

## VERMONT

Voters in the Green Mountain State will select a governor, attorney general, and state treasurer in November. All 150 seats in the state house and all 30 seats in the state senate will also be on the ballot. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the governor's office while Democrats are expected to retain control of the attorney general's office, state treasurer's office, and the legislature.

### Governor

#### Democratic Nominee

#### Esther Charlestin

Esther Charlestin is a school administrator and former member of the Middlebury Selectboard. She is a co-chair of the Vermont Commission on Women and operates a consulting firm.

Charlestin's [campaign](#) is focused on education and affordable childcare; affordable housing; and climate resilience and energy.

Her **education** plans include developing new funding models to ease the education tax burden on middle- and low-income families, exploring increased mental health funding in public schools, and supporting programs that expand licensing opportunities for teachers.

Charlestin also supports **paid family leave** for all working families and **livable wages** for childcare providers.

To increase **housing** affordability, Charlestin would explore options to change zoning policies to increase housing density, enhance regulatory mandates and municipal supervision to implement inclusionary zoning within housing development projects, enact just cause evictions, and consider the feasibility of raising taxes on second homes and short-term rentals.

To address **climate** resiliency, she plans to enforce accountability measures for polluters, support legislation for a better renewable energy standard, elevate dam safety enhancements, and increase watershed resilience by restoring wetlands, promoting sustainable land use, and managing stormwater runoff. Charlestin intends to invest in sustainable development through renewable energy projects, public transit, energy efficiency, sustainable agriculture, and conservation.

Charlestin has been endorsed by former Governor Howard Dean (D) and incumbent Lieutenant Governor David Zuckerman (D).

*Trivia: Charlestin is a native of Rhode Island and moved to Vermont in 2019.*