCAL OPTION TAX

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