

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.

State Treasurer

Republican Nominee

Joshua Bechhoefer

Joshua Bechhoefer is a credit analyst in the Farm Credit System. In a <u>recent interview</u>, he expressed concerns with Vermont's **affordability**. He aims to build a sustainable treasury and **bond rating** by addressing an aging population, growing the state's tax base, and ensuring prudent spending.

Bechhoefer named expanded options for pensions and advocating for a Bank of Vermont.

In his responses to a <u>candidate survey</u>, Bechhoefer advocated for defined contributions to **pension** plans to reduce Vermont's unfunded liabilities.

Bechhoefer believes a state bank would benefit Vermont by investing in rural infrastructure, agriculture, and other developments. In his view, this would give Vermont more financial sovereignty and resources at its disposal. He pointed to North Dakota as an example.

Trivia: Bechhoefer was the youngest state committeeman at the recent Republican National Convention.