

## 2018 NHCRN Local Choice General Election Candidate Survey

*The following full responses are ordered alphabetically by candidates' last names. All responses are verbatim, including any grammatical and/or typographical errors.*

### **James C. Allard**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Merrimack District #21

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- No

Why or why not?

- We have representative democracy in the form of a Republic

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Municipal decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- We already have such provisions in place under the NH Constitution

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- To a certain extent. State trumps local and Federal can sometimes trump state interests.

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- What should be happening is a consensus of competing interests worked out by representatives of all three levels.

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- No

Why or why not?

- I generally do not support any constitutional amendments--they cause more harm than good. Should only be undertaken with careful consideration and deliberation.

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative
- Publicly in a forum with other candidates

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCRN will not share your information with any other organization.

- Yes

## **Louise Andrus**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Merrimack County, District 1 (Andover, Danbury, Salisbury)

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- I believe that decisions should be made on the local level by the people. My reasoning is that a decision made at the State level which affects let us say Nashua might not be a good decision for a rural area in Northern NH. Local government knows what is needed and what is not needed.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Resident decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- No

Why or why not?

- Consider this not a clear question.

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- If there are State or Federal laws then those laws should be obeyed first.

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Other (please specify): I totally believe in the right to local self control as the government is the citizens and the citizens should have the right of local self control.

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- Yes

## **Chris Balch**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Hillsborough 38

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Particularly in the areas of environment/energy, the people on the ground are most informed and capable of making decisions that stand to benefit the local community.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Municipal decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- A year ago, in Keene, a major utility determined they needed a compressed gas transfer station in close proximity to the city, hospital, schools, etc. Since they met the state-mandated zoning requirements, they were granted a permit despite local dissent.

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- People move to and businesses invest in communities based on a perception of what the community is. Allowing interference/destruction of the master plan, the community's "personality" based on the "needs" of a profiteering enterprise seems rather unfair.

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Why or why not?

- Well, I can think of no earthly reason why they should.

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Homes and communities are the heart of humanity. I am reminded of a north country farmer who resisted EverSource's attempts to buy his land. After several, increasingly generous offers that he refused, he informed EverSource that "his roots were deeper than their pockets." Bravo!

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Publicly in a forum with other candidates

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- Yes

## **Barbara Blue**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Hudson and Pelham, district 37

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- The ones making the decisions should be the ones who are most affected by the decisions. The local superintendent of schools decides if schools should be closed in a snow storm as he or she is right there and knows the conditions, not someone in Concord.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Municipal decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- It is the local municipal law makers who are affected by land use.

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- All local planning should follow the will of the people. There is a reason for a local town master plan. The people who live there understand more than anyone else the needs of the town.

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Why or why not?

- If the citizens of a town have greater protections than a higher government, the town's protections should be followed. This does not go against the higher government protections as the town is just adding more protections.

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- I absolutely believe in the rights of real people and natural environments over corporations. Corporations should not be allowed to exploit the people.

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative
- Publicly in a forum with other candidates

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- Yes

## **Bill Bolton**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- Senate

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- SD2

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Municipal decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Local municipalities may have a better perspective on what works for their community

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

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- Yes

## **John Bordenet**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Cheshire 5

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- State decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- No

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- No

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- Yes

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- No

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Not interested in discussing the Right to Local Self-Government with anyone

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCRN will not share your information with any other organization.

- No

## **Robert J. Call**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Cheshire 7

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes



Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Municipal decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Too many people have had their rights abused by local municipalities and busybodies who use zoning laws to carry out their vendettas. People should not have the power to codify their vendettas against individuals or groups. Adding additional restrictions on what municipalities can do would go a long way to stopping abuses of power.

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- No

Why or why not?

- Zoning laws are widely used to discriminate against a wide range of individuals and prevent a truly free market. There should only be state laws that prohibit certain activities if it is a risk to the environment or to individuals.

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Why or why not?

- It depends on how it is framed since this too can be abused. As long as the local laws don't take away an individual's rights, then the federal government should not have a say in state or local laws.

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- No

Why or why not?

- As it stands, I can't support this since it allows for abuse and can allow vendettas to be codified. Every person has an impact on the environment and as long as an individual or corporation is not harming others or leaching contaminants into the ground or surrounding area, then it should not matter. This should not be "all corporations are bad" and should be focused on being against corporations who the government gives special privileges to steal land, harm individuals or the environment.

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

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- Publicly in a forum with other candidates

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- No

## **Amy Cann**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- 10

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- We are not a true democracy if we cannot have a strong voice in our own communities. I believe in local governing as much as possible as every community has different needs and values

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Municipal decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Yes, I believe we need to provide the best application of laws that protect our people and our future. While NH is a small state, there are significant demographically differences in economies, strengths, challenges, and populations across counties and towns. I do believe that cities and towns should have freedom to govern their residents based on what makes sense and what is valued for their residents. I do not support exclusion of residents based on discriminatory factors nor restriction of individual rights of personal freedom or safety, though.

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Yes, the people that must live with the consequences of decisions should be involved in making that decision. Yes, the residents of any city or town should have the final decision on anything that affects their community particularly on any environmental concerns. I am very concerned about clean air, clean water, and preservation of our natural environments and wildlife to the extent possible while balancing the needs of our residents.

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Why or why not?

- No, as long as local laws are strengthening the health, safety, and welfare of their people, communities, and natural environments, they should not be overridden. Federal nor state laws are broad and do not take into consideration the effect on a particular community and natural environment. The proposed northern pass project is a perfect example of that failure to consider the actual affected parties in each community.

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Yes, we have to prioritize our people and our environment and by doing so, I am a firm believer that everyone, including corporations, are stronger and more sustainable in our future. We need to put communities in control of the rights of our residents and our natural environments. As I noted earlier, Federal and state laws do not take into consideration individual impacts on communities. The people affected the most should have the greatest decision making ability.

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative
- Publicly in a forum with other candidates

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- Yes

## Carlos Cardona

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Belknap County #3 Laconia

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- When those issues affect you, I believe you tend to have more experience and sometimes knowledge as to how to resolve those issues. When we allow the public to make the decisions, we make a better decision we can own it and make sure we decide what the future will look like for all of us.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Municipal decision-making authority.
- Resident decision making authority.

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- Yes. If it's higher safety regulations for our people based on research that has been proven, I believe yes.

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative
- Publicly in a forum with other candidates.

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- Yes

## **Tom Chase**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Rock. Co. #32

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Other: Northwood is a town, not a municipality, as I understand. But while I recognize our right to self-govern in some areas, I do not think that state and federal laws should be ignored.

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights

of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- But this would have to be very carefully drawn, because in the era of "states' rights," some Southern states passed poll taxes and other "Jim Crow legislation claiming it was their right to do so.

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative

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- Yes

## **Patrick Coleman**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Strafford 19

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- People who are affected by the consequences of such decisions should be heard. How will we as elected officials learn about others tribulations without knowing how they are or will be affected?

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Other: It depends on the topic. Should the resident make decisions on garbage pick up? No, that's the municipal. Should the municipal decide where to dispose of the waste? Yes, but they need the guidance of the county and/or state to provide them with options. It is supposed to work as a collective. However, this isn't always the case.

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- As long as the changes will not affect any citizens in a negative way. For instance, if the county/state wants a highway, the land owner should not be undercut by bureaucrats.

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- For the case of infringement on federal laws such as sanctuary cities, I believe the local authorities should not have the power to override. Do we need to punish those already in our community? Absolutely not! We must come together as a community and provide them with the essentials to grant them legal status however we can do it.

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Corporations are entities as are the people of the community. Their rights should correlate to the laws of the people. The only thing is... they wield power by the money they have and the opportunities they can provide regardless of the wellbeing of the people.

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative

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- Yes

## **Stephen Darrow**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Grafton District 17

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Local decisions should be made by local citizens

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Municipal decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Once again local control of ones area

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Corporations do not represent the interests of local communities

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- I have in the past and intend to in the future

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Publicly in a forum with other candidates

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCRN will not share your information with any other organization.



- Yes

## **Edward Duncan**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- 18

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Under our Constitutional Federal Republic, we citizens have a vast amount of liberty because of the strong Biblical influence on our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution through our founding fathers. Under this liberty, there is a corresponding degree of personal and corporate responsibility in the administering decisions our elected representatives; of, by, and for the citizens; should honorably and prayerfully choose. If the citizens do not personally honorably bear their responsibility, from the ground up, but choose to have others (giving power to the government) take care of it for them, to that degree, and more, there is a loss of liberty.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Other: Municipal, or community, government is generally considered local control, but some decisions should be family oriented. County is less local than Municipal, but more local than state. State should be concerned about its own sovereign responsibility, being local in reference to federal.

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- The word, in the Declaration of Independence is "unalienable," which means it cannot be transferred (or taken away) in reference to our "endowed" (gifted), by God, rights. Laws that are based on what God has done, are just.

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- For communities to make decisions which aid their local concerns and development, for their better good, is important. However, we do need to realize that there are some decisions which need to be made for a much broader concern (i.e. highways, military).

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Why or why not?

- Local laws, which assumingly were instituted because the people of that community believed they would resolve local situations, should receive respectful consideration, should any seeming conflicts arise with other laws.

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Before I would say "yes" or "no," I would have to know more about: the perceived objective, specific examples, and if the bill were written: read it. I pushed "yes" because I lean in that direction, and because the survey would not be finished unless I answered one or the other.

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative
- Publicly in a forum with other candidates
- Other (please specify): The concept is of interest to me. I believe being involved in discussion could enlighten my understanding of what is involved and what is sought for.

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCRN will not share your information with any other organization.

- Yes

## **Krysten Evans**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Hillsborough 37

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Municipal decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- Yes

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative
- Publicly in a forum with other candidates

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCRN will not share your information with any other organization.

- Yes

## **Ian Freeman**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- Senate

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- 10

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Individuals should be free to choose whether to participate in the entire idea of government, or "the state". Unless you are free to say no, you're not free.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Other: Only the individual should have "authority" only over themselves. Anyone claiming "authority" over others is likely a sociopath.

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- No

Why or why not?

- I am against lawmaking in general, but I favor the rights of the individual. Corporations, like municipalities, are nothing more than legal fictions and should not be considered to have rights.

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- No

Why or why not?

- Zoning, master plans are not the will of the people - they are the will of busybodies who wish to control their neighbor. That said, people should have the right to protect their own property via property rights.

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Why or why not?

- All states should be abolished entirely. The entire idea of coercive government is anti-social.

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- No

Why or why not?

- Abolish government and you abolish corporations, which are nothing more than "legal fictions" created by attorneys and used as an excuse to protect very wealthy and powerful people from liability for their actions. Governments are also corporations and should be abolished.

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Publicly in a forum with other candidates
- Other (please specify): I truly believe in self-government, down to the individual. All interactions with others should be voluntary and consensual. I am happy to talk about those ideas in greater detail and am glad to have had the chance to write answers to these questions. Thank you.

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- No

## **Heidi Hamer**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Hillsborough District 17

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- State decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- No

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Not interested in discussing the Right to Local Self-Government with anyone

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCRN will not share your information with any other organization.

- No

### **Phillip Harris**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Hillsborough 42

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Municipal decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply) Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative

- Publicly in a forum with other candidates

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCRN will not share your information with any other organization.

- Yes

## **Cam Iannalfo**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?  
House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Rockingham 8

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- They would know what methods are most effective. They understand the issues best.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Municipal decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- These rights are essential. Municipalities understand what works best for their communities in this aspect.

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- The people should be allowed to protect their towns from exploitation. People in the community are most affected by these projects.

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Why or why not?

- Allowing higher protections on the local level is constitutional. This is not consistent with state law. Local governments have the right to expand protections.

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- People have the rights to protect themselves and their towns from exploitation.

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative
- Publicly in a forum with other candidates

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- Yes

**Jason Janvrin**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?



- Rockingham 37

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Municipal decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- No

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- No

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- Yes

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- No

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Not interested in discussing the Right to Local Self-Government with anyone

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCRN will not share your information with any other organization.

No

## **Jilletta Jarvis**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- Governor

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- State of New Hampshire

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Many times the government is filled with those who have enough wealth to be in the position, which means they do not have a true understanding of the effect of tax or energy rate increases on the average person. Their children go to private schools so they don't have the same drive to improve public education. When the average people have more say in their government, they succeed.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Resident decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- This level gives more power to the people.

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- The rights of the people take precedence over corporate needs

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Why or why not?

- The only time a state law should override those of a municipality are when they protect the freedom of the people.

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative
- Publicly in a forum with other candidates

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- Yes

### **Timothy H Josephson**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Grafton 11

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- actual representation of the people you represent is a novel idea? also, local control

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Other: depends on the situation -- some things require local, municipal control like schools, but schools could also need State-level help. Some federal things are best done at the state level, but some things the state doesn't do could use help from the federal government. Local control does not mean that only those local people should be responsible for raising all the money (in regards to schools)

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- local, municipal control of your hometown should be controlled at the actual local level by people who live there

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- it should be an inherent right of self-determination that you get to determine how your town is run

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- I voted for it before and would vote for it again

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative
- Publicly in a forum with other candidates

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- Yes

## **Harry Kozlowski**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Merrimack 24

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- In principle, but this is a very vague question and doesn't ask about specific issues, or if the people who are affected are sufficient involved, educated or understand the issue, or if they've been misled with poor information.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- State decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- No

Why or why not?

- I don't understand what you are referring to. It's too vague.

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- If you are referring to eminent domain, I agree

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- But it depends on the scope you are talking about here. Again, vague question.

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCRN will not share your information with any other organization.

- Yes

## **Joseph Lachance**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Hillsborough 42--Manchester Wards 1,2,3

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Resident decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Publicly in a forum with other candidates

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCRN will not share your information with any other organization.

- Yes

**Linda Luhtala**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Grafton1

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Municipal decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Good luck. I have 4 windmills behind my house that I had nothing to say about. Plus the added cost to our light bills.

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Why or why not?

- I need more information

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- No

Why or why not?

- I need more information

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative
- Other (please specify): I do not have enough information to take part in a public forum

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCNRN will not share your information with any other organization.

- Yes

## **Greg Marrow**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Rockingham 20

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Yes! I think that the opinions and feelings of those folks who have deal with the everyday consequences (intended or unintended) of these projects should be weighted more heavily than the profiteers and decision makers who live in their own bubble far, far away.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Other: Depending on the situation and project, it could be all of the above. In general though I'd say mostly Municipal.

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Yes! Our rights are constantly being infringed upon and eroded by Governments and the Corps that run them. It's been "death by a thousand cuts." Especially dangerous is the concept of Eminent Domain" and the aggressive application of that law in which private property can be taken and given, or sold, to a third party for profit. I am a strong proponent for lawmaking that prioritizes personal and property rights and takes into consideration other "rights" like natural ones.

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Why or why not?



- Without question....a healthy Democracy starts with the rights of the people who then impose their will, and grant certain authority, upon their elected officials. Not the other way around. Elected officials need to support the will of the people who live in that community, not the will of a corporation whose sole reason for existence is to create profits for shareholders, usually at the EXPENSE and health risk of the local residents.

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Why or why not?

- "Higher government" should be required to respect the will of the residents of the communities that they want to alter. Especially so when it comes to health, safety, and welfare.

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply) Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative

- Publicly in a forum with other candidates

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCRN will not share your information with any other organization.

- Yes

## **Jim McConnell**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Cheshire 12

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Government at the lowest level is necessarily the most responsible.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Other: It depends on the issue.

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- No

Why or why not?

- These issues are already the responsibility of the State of New Hampshire enshrined in the New Hampshire Constitution.

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- No

Why or why not?

- Not in all cases, it depends on the issue.

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Why or why not?

- Not in all cases, it depends on the issue. Not everyone would agree with the presumption in your question.

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- No

Why or why not?

- Not necessarily, it depends on the issue. When phrased the way you ask it, probably.

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Other (please specify): I'm willing to discuss anything with anyone.

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCRN will not share your information with any other organization.

- Yes

## Patrick McLaughlin

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Rockingham 4

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- The people who live with the consequences of public actions need to have a major voice in such decisions. Doing so will force people to ensure that there are significant benefits to the affected communities.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Municipal decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Legal authority that is only embedded in land use laws can and *will* be overridden by large monied interests changing state law (or country ordinances). Local authority needs to be very difficult to alter or override.

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Communities have a general right to decide what their interests are, and what they want their communities to be like.

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Why or why not?

- Federal and state law needs to be understood as establishing reasonable *minimum* standards. Municipalities should be able to fix a higher standard. (That said, there's no

way to override federal authority to do this without an amendment to the federal constitution. Federal law trumps state law.)

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Because without such a constitutional protection, corporate power and money will be used to circumvent or override municipal rights and authority.

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative
- Other (please specify): I'd consider a public forum with other candidates; I would need to know the details first.

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCRN will not share your information with any other organization.

- Yes

## **Tobin Menard**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- Executive Council

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- District 1

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Municipal decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness are not rights that can be regulated unless those pursuits harm others efforts for the same rights.

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- If the majority of local town/city people do not want a project or business it is not the right of the state or federal government override the will of the people.

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Why or why not?

- Local laws can exceed state or federal laws they can not reduce them. That said local laws can not infringe on constitutionally protected rights such as the 2nd Amendment. Natural rights are not given by any government entity on any level but are protected by both the state and federal Constitutions.

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- I would fully support a well written amendment that protects peoples property and right to self-determination.

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative
- Publicly in a forum with other candidates

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCRN will not share your information with any other organization.

- Yes

**Vincent Paul Migliore**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Grafton 9

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Because that's how an RBO would work.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Resident decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Because I believe in local control.

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Why or why not?

- Because that's inconsistent with RBO's

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Because I believe in local control

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

• Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative  
Publicly in a forum with other candidates

- Other (please specify): Life is all timing. And communication.

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- Yes

## **Virginia O'Brien Irwin**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Sullivan 6

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- No

Why or why not?

- In a democracy decisions need to be made that benefit all citizens not individual issues

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Municipal decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- No

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- No

Why or why not?

- This is not a yes or no reply. Zoning and master plans should hold sway. What does "local decision-making authority" actually mean?

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights

of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- No

Why or why not?

- It opens the door too wide to allow fringe people to promote laws that are or could be harmful in the end

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Other (please specify): Depends on the situation but would be interested in knowing what is really behind this - smells like Free State to me.

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCRN will not share your information with any other organization.

Yes

## **Brandon Phinney**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Strafford 24

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- I believe that every New Hampshire individual should have a say in how their state government operates, which is why we have a citizen-legislature. Everything state government does affects everyone in the state.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Resident decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- I would actually support the repeal of zoning laws altogether. Individuals that own property should not be told how they are to use their own land by a municipality. Municipal government should respect property rights.



Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Corporations do not have the right to supersede the will of the people and, in turn, the local government does not have the right to override the will of the people for the sake of any corporation.

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Why or why not?

- I believe in the 10th Amendment of the Constitution that allows states to regulate themselves. I also support the current system of New Hampshire government where municipalities cannot create ordinances that do not coincide with state law. This prevents home rule.

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply) Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative

- Publicly in a forum with other candidates
- Other (please specify): It must be stressed that local communities have a right to self-govern, but individuals must be respected to be free FROM being governed. Individuals own themselves and are not beholden to governing authorities without their consent. Government can only exist at the behest of the governed.

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Yes

**Luisa H Piette**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- District 5

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- No

Why or why not?

- Local participation is important but the government is useful if it can legislate and provide funds to meet our basic needs.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- County decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCRN will not share your information with any other organization.

- Yes

## Ellen Read

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Rockingham 17

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- It is the long standing and well understood philosophy of the founders of the country and democratic thought in general that government is founded on the consent of the governed, and when it is not, it becomes illegitimate. Further, the people closest to the impacts of the decision were frequently the most knowledgeable, and the biggest stakeholders regarding such decisions.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Other: Local is a relative term, and applies to the most local venue for a given decision. The true seat of power is the voter. In general, though, the most local government is the municipal level.

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- I believe inherently municipalities should be able to protect the rights of their people.

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Again, all power in government originates from the people, in order to secure rights, so government should inherently not infringe on those rights but should protect them. In many cases states violate this because of corporate greed. It is then the responsibility of towns, as the most direct outlet of the People, to protect those rights.

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Why or why not?

- Government's primary role is to secure rights for People. Therefore while higher levels of government can set a floor, it should be the very point of the municipal level to raise that floor of the voters so demand.

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- I sponsored one.

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative
- Publicly in a forum with other candidates

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- Yes

## **Cecilia M Rich**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- 18

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- I support the needs of the community, and strongly advocate in their behest. If singular wants and needs run against those of the larger community, I advocate for consensus.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Other: While I believe that each person rules their own immediate environment, some effort at acquiescing to the needs of one's neighbors is important to a community.

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- I hold fast to individual rights, and advocate for community needs to be understood and balanced.

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- I see the individual desire and the community desire as being, ideally, one and the same. Any outside interruption in the flow of the community would require the agreement of all involved.

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Why or why not?

- I support the agreement of all within a community to be a necessity before any major alterations.

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- I support the utility of mutual beneficence above that of any outside entity. The people living in a community are directly responsible for the well-being of their neighbors.

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCRN will not share your information with any other organization.

- Yes

**Tejasinha Sivalingam**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Grafton county district 9: Ashland, Alexandria, Bristol, Bridgewater, Grafton

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Yes, as a guiding principle, I agree with this; however, if taken blindly as an absolute principle it may cause injustice. I feel we need to be discerning in defining what we mean by “most affected” and “governing decisions”. As an example, someone might say that all people should be vaccinated by mandate, because it benefits society which is “most affected” by the individuals decision not to vaccinate. In this example, you may see that “most affected” can be a matter of perspective and values. One person values personal choice and security in their person, and another values potential protection for the community even at the risk of harming a few individuals or infringing upon their liberty. We also have to discern what type of governing decision, it is an executive, a legislative, or judicial decision? Obviously, if it is a judicial decision, sentencing for example, we wouldn’t want the victim of a crime to sentence the perpetrator because their emotions and perceived injury may cause them to assign an unjust sentence. These are meant to be illustrative examples and are not exhaustive of the possibilities.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Other: (Would like to check Municipal decision-making authority AND Other, but allowed to select only one.) Naturally self-government begins with personal decision making. And then through subsidiarity, and an increasingly broader bottom-up organization (i.e.confederalism), personal decision making becomes family decision making which becomes neighborhood decision making, which becomes municipal decisions making, which becomes county, which becomes state, which becomes regional, which becomes national. The delegation of powers ‘upward’ would be explicit, limited, and retractable. But, currently, I believe the best place to stabilize local self-government, in the existing institutional parameters is within the municipal decision making authority. This municipal decision making authority must have a bill of rights, separation and balance of powers, popular assemblies, and an opportunity for minority opinions to be heard. This would require municipal government reform in my opinion. Individual Natural Persons should have the greatest political-economic-ecological power, and this power can be delegated ‘upward’ in a diminishing manner.

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Yes. Absolutely, I think that local Rights based laws are one of the best methods for municipal and state government reform, which is greatly needed. As an aside I think local quasi-judicial bodies should be chosen by sortition (i.e. randomly selected) like juries are randomly selected to serve for a limited period of time; OR they should at least all be elected! But I favor sortition for choosing judicial and quasi-judicial officials.

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Yes, I strongly support deconsolidating and decentralizing economic and political power, and returning it to workers, citizens, and those immediately dependent on and most directly affected by the natural environment in question. This will be a hard fight, because, as you know corporations have been given Rights, such as the right to due process before being deprived of property. So there is a huge conflict and contention around who is “most affected”. I side with the communities in saying that their Right to Life in their natural environment exceeds the infringing corporations Right to Property; AND that local self-government decisions are a valid form of due process necessary to deprive the corporations of their Right to Property. However, I fundamentally disagree with awarding corporations the natural rights that belong to natural persons.

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Why or why not?

- No. Preemption generally conflicts with two principles which I value: 1) Subsidiarity, and 2) Confederalism. Both of these are meant to retain the greatest amount of affluence and decision making power in the people and lowest level of government (i.e. the locality); or at least in the lowest level of government possible. And these principles would ideally give rise to explicit, limited, and retractable delegated powers to higher forms of government; which if they were to NOT fulfill their purpose would be returned to the locality (or lower level of government) for them to manage. However, even in a confederate structure, there would still be proper procedures for the delegation and retraction of authority, and therefore a locality may not be able to suddenly “go its’ own way” without harming its relationship with other members of the “municipal confederation”.

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Yes, Natural Persons have Rights; corporations have limited and expressed privileges perhaps, and responsibilities, but not Natural “God-Given” Rights. Knowing what I know about the previous state constitutional amendment CACR19, I would say I would be comfortable sponsoring, supporting, and defending such an amendment (of course I still need to read and understand the newly proposed amendment, but I have confidence that it will be just as reasonable as the previous).

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)  
 Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative  
 Publicly in a forum with other candidates

- Other (please specify): The Right to Local Self-Government is one of my main political principles and interests, so I would be happy to speak about it in various forums as my knowledge, capability, and resources permit.

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCRN will not share your information with any other organization.

- Yes

## Wendy E Thomas

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Hillsborough County District 21

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- I live in Merrimack. We have a large corporation that is spewing carcinogenic chemicals into our water. They have the right to produce, we should have the right to clean water, air, and land.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Resident decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes



Why or why not?

- We have rights that are being ignored in the name of corporate profit. It's time to take back our rights and hold those who have walked over them accountable.

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- That's exactly what's happening in our town. The corporations are making a profit at the expense of our health and the destruction of our environment.

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Why or why not?

- No, the residents have boots on the ground and they are living and breathing the situation, they have a better understanding of what to do.

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- I would support this because that's how we are going to wrestle back control from the big corps.

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative
- Publicly in a forum with other candidates
- Other (please specify): If I get elected, I look forward to connecting with people to discuss how we might be able to do some Rights Based action in our town.

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCRN will not share your information with any other organization.

- Yes

**Rich Tomasso**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- Executive Council

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- 4

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- We have a representative government, so it may not be that those most affected make the decision, but they should certainly have input and be heard.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Municipal decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- No

Why or why not?

- Municipalities do not make laws in NH. It would create a far too fine-grained patchwork of laws. Plus I'd be worried that some towns would pass laws that violated constitutional rights and that would mean far too many lawsuits.

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- I believe this already happens with most projects needing to go before zoning and planning boards.

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Why or why not?

- This question is far too broad to answer.

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- No

Why or why not?

- If I'm reading the text and the webpage correctly, this amendment would grant rights to "communities", inanimate objects and an elusive, undefined "nature". The end of the amendment also seems to contradict the rest of the text. I'm all for divesting and disbursing power away from central authorities. There may be a good idea in here, but it is not currently viable as written.

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCRN will not share your information with any other organization.

- Yes

## **Alejandro Urrutia**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Hillsborough County 37

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Yes, because nobody else knows more than the residents of the community.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Resident decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- No

Why or why not?

- I believe, if I understand the question, that every law including municipal lawmaking should be based on the inherent rights-based laws.

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Yes, because "We the People" are the ones taking the decisions.

Q7: Should state or federal law be allowed to override (preempt) local laws that afford greater protections than higher government already provides for the health, safety, and welfare of people, their communities, and natural environments?

- No

Why or why not?

- If the local government is already providing for the people and their communities, there is no justification for overriding local laws

Q8: If elected, would you support a state constitutional amendment that empowers people with the authority to use their local governing process to enact rights-based laws that elevate the rights of real people and natural environments above the claimed "rights" of corporations to exploit them?

- Yes

Why or why not?

- Corporations are not people and only people should have authority.

Q9: Would you be willing to discuss the Right to Local Self-Government? (Check all that apply)

- Publicly in a forum with other candidates

Q10: May the NH Community Rights Network add you to our Listserv so that you can receive event announcements and updates on the community rights movement in NH -- including updates on the progress of the NH Community Rights Amendment? NHCRN will not share your information with any other organization.

- Yes

## **Harry Viens**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Belknap 1

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes. Communities working together develop better solutions to problems faster, cheaper, and more efficiently than any bureaucracy

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Resident decision-making authority

Q5: Would you favor municipal lawmaking based on inherent and inalienable rights (rights-based laws) in addition to municipal lawmaking based on regulatory zoning (land-use laws)?

- Yes

Q6: Should people have the right to protect their communities and natural environments from corporate projects incompatible with the will of the people as determined by local zoning, master plans, town meeting vote, or local decision-making authority?

- Yes. For the most part. Communities sometimes need to work together, not as individuals alone to make sure critical projects such as transportation infrastructure that would benefit everybody aren't derailed by NIMBY.

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- Yes. Occasionally with good reason. The interstate highway system, for example, would have been derailed without Federal overrides. It has to be a balance, but generally in the direction of local communities having more control and power. Government must persuade, not dictate.

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- Privately with a NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) non-profit representative
- Publicly in a forum with other candidates

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- Yes

**Daniel Westervelt**

Q1: What public office are you a candidate for?

- House

Q2: Which district are you running for?

- Hillsborough 20

Q3: As a public office candidate, do you believe those most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making these decisions in policy areas that most concern them (i.e. food, water, energy, transportation, housing, education, voting, immigration, etc.)?

- Yes

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government"?

- Municipal decision-making authority

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