

2018 NHCRN Local Choice Candidate Survey

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

MAX ABRAMSOM

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Rockingham 20.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Seabrook.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. The decisions that actually affect people in your community should be voted on by those actually affected by these decisions--not by big monied interests groups in Concord or Washington, D.C. It is much easier to affect changes locally than at the state or federal level, and decentralized government is one of the cornerstones of our system of government.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)?

Why or why not?

- Yes. Most issues that affect you should be made locally. Over the years, numerous exceptions have been supported on the need to make criminal and civil law uniform throughout the state, state roads and highways, driver's licensing, and a few others.

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? Why or why not?

- Yes. Under the old Common Law, individuals had the right to both reasonable use of their own land and the right to be free from unreasonable use by others. We've been losing those rights and recourse through the courts under zoning, federal regulation, etc.

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? Why or why not?

- No. I was the prime sponsor of the GMO labeling bill last session, which garnered bipartisan support, but ultimately failed due to bipartisan opposition and corporate lobbying efforts. While working on another bill, President Obama signed the DARK Act, preventing states from even requiring warning labels for genetically engineered foods that were making some people sick or causing medical problems for them.

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. I disagree with both the wording and the approach used here, but the proposed amendment would still be much better than what is currently in place.

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: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

CHRIS BALCH

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Hillsborough 38.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Wilton.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. While NH's site eval committee has recently made some good decisions (Northern Pass), there are times when their hands, and the hands of local planning boards are tied by state law. A local option would allow a community to maintain their vision for their municipality.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- Yes. More or less same answer as above.

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? Why or why not?

- Yes. Same reasons as above.

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? Why or why not?

- No. Allowing that pre-emption (at will) defeats the purpose of local control. There may be certain cases that come up in which a federal law may be decided to pre-empt, but these should be case by case, not SOP.

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. Corporations are interested in profits, not people, not saving our environment for the future generations to come. Under local control, corporations, especially utility companies, could be mandated to invest in and develop renewable energies as opposed to investing in fossil-fuel infrastructure.

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: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

JACK BALCOM

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Hills 21.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Merrimack.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. The whole point of a citizen legislation is to be responsive to the needs of the constituents be it the need for clean water, clean air, adequate energy, etc. In the past, I have answered every email received and will continue to respond, listen to and respect every citizen and local officials.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- The Municipality represents the residents but the residents should be given the opportunity to respond to a referendum on key issues affecting them.

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)? Why or why not?

- No. These should always be subject to the changing needs of the 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? Why or why not?

- Yes. This has always been the "NH Way".

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? Why or why not?

- No. Logical exceptions exist but must be proven to be compelling and debated in public sessions.

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. I believe that this right already exists in the NH Constitution.

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

- Publically in a forum with other candidates.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Yes.

TODD BEDARD

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Rockingham 4.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Auburn.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- It depends which "local" we're talking about. Is it a state law? then it should be state decision authority, a municipality? then the town.. For instance, the right for each town to decide if it will reschedule voting on days with unusually inclement weather should be a town, not a state decision.

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)? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- Yes. There is a problem with the use of eminent domain being used for public good projects. Public good needs to be tightly defined.

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? Why or why not?

- 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)

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

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

ALAN BERSHSTEIN

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Rockingham 2: Deerfield, Candia, Nottingham.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Nottingham.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. Of Course! It is self-evident that decisions are best made by those affected. Rarely does one size fit all.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident 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)? Why or why not?

- Yes. Inherent and inalienable rights are core principles and should always be given preference to municipal lawmaking.

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? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- No. Decision making is best made locally.

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. I would support anything that gives great weight to localized decision making.

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: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Yes.

JUSTIN BORDEN

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / 6.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Belmont.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. By way of a Representative Government, everyone's voice should be heard.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- Count 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)? Why or why not?

- Yes. So long as those laws were subservient to State & Federal Laws. Those powers not reserved by the Federal or State governments, may be exercised by the municipalities via local, direct democratic or representative governments

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? Why or why not?

- Yes. There are very limited circumstances where the will of the local people should be discounted or ignored.

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? Why or why not?

- No. Local laws must meet state & federal laws. But, local laws are welcome to exceed those laws so long as they do not violate some other higher statute.

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. I support local governments right to pass real laws, not just zoning laws.

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: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

DELMAR BURRIDGE

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Cheshire 16th Keene-At-Large.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Keene.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. We are a republic.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- Count 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)? Why or why not?

- Yes. Makes sense.

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? Why or why not?

- Yes. Corporate projects are usually for self rather than the common good.

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? Why or why not?

- Yes. Lobbyist and other groups who have self interest that are usually hidden, water down the interest and the welfare of 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. Koch Brothers.....use to show this and other documentaries in my social problems class. It's corporate greed and or corporate welfare.

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

- Publicly in a forum with other candidates.
- Willing to learn more than what I know. Would read what you send me. Would view a video.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- No.

JOHN BURT

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Hillsborough 39.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Goffstown.

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.)? Why or why not?

- No.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- Yes. State law must be above local law or people would drive into one town and be breaking laws that they do not know are in that town as it was not in their town.

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. I have looked at this as I believe in the power of the people. Yet we must maintain all laws will be for the full state and not a patch work in the state. This protects all citizens of NH.

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

- I have talked with members of this group and feel it is not right for NH.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- No.

MIRIAM CAHILL-YEATON

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Merrimack 21.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Epsom.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- Yes, in some cases to prevent bigotry, unfair rulings

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, needs to be decided case by case

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

- Publically in a forum with other candidates.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

KEITH T. CORBETT

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Hillsborough Distric 1.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Hillsboro.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident 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)? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Yes.

JOEL DESILETS

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Rockingham District 7.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Windham.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. If towns and cities, much less states, aren't able to make their own choices, then it will be further impossible to impact our own local living environments at the federal level.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Yes.

ROBERT DREW

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Barrington H4.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Barrington.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. Most decisions should be made at the state level or below, ie: county or town/city

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- Depending on what is involved it could be the any of the three. Some decisions on the town level could affect other towns in the county and some things need to be state wide decisions.

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)? Why or why not?

- Yes. In most cases the lower level of decision making the better.

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? Why or why not?

- Yes. Because people in the city/town level are going to be the most impacted by the action taken.

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? Why or why not?

- Yes. But then don't expect the higher government to bail you out, if the town or city runs into problems or higher costs because of the decisions that were made.

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. Changing a constitution is a very big deal. I am not sure I want to be making changes every time group gets an idea that they don't like something. The every few years we would be changing the constitution. Also just because you don't agree with a companies decision does not mean they are exploiting you.

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: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

GEORGE FEENEY

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Belknap 5.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Alton.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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)

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

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- No.

IAN FREEMAN

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- Senate / 10.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Keene.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. All people should be free of coercive government.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident 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)? Why or why not?

- No. I oppose zoning and any other laws that try to tell people how to live. I support the rights of the individual to do with their body and their property what they like, so long as they don't infringe on the equal rights of others.

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? Why or why not?

- No. You should only have the right to control your own property. Protect the environment through market-based, voluntary measures, not through coercive government.

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? Why or why not?

- No. New Hampshire should secede from the federal government, however, local ordinances that oppress people's rights should not be tolerated.

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. Corporations are legal constructs and should not have rights - only individuals have rights. We do not need more government power - that's what created the corporations in the first place. Governments themselves are the worst type of corporations - they are the corporations with a monopoly over coercive force.

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

- Publically in a forum with other candidates.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- No.

AMANDA GORGUE

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Strafford County, District 25.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Lee.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. They should be at the "table" but not the only ones making the decision. It is good to involve those affected. This is also a great way to get those affected to get involved with government.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- It depends on the decision.

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)? Why or why not?

- No. My answer is really maybe. They need to be at the table but not to make a decision in a vacuum. What if their decisions hurt a near by town. If a town says to divert a river but that is the main source of water for a community downstream, that wouldn't be OK.

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? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- No. But this doesn't happen in NH. The laws are always written that whatever law is the strongest will prevail.

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. Typically, I'm not for any state amendments but would be willing to learn more

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: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

DORIS M. HOHENSEE

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Hillsborough 30.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Nashua.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. Planning and zoning for housing is local. Education should be local, but often pre-empted. Municipal voting is controlled locally; state voting is controlled by the state. NH does not have Home Rule, yet control is mixed. Even states with Home Rule have exceptions for certain issues.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- We have self-governance at all levels, given that citizens may run for municipal, county, state or federal office. The closer to home, the more local the control is.

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)? Why or why not?

- Yes. For instance, a citizen's right to free speech should transcend the majority vote of a local board.

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? Why or why not?

- Yes. Not too keen on these new master plans that masquerade as local control. Funny, how it's called local control, yet one municipality after the next follows in lock step to an outside agenda.

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? Why or why not?

- Yes. Depends upon the issue. That's a rather broad question. Safety? Municipal concerns for safety may differ from state or national concerns. We don't have municipal armies.

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. Corporations are not people and shouldn't have individual rights. But the constitutional amendment would have to be limited. Municipalities do not rule the country. Voters elect representatives to govern the country.

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: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

TIMOTHY HARRIGAN

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Strafford 6.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Durham.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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)

- I voted for CACR19 in 2018 but I had my doubts about it. I am sure I will hear about this issue next year if I am re-elected.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- No.

SHARLEEN P. HURST

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Rockingham 21 – State Legislature.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Hampton.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. Representatives are elected to represent, not dictate to their constituents. If they do not listen to the people who elect them, they are not doing their jobs. They must also work to put more power in the hands of the People. This is why, when I was in the Legislature back in the 90's. I was one of the key authors and key actors in the passage of the Ballot Bill. I have also served as a member and as Chairman of both the Hampton Municipal and Winnacunnet School District Budget Committees. I believe in local participation and encourage that all people get involved in their local budget process.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident 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)?

Why or why not?

- Yes. I am not sure I understand the question, but I believe that everyone's rights must be taken into great consideration before any local or state decision is made. As I am running for a State office, municipal laws would come into little play. I am a strong believer in local control, so I would be reluctant to want to manage local governments from the State level.

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? Why or why not?

- Yes. Again, these are municipal issues, and I envision a State Government that allows for local control. Zoning issues should be subject to local control. Any time the State gets involved, it just makes matters worse.

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? Why or why not?

- No. Theoretically, all municipalities should have local control. This is the ideal. Legally. State law supersedes local law, and Federal law supersedes State law, but it is up to policy whether these laws are actually enforced. Allowing local control over zoning and planning issues is usually the norm in New Hampshire, except where health and some environmental concerns are in play. I support a common sense approach where municipalities are allowed to make these decisions for themselves.

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. I would have to see the wording first, but I would be willing to support giving more local control to municipalities to make decisions over environmental and business zoning decisions because it still amounts to more local control and fits with the Republican Platform. I also support environmental issues, and this is a great fit.

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

- Publically in a forum with other candidates.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

HARRISON KANZLER

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Carroll County 2.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: North Conway.

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.)? Why or why not?

- No. This can create biases in legislation that could cause ineffective laws or corruption.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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. I do not know enough about this topic to discuss it publicly.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

DAVID KARRICK

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Merrimack County District 25.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Warner.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. If they have taken the time to try to understand the issues from experience, reading, and generally trying to stay informed.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- Yes. Sometimes necessary that higher government protect the health and safety of the population. For instance, universal inoculation of children to prevent some childhood diseases.

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. It would depend, however, on the drafting of the amendment. I would not want to block an EPA that actually tries to protect the National environment which was largely the case under President Obama.

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: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

EMMANUEL KRASNER

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Strafford #2.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Farmington.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- Yes. I believe that all laws should conform to fundamental rights as set out in the State and Federal constitutions.

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? Why or why not?

- Yes. This should be obvious. It is fundamental to any community

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? Why or why not?

- 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: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

CHESTER LAPOINTE

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Cheshire 13th.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Ashuelot.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident 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)? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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. I would not because I feel that efforts could be resolved without opening that Pandora box.

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

- Publically in a forum with other candidates.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Yes.

DAN LECLAIR

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- Senate / District 10.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Swanzey.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. The people that are affected the most, usually have a greater understanding of the issues that they face. It is their duty to speak up for themselves.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

MICHAEL LEVISS

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Hillsborough 11.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Manchester.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. Centralized bureaucrats and legislators cannot possibly know the needs and wants of each individual. The more local, the better.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident 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)? Why or why not?

- No. I do not understand this 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? Why or why not?

- No. I oppose zoning laws and central planning. However, I do believe there are other market-based responses to concerns about pollution, etc. If your land and property is damaged by another, you ought to be able to claim damages against them.

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? Why or why not?

- Yes. It depends on the issue.

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. I have read the linked page, but I would have to learn more about this issue before supporting it.

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: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

STUART LIGHT

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Coos 3.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Berlin.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. Property owners should be able to decide what happens on their property. Business owners should be able to decide how they conduct their business. Individuals should be able to decide how they spend their own money. Everyone has the right to say "I will

not". Nobody -- not even government -- has the right to say "You must" or "You must not".

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- Individual property owners should decide what happens on their own property, and also be responsible for its effects.

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)? Why or why not?

- No. We need fewer layers of mandate and restraint, not more. All inherent rights are property rights -- your body and its products, your land and its products.

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? Why or why not?

- No. Each property owner should be able to decide what happens on their own land, and no further. If a person or group wants to keep out a certain business, they can buy the targeted land and refuse to sell it to that business. Once the business buys the land, then the business should decide, and be fully responsible for its effects.

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? Why or why not?

- No. Individual property owners should decide what happens on their own land, and be fully responsible for its effects. That said -- Counties, cities, and towns are political subdivisions of the state, and subordinate to 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?

- No. Each landowner should be able to determine what happens on their own land, and be fully responsible for its effects. Anyone wanting to assert decision-making rights over a plot of land is free to purchase that land from its current owner(s), or persuade its current owners to change their minds.

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

- Publically in a forum with other candidates.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

DICK MARPLE

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Merrimack #24.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Hooksett.

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.)? Why or why not?

- No. I am a Life Member of the VFW and I value FREEDOM over any FORCE as my fallen comrades gave the supreme sacrifice that you have the FREEDOM to send this survey.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- No. It is Force, Not FREEDOM.

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? Why or why not?

- No. Only the elite can benefit from such FORCE.

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? Why or why not?

- Yes. Read Article Six paragraph two of the constitution. It is the controlling authority.

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. This is more FORCE which I can not support

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.
- There is nothing to discuss. FREEDOM should remain.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- No.

GREG MARROW

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Rockingham District 20.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Hampton Falls.

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.)? 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": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- Yes. Because 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." I'd like to see more lawmaking that 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? Why or why not?

- Yes. Without question...

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? Why or why not?

- 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: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

PATRICIA MARTIN

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Cheshire 11.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Rindge.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. Climate, economic and social justice demands that impacted resident rights are respected. Companies should not be allowed to dump infrastructure in poor communities just because they don't have the financial means to oppose or challenge them.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident 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)? Why or why not?

- Yes, but since State trumps local, and Federal trumps State regulations, I don't count on such community based rights or campaigns to stop large projects that have a negative impact on several communities. Conversely, if a community votes for a large infrastructure project because of potential tax revenues, should others opposing it on the basis of environmental harm simply walk away?

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? Why or why not?

- Yes. What if a community WANTS a coal plant built in their town? These regulations can cut both ways!

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? Why or why not?

- No. Just look at the battle over PFOAs and what is a "safe" level for water supplies!

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, BUT...a constitutional amendment is a heavy lift. I would rather address the problems project by project and community by community.

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

- Have had this discussion many times as I oppose the expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure. I feel that organizers often give "false hope" and divert activist efforts from the needed work of evaluating each project on its merits (or not!) and communicating that to the community.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- No.

WILLIAM MARTIN

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / CD 1.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Manchester.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes, for the extent that the issues are local. In example, many towns may draw their water from the same river. In this case no town should have precedence over the rest. Similarly, issues should be solved locally to the extent they are truly local, and not part of a larger system.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- What is local depends purely on the system being considered, as above stated. Local is the collection of individuals/communities/towns/states who are all part of a combined impact on an issue. In that sense, decisions should be contained to the smallest logical group, but what this group is will depend on specific policies and problems. Ideally, the least restrictive solutions necessary will be used.

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)? Why or why not?

- No. Rights should not be able to be restricted on a local level, but if any right is found lacking, a municipality should be able to grant or otherwise protect it.

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? Why or why not?

- Yes. It is crucial that the greed and power of a disproportionate entity not override and harm the residents of a region.

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? Why or why not?

- No. The agency that is giving the highest level of protection is the one which takes precedence.

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. Individual rights are more important than corporate ones. Corporations are tools used by people, and even if in certain senses they are embodied for legal expedience, they are not humans.

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: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

JIM MCCONNELL

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Cheshire 12.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Swanzey.

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.)? Why or why not?

- No. Our system of government, which in historical context works better than any other, requires that representatives of the people act on their constituents' behalf.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- Yes, but up to a point. A landowner's rights should be protected but that landowner can't ignore the right of neighboring property owners to enjoy their property free of intrusion from their neighbors.

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? Why or why not?

- Yes: Nobody should have the right to put in a project which destroys a 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? Why or why not?

- Yes. Local communities cannot be permitted to ignore constitutional guarantees.

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? Why or why not?

- No: Corporations aren't the only entities which have to be addressed.

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

- I'll speak about the subject with any individual or group.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

PETE MCVEY

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / 14.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Atkinson.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes and no. Specific town-related issues (housing, infrastructure, schools, utilities) should be managed by the end users. Questions on immigration, disease control, public safety, health, are best managed at the state level for maximum public benefit.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- Yes. Difficult question! As long as these laws do NOT conflict with state and federal law and constitutions.

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? Why or why not?

- Yes. The municipalities that are impacted (positively or negatively) should have the right to manage change.

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? Why or why not?

- No. This is already established policy by Federal and state courts.

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)

- Publically in a forum with other candidates.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

VINCENT PAUL MIGLIORE

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House/ Grafton District 9, including Alexandria, Ashland, Bridgewater, Bristol and Grafton, NH.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Bridgewater.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. I believe strongly in local control.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident 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)? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- No—because I believe in local control.

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—because this is a process, and it will take a long time and investment by many individuals to make incremental progress, on a session-by-session basis to properly educate everyone in order to bring this to fruition.

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.
- One-on-one with individuals interested in the topic. This is very much like finding a grain of sand on the beach. We need to take the time to educate everyone (using patience and persistence to the cause). It's a campaign and a journey, not a destination.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Yes.

MICHAEL MOFFETT

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Merrimack 9.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Loudon.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- No. There are times when the greater needs of the state may take precedence over the parochial desires of a municipality ... i.e. I oppose sanctuary towns

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? Why or why not?

- No. Communities that seek to ban firearms should not be allowed to void the 2nd Amendment

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. Would want to hear more discussion.

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: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

BECKY OWENS

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Rockingham 4

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Chester.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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)

- Publically in a forum with other candidates.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Yes.

DARRYL W. PERRY

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Cheshire 16.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Keene.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. As a Libertarian, I don't believe anyone has a right to tell you what you must or must not do so long as you are not infringing on the equal rights of others!

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- As a Libertarian, I don't believe anyone has a right to tell you what you must or must not do so long as you are not infringing on the equal rights of others!

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)? Why or why not?

- No. As a Libertarian, I don't believe anyone has a right to tell you what you must or must not do so long as you are not infringing on the equal rights of others; this includes the belief that local (or state) governments don't have a right to restrict how you use your property (i.e. zoning 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? Why or why not?

- No. People have a right to their property. This property should not be seized through eminent domain for corporate projects; however any corporate project that obtains the land on the open market, should be allowed to use the land as they see fit, assuming they are not causing harm to others.

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? Why or why not?

- No. Laws are supposed to protect the rights of the individual. Any law that violates those rights should be deemed invalid, regardless of what level of government has passed that 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?

- I'm leaning towards "no" however I could be persuaded to support the proposal with a few slight tweaks.

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

- Publicly in a forum with other candidates.
- I may have spoken with someone from the group in the past.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

JOEL PRESCOTT

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Merrimack District 10.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Hopkinton.

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.)? Why or why not?

- No. Yes and no. I think public opinion is important, and representatives should certainly be listening to the them. But, we have representatives for a reason. Let them do the hard work, and serve the public.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident 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)? Why or why not?

- No. Anything is possible. I would need more information, before making a decision.

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? Why or why not?

- Yes, but only after certain channels have been followed. The public should hear both sides, before they come to a decision like that.

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? Why or why not?

- Yes. After all sides have been looked at.

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. Its possible. But I would have to see the whole "state constitutional amendment" first, before making a final decision.

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: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

STEVEN RAND

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Grafton District 8.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Plymouth.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. Democracy should be founded on the consent of the governed and those who are affected by the laws of the society have a unique and important perspective on the consequences of the decisions. They should always be consulted, and where possible, be part of the decision-making process.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- No. Unless there are clear consequences that would affect other local communities adversely.

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)

- Publically in a forum with other candidates.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

JOHN REAGAN

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- Senate / 17.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Deerfield.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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)

- Not interested in discussing the Right to Local Self-Government with anyone. Very busy with upcoming election effort.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

JAN SCHMIDT

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Hills 28.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Nashua.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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)

- I'm good.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- No.

TEJASINHA SIVALINGAM

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Grafton county district 9: Ashland, Alexandria, Bristol, Bridgewater, Grafton.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Ashland.

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.)? 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": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- (Would like to mark “Municipal” AND “Other” to make comment, but allowed to pick only one so chose “Other”.) 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)? 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 my 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? 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? 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, 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.
- 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: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Yes. We have held them in the past in Ashland, and I believe others have been held in District 9; and I would be happy to support future workshops as my resources permit.
- In summary I support movement back toward a democratic-confederal-republic; which is what I believe was the original intent of the country. Democracy speaks to in whom power resides. Republic speaks to how power is managed. And, Confederalism speaks to how power is delegated. Natural persons, i.e. citizens, should be the most powerful political, economic, and ecological foci, protected by Natural Rights, with their power delegated in a limited and express manner to higher levels of government through three distinct branches of government; whose powers are truly separate, and ideally with a different act of legitimization from the Citizens, for each of the separate branches (i.e. appointment, election, and sortition). I also support worker owned and managed businesses to empower workers; as well as local green energy production and distribution in nodes that feed into a state grid for energy independence.

STEVEN SMITH

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Sullivan 11.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Charlestown.

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.)? Why or why not?

- No. NH is a Dillon's Rule state. This means that all local governments are actually political subdivisions of the state. People have local power with one State Representative for every roughly 3300 people. This system provides more opportunity for local input than any other state government.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- Yes. See my earlier comments on Dillon's rule. This question is inapplicable to NH unless a bill to convert us to home rule passes. I have voted for these in the past. It is not the current state of the law though.

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. This would be incredibly expensive. All RSA's would have to be updated to convert them to home rule language.

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: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

CHLOE SOWERS

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Hillsborough 45.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Manchester.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. Why should someone 1000 miles away get to decide how you live your life?

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident 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)? Why or why not?

- No. Because zoning laws can be use to discriminate against poor people. What if you want to start a catering business from your kitchen? Why should your neighbor get to decide how you use your own kitchen? Or a recording studio?
<https://www.tennessean.com/story/money/2018/08/10/home-recording-studio-east-nashville/950742002/> Or a bed & breakfast?
https://www.theadvocate.com/new_orleans/news/article_b7f79e26-9cc3-11e8-97dd-3faa230fb2a7.amp.html

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? Why or why not?

- Yes. But why can't this be settled through a court or mediation process? Why can't a neighbor just sue and a jury of their peers will reward them restitution for the damage cause to their property?

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? Why or why not?

- No. You have to be careful about what you mean by 'greater protections'. The southern racist slave states believed they were protecting their slaves because they believed that slaves were incapable of providing for themselves. Local gun control laws may protect people's feelings, but it doesn't protect people's self defense. The original gun control laws were even racist from the Republicans in California because the Black Panthers demonstrated armed at the state capitol and the lawmakers were scared. Also pro-life groups claim they are 'protecting the fetus' when they try to pass anti-abortion laws, but they are not protecting choice. Also bathroom bills claim they are 'protecting women and children' when they are only trying to exert control. It's better to think in terms of negative rights and positive rights. Everything become more clear and consistent then.

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, but private property rights are very useful. Societies that believe in private property rights are much more successful and have higher GDP/capita than societies that don't. For example, there are places in Africa and South America where farmers are not able to obtain loans against their properties to buy equipment because they do not record land ownership deeds so there is no recording of the farmer's private property, even though they have been farming their land their entire life. However I believe people have the right to shoot themselves in the foot so if a town wants to trample on private property rights then they will receive no further investments and wither and die.

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: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

DAVID J. STARR

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- Senate / District 1

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Franconia.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. As much as possible should be the business of cities and towns.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- No. Lots of things, auto registration, gun laws, minimum wage, Sunday closing laws need to be uniform across the state. No citizen can be expected to know what different laws every town and city of New Hampshire may or may not have passed. Question, what is the difference between "rights-based-laws" and any other law?

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? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- No. Again, law on a lot of things should be the same all over the state.

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. Again, the law on many things should be uniform across the state.

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: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- No.

BRIAN SULLIVAN

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Sullivan District 1.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Grantham.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- 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)? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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? Why or why not?

- 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: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- Maybe.

MATT TOWNE

Q1: What public office / district are you a candidate for?

- House / Strafford, District 4.

Q2: As a candidate for public office, please provide the following contact information.

- City/Town: Barrington.

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.)? Why or why not?

- Yes. I support home rule but with caveats. The Onassis decision that involved the Isle of Shoals was the right decision. Durham, which would have been devastated by the refinery, had the right to say no. Dudley Dudley was a hero. Having said that, I can envision circumstances where home rule must be reconsidered in light of the issue being considered. Sometimes the greater good must be taken into account. For example, a light rail project down the route 4 corridor might be considered to ease congestion, support business and cut our carbon footprint in NH. If all the towns along that path approve of the project but for one, it might be necessary to overrule that local decision for the greater good. On the other hand, the home rule decision regarding the removal of groundwater from the aquifer in Nottingham should be a local decision as the potential consequences are enormous for that town. As you can see I am not entirely black / white about this subject. Nevertheless I hope I can still have your support for my candidacy. Feel free to reach out to me.

Q4: Under which of the following decision-making levels do you categorize "local control" or "local self-government": State, County, Municipal, or Resident decision-making authority?

- This question is not clear since the authority could well change depending on the situation and who is trying to usurp local control.

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)? Why or why not?

- Yes. The key here is "in addition to". Inevitably this will set up a situation where the two are in conflict. I do NOT support the taking of land by the government for private business expansion or construction of profit making enterprises no matter how beneficial to the town. The taking of a persons land by eminent domain must be extremely limited and adjudicated in the full light of day.

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? Why or why not?

- Yes. I do not support the taking of land for corporate 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? Why or why not?

- Yes. I support this concept but acknowledge that it can also be abused. The point of having state regulations is to create an atmosphere of predictability for businesses to be able to make sound decisions and not subject to the whims of 300 different towns. However, the concept is sound if used appropriately and with an informed citizenry that can discuss any unintended consequences.

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. I am not a fan of corporate power in our society. All too often it is abused and has degraded the environment as a "business necessity". The role of government, as I see it, is to be the voice of the citizens in constructing a society that they would want to live it. However, the citizens have to step up and become truly informed about the decisions they make. The utter disaster occurring at the national level is an example of what can happen when people vote their ignorance as opposed to their intelligence.

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.
- In any neutral forum. This is democracy and I invite the engagement. Win, lose or draw I embrace the discussion.

Q10: Would you be interested in bringing a Community Rights Awareness Workshop to your community to provide education about the Right to Local Self-Government?

- No.