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Between October 6 and November 3, 2020, we will elect our state legislators. These lawmakers will meet for the next two years to help govern Maine. I ask for your vote to be one of them.

My goal is to make Maine work better for all of us. For example, we can improve how we fund public education at the state level, encourage affordable solar to grow a stronger and more sustainable economy, and guarantee universal health insurance for affordable access to quality health care, to name just three priorities.

This voter guide explains who I am and how I will serve you in Augusta; shares my views on every issue that citizens, journalists, and lobbyists have asked me to consider; and describes essential state government services available to you.

I am an independent with Green values, so I am running as a Green Independent. I can do a better job for you as an independent than I could as a Democrat or a Republican: I can decide each issue on the merits rather than the party line, I can be an effective bridge between the parties when they are deadlocked, and I can provide honest and independent feedback and counsel to the leadership of both parties as they develop their policy agendas.

I am writing, distributing, and updating this voter guide as I campaign. Please share your ideas for what to include in future editions.

Thank you for thoughtfully exercising your right to vote. I'm counting on your support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred Horch". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.


K. Frederick Horch
Brunswick, Maine

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About Kevin Frederick (“Fred”) Horch

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Community Support

I'm honored to have been supported by clean election contributions from more than one hundred and fifty registered voters in District 49, and to have received letters and statements of support from many people in our community. Excerpts from letters and statements of support can be found on my campaign website.

My campaign is not using lawn signs. I feel there are better uses of public campaign funding to share information with voters, plus I want to raise awareness of the fact that our landfill is closing in April and that we have a serious issue with recycling in Brunswick. A plan to "win without lawn signs" is a way to do my part to reduce the environmental impact of my campaign.

Endorsements and Distinctions

I am grateful to have received these endorsements and distinctions:

- Maine Conservation Voters Action Fund, Endorsement
- Maine People's Alliance, Endorsement
- Moms Demand Action, Gun Sense Candidate Distinction
- Sierra Club Maine Chapter, Endorsement

2020 Fall Election in Maine

Between October 6 and November 3 we will elect federal, state and local office holders. We may also have the opportunity to vote on ballot initiatives.

How to Vote

Get Maine's voter guide at www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/voterguide.html

Due to the pandemic, it is expected that most people will vote by absentee ballot this year. You may request an absentee ballot for any reason:

- Call the Brunswick Town Clerk's office at 725-6658
- or -
- Use the state of Maine's online service at www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl

Voter requirements:

- Be a United States citizen.
- Be a resident of Maine.

- Be registered to vote.
- Be at least 18 years old on November 3.

To vote:

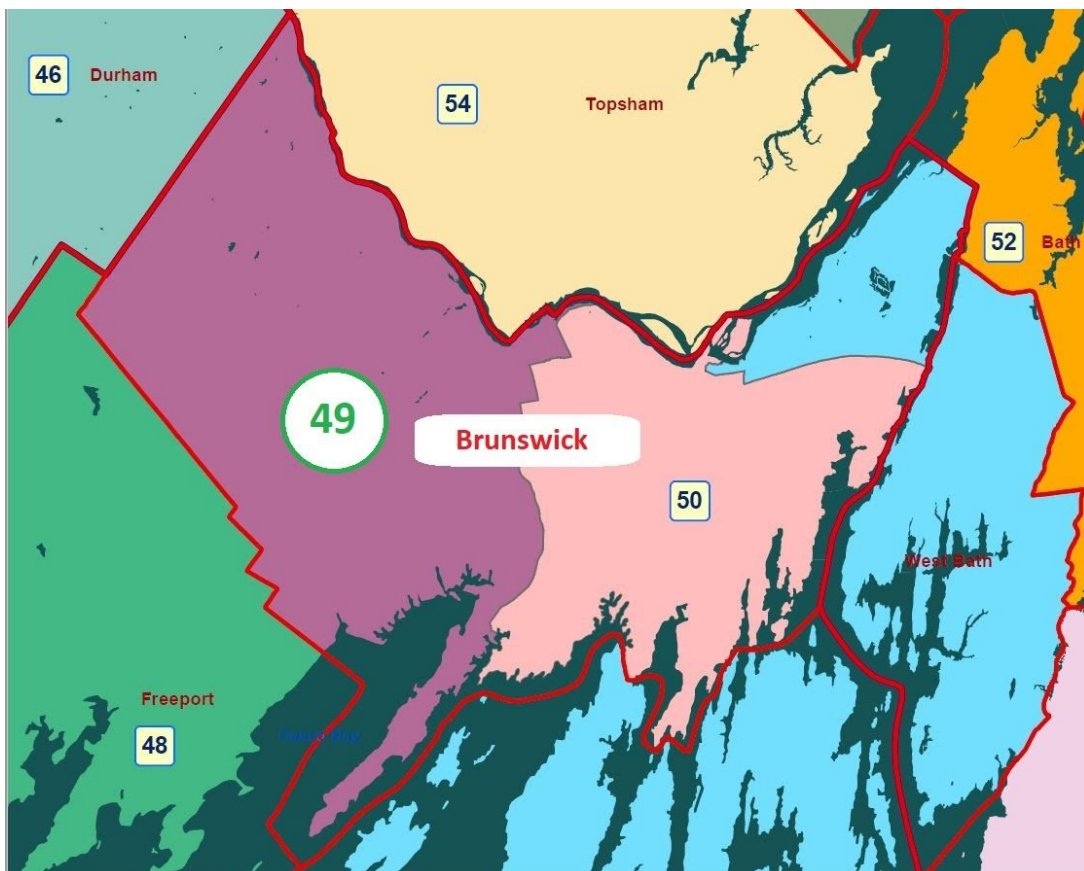
- Vote by **absentee ballot** between October 6 and November 3. You can mail in your absentee ballot or drop it off at the Brunswick Town Hall, 85 Union Street, Brunswick.
- or -
- Vote **in person** at the Brunswick Junior High School between 7 am and 8 pm on Tuesday, November 3.

Fall 2020 election schedule:

- **August 3 to November 3:** absentee ballots may be requested
- **October 6 to November 3:** absentee ballots may be returned
- **November 3:** Election Day

Representative to the Legislature (District 49)

If you live in Maine House District 49, the western part of Brunswick, you will see my name as “Horch, K. Frederick” as one of two choices for **Representative to the Legislature**.



Maine House District 49 (western part of Brunswick)

We will elect our Representative to the Legislature to serve a two-year term from December 2020 to December 2022. The job of our Representative is to propose, consider and vote on bills that come before the Maine House of Representatives. Most of the work of our Legislature is done by committee; every legislator serves on at least one committee.

Maine's 129th Legislature had seventeen committees:

1. Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
2. Appropriations and Financial Affairs
3. Criminal Justice and Public Safety
4. Education and Cultural Affairs
5. Energy, Utilities and Technology
6. Environment and Natural Resources
7. Health and Human Services
8. Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
9. Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business
10. Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
11. Judiciary
12. Labor and Housing
13. Marine Resources
14. State and Local Government
15. Taxation
16. Transportation
17. Veterans and Legal Affairs

I would like to serve on the Energy, Utilities and Technology committee because I believe my education and work experience will enable me to be an effective member of this committee. At a practical level, this committee determines how quickly and fairly Maine transitions its economy from being fueled primarily by oil and gas to being powered by clean energy.

District 49 is an "open seat" because no incumbent is running for re-election. Our current Representative, Mattie Daughtry, is "termed out" because she has already served four consecutive terms (eight years). She is now running for State Senator.

Although the primary election for Representative to the Legislature used ranked choice voting to select party candidates, the general election will use exclusive choice voting to choose our representative because Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Maine states,

Fair copies of the lists of votes shall be attested by the municipal officers and the clerks of the cities and towns and the city and town clerks respectively shall cause the same to be delivered into the office of the Secretary of State forthwith. The Governor shall examine the returned copies of such lists and 7 days before the first Wednesday of December biennially, shall issue a summons to such persons as shall appear to have

*been elected by a **plurality** [emphasis added] of all votes returned, to attend and take their seats.*

Ranked choice voting is a **majority** vote system: the winner is not declared until a majority has been determined, through multiple rounds of counting votes if necessary. The alternatives, **exclusive choice voting** and **inclusive choice voting**, are both **plurality** voting systems: ballots are counted just once and the candidate with the most “for” votes wins.

Other Races

This is a “Presidential election” year; we will elect a President of the United States to a four-year term. In addition to our President, we will elect many other offices.

Federal Races

Ranked choice voting will be used for federal offices in this election, including:

- President of the United States
- United States Senator
- United States Representative, 1st Congressional District

State Races

You will have two candidates for each state legislative office in this election:

- State Senator, District 24
- Representative to the Legislature, District 49

County and Local Races

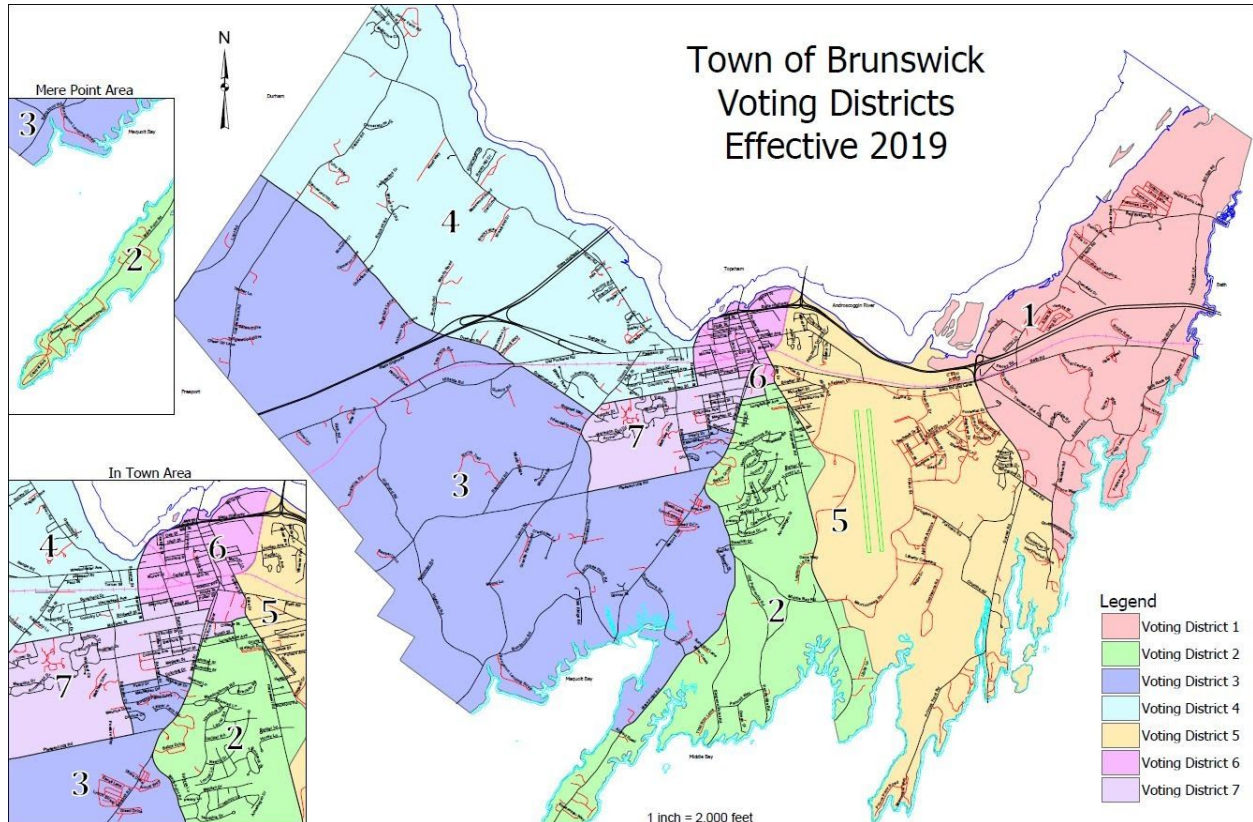
You have only one candidate for Register of Probate in Cumberland County.

You have only one candidate for Council Representative at Large.

You have only one candidate for School Board Representative at Large.

If you live in Town District 7, you will have a district candidate for Town Council and School Board. If you do not live in Town District 7, you will not have any other candidates on your ballot.

The state districts and town voting districts are different. Town districts 3 and 4, most of 6 and 7, and a small part of 2 are within Maine House District 49. If you’re not sure which town voting district you are in, see this map:



Ballot Initiatives

State Initiatives

No state initiatives will appear on your ballot.

The Maine NECEC Transmission Project Certificate Initiative was a proposed ballot initiative that will *not* appear on the ballot this fall. The Maine Supreme Court ruled in August that under Maine's constitution, the people do not have the legislative power to require the Maine Public Utilities Commission to reverse an order.

According to BallotPedia,

The Maine NECEC Transmission Project Certificate Initiative [would have asked whether to require] the Maine Public Utilities Commission to reverse an order made on May 3, 2019, that provided the New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC) transmission project with a certificate of public convenience and necessity. In Maine, a certificate of public convenience and necessity is required before constructing a transmission line capable of operating at 69 kilovolts or more. The NECEC transmission project was designed to cross about 145 miles in Maine, from the state's border with Quebec to Lewiston, and transmit around 1,200 megawatts from hydroelectric plants in Quebec to

electric utilities in Massachusetts and Maine. While NECEC was originally planned to deliver hydroelectric power to Massachusetts, Gov. Janet Mills (D) announced that Maine had also secured 500 megawatts from hydroelectric plants at a discounted rate via NECEC on July 10, 2020.

On February 3, 2020, the campaign filed about 75,253 signatures with the office of Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap (D). On March 4, 2020, Dunlap announced that 69,714 signatures were valid, surpassing the required minimum of 63,067.

See [https://ballotpedia.org/Maine_NECEC_Transmission_Project_Certificate_Initiative_\(2020\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Maine_NECEC_Transmission_Project_Certificate_Initiative_(2020))

Local Initiatives

Question 1. Shall the Charter of the Town of Brunswick be amended to remove no longer necessary language that provided for the initial compensation of the Town Council and School Board and that provided for a transition period when the Town Council and School Board terms were changed from two to three years?

Question 2. Shall the Charter of the Town of Brunswick be amended to clarify and modify provisions related to the adoption and administration of the annual budget, and further, to insert current terminology?

Question 3. Shall the Charter of the Town of Brunswick be amended to add the position of tax collector, delete the requirement that personnel rules be adopted by ordinance, allow voters to sign the nomination petitions of more than one candidate for the same office, and clean-up to [sic] oath of office for all municipal officials?

The full text of the proposed amendments to the Charter of the Town of Brunswick is available in the agenda for the September 8, 2020, town council meeting, online at https://www.brunswickme.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_09082020-2059

I support all three local ballot initiatives. Question 1 will remove clutter from our town's charter. Question 2 makes minor clarifications. Question 3 are changes proposed by our town staff and by Councilor Dan Ankeles.

Three Priorities for our Representative

If elected to be our representative in the Maine House, here are three important priorities that I will work to enact into state law:

1. A fundamental improvement to state funding for education in Maine;
2. A fast and fair transition to a sustainable economy in Maine;
3. A guarantee to protect public health and safety in Maine.

Priority #1: State Funding for Education

Education is a priority for Maine: funding for public education is one of the largest expenditures for both our state and local governments. We can improve the budget process in our Legislature so school boards across Maine can count on the state to meet its funding commitments.

In 2003, Maine voters passed a referendum to decide how to allocate Maine's cost of public education between state and local taxes. We decided state funding should cover 55% of education costs, leaving 45% for local taxes. Unfortunately, our Legislature and Governor have never managed to pass a state budget that provides 55% of the funding Maine pays for public education. As a result, every year school boards and town councils across Maine must scramble to fill the gap due to the missing state funding for education. This usually means deciding whether to cut out educational opportunities or raise property taxes.

The worst part about our current budget process is that local school boards are kept guessing for so long about how much funding they will receive from the state. This makes it more difficult than necessary to provide educational services, because the funding uncertainty makes planning harder than it should be.

In recent years, the Legislature has made progress toward meeting its 55% funding responsibility. I will help continue this progress. I will also work to improve our budget process so there is less drama and more certainty regarding education funding. I believe it is bad public policy to ignore a citizen referendum on such an important issue. There are very good reasons to have a 55% to 45% state to local funding ratio for public education, chief among them is the fact that the state has many more tax revenue sources available to it.

Improving the budget process in our Legislature will help us provide excellent public education throughout Maine and reduce pressure on local property taxes, helping us achieve our affordable housing goals, too.

Priority #2: Affordable Solar for Economic Growth

Business leaders in Maine are starting an economic transition for our state from being fueled by oil and gas to being powered by clean energy. This transition is essential in order to prevent an environmental catastrophe due the effects of the unavoidable and persistent pollution from burning fossil fuel. Managing the transition to clean energy is the most important challenge facing our Legislature; it is the choice between allowing a weak, unfair and unsustainable economy to linger, or growing a strong, socially just and sustainable economy for Maine.

Energy is the ability to do work. Republicans have correctly identified lower energy costs as an important public policy goal for Maine that will fundamentally improve our economic prospects,

making all of our Maine-based businesses better able to compete with businesses from other places with lower energy costs.

After several false starts pursuing renewable energy sources that are not effective for Maine, we have begun making the necessary investment in solar. Higher efficiency and more solar power in Maine are the two best energy policies we should pursue now. Financing is the major problem that is hampering a fast and fair transition to solar power as our primary energy source. With better laws, we can make solar affordable and practical for everyone in Maine. That will greatly increase the power supply everywhere in Maine, permanently lowering energy costs for all businesses, farms and families. In addition, solar power will prevent pollution, protecting public health and safety as well as our natural environment.

I will work to advance solar legislation that is already in the works. In addition, I will introduce new legislation that will expand the benefits of solar power for everyone in Maine. And I will help share factual information about efficiency, power, energy, fuel and other fundamental knowledge that is necessary for policy makers and voters to make informed decisions about Maine's economic development.

Priority #3: Universal Insurance for Public Health and Safety

The COVID-19 pandemic is further stressing Maine's healthcare system, which already has not been effectively using resources. Healthcare in the United States is often described in peer-reviewed studies as the most wasteful in the world. We spend more but get less.

The fundamental problem with our healthcare system is that it is patchwork. People over 65 years old are covered by Medicare, an insurance plan provided by the federal government which pays for it through payroll taxes. People in the military are covered by TriCare, a fully socialized healthcare system provided by the federal government which pays for it through defense spending. Low-income people are covered by MaineCare, an insurance plan provided by the federal and state governments together which pay for it through general tax revenue. People who don't have health coverage through these three programs must seek employment that offers health insurance or try to buy health insurance on their own.

Experience in other countries demonstrates that providing health insurance to everyone lowers costs and improves outcomes. That is what Maine should do.

I will work to create a public health insurance plan that is "universal," covering everyone in Maine from birth to death. I believe that a fully socialized medicine system like TriCare is not the right approach. Instead, I will promote a system that allows health care providers to compete to provide patient care.

My Values

I am an independent with Green values. We may belong to different political parties, but green values bring us all together. I'm running for social justice, grassroots democracy, mutual peace, and a healthy environment.

I believe in a politics of inclusion, rather than exclusion. While I am independent of the two major parties, I have joined the Maine Green Independent Party because I believe that putting Ten Key Values into action will make Maine work better for everyone:

1. **Ecological Wisdom**

We are part of our environment, not separate from it. We can live in ways that respect both the limits and the potential of natural systems to sustain human life.

2. **Personal and Global Responsibility**

Our actions affect others. We can improve our own personal well-being, and at the same time foster peace, justice, and harmony among all those living on Earth.

3. **Future Focus and Sustainability**

We will leave a legacy. We can pursue long-term goals and enjoy our lives in ways that sustain the ability of future generations to enjoy their lives, too.

4. **Grassroots Democracy**

Our democracy is of the people, by the people, and for the people. We can increase public participation at every level of government and reduce the advantages politicians can derive from close connections to the wealthiest and most powerful people in our society.

5. **Social Justice and Equal Opportunity**

All people are created equal before the law. We can confront the age-old scourges of racism, sexism, and discrimination against people in our society who have been persistently denied opportunities for unfair reasons.

6. **Feminism and Gender Equity**

Relics of gender discrimination undermine social justice. We can replace an ethic of domination and control with a morality of conscience and cooperation.

7. **Respect for Diversity**

Every person has value and every living system on Earth has meaning. We can learn from other people and places and prevent the needless destruction of cultures and species.

8. Decentralization

Sharing power promotes justice and peace. We can distribute decision making among individuals and local governments, while protecting the civil rights of minority groups.

9. Community-based Economics and Economic Justice

We achieve more working together and using resources fairly. We can raise and maintain the standard of living for everyone globally while providing meaningful work opportunities and protecting ecosystems locally.

10. Non-violence

Everyone has an inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We can resolve our differences without killing each other, respecting the golden rule of treating others as we would like them to treat us.

Issues and Policy Platform

My overall policy objective is good government: make Maine work better for everyone. My top three priorities are

1. **Public education:** Put more of your state dollars to work funding your local public schools. Meet the state's commitment to fully fund 55% of the cost of public education per referendum.
2. **Clean energy:** Make solar more affordable for you. Create a solar fund and restructure Maine's energy market so our economy can be permanently powered by clean and efficient solar energy.
3. **Healthcare:** Guarantee your access to excellent healthcare in your community. Establish a public health insurance plan that covers all Maine residents from birth to death.

Beyond these three priorities, my policy positions are strongly progressive and well aligned with the views of a super-majority of voters in Brunswick.

Abortion

I support women's right to choose whether and when to have children and whether and when to have an abortion. I believe all Mainers should have health insurance under a universal, tax-funded plan that includes abortion and other family planning healthcare.

Absentee Voting

I support absentee voting and other methods that make it safer and easier for citizens to participate in our democracy. I believe Maine's system, which requires voters to request ballots, rather than indiscriminately mailing ballots to every voter, is prudent and trustworthy.

Basic Income

I support a basic income in Maine that is paid for by a carbon tax in Maine. See *Carbon Fee and Dividend*

Black Lives Matter

I believe that black lives matter. I understand that continuing the difficult work to repair the damage from the legacy of slavery and segregation in the United States strengthens other efforts to promote goodwill and justice for all. I appreciate the difference between passively ignoring racism and actively working to overcome racism.

Bonds for Infrastructure Projects

I support issuing state bonds to fund crucial investments in infrastructure, and closing tax loopholes to ensure that we have the state tax revenue to pay bondholders.

Car Inspections

I support reducing or eliminating the requirement for annual vehicle safety inspections in Maine, because the costs now outweigh the benefits due to technological improvements in car design and manufacturing.

Carbon Fee and Dividend

I support a carbon tax that funds a guaranteed income for all Maine residents. The carbon tax would raise money from everyone who burns fossil fuel in our state, including the 25 to 37 million visitors to Maine each year. Proceeds would be deposited in a Maine Permanent Fund that would be managed like the Alaska Permanent Fund: for the perpetual benefit of the people of our state. An annual dividend from the Maine Permanent Fund would benefit the 1.5 million full-time residents of Maine.

Carbon Tax

I support a carbon tax that funds a carbon dividend. The dividend would be the same for every resident of Maine, so that lower-income people will receive a net benefit from the carbon tax and dividend. See *Carbon Fee and Dividend*

Charter Schools

I support non-profit public charter schools because I believe they help all schools perform better by providing a place for teachers, students and families to try new things. I do not support for-profit virtual charter schools.

Chemical Pollution

I support policies that protect the health of Mainers from toxic per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), “forever chemicals,” that have contaminated food, water, our homes and environment.

Churches

I support the designation of churches as essential organizations during times of social crisis.

Clean Elections

I support and participate in Maine’s clean election system.

Climate Change

I support more effective efficiency programs combined with a fast and fair transition to electric heating and transportation, powered by clean solar energy, to prevent the pollution that is causing dangerous climate change.

CMP Corridor (New England Clean Energy Connect)

The CMP corridor is a proposed project to connect the Canadian electricity grids and the United States electricity grids via bi-directional high-voltage direct current transmission lines to allow greater utilization of Canadian hydropower resources for both power supply and energy storage. I support making these interconnections, but I believe they should be carefully planned and built to protect our environment and benefit people in Canada and the United States.

On Thursday, August 13, the Maine Supreme Court ruled that a citizens' initiative on the New England Clean Energy Connect could not appear on the November ballot, because the ballot initiative would exceed the scope of the people's legislative powers under the Maine state constitution. I am disappointed that Maine citizens will not have the chance to vote on this ballot initiative this fall, and expect to be involved in crafting legislation on this topic if I am elected.

College Debt Forgiveness

I support a Maine jobs program to allow college graduates to serve their communities, use their education to solve real-world problems, and enjoy the rest of their lives free from college debt.

Conversion Therapy

I support therapy for gender and sexual orientation questions that is effective and promotes well being. Conversion therapy has not been shown to be effective. I support the right of children to receive counseling that is not coercive. I also support the right of parents to seek counseling for their children that accords with their faith and cultural practices, as long as it is not coercive.

Criminal Justice Reform

I support criminal justice reform that reduces the cost of our system, protects public safety, improves outcomes for offenders with mental illness and addiction, and reserves costly prison beds for violent and serious repeat offenders.

Death with Dignity

I support Maine's death with dignity law that allows certain terminally-ill adults to request and receive, after a waiting period, prescription medication to hasten death while under the care of a physician.

Distance Education (Remote Learning)

I support excellence in distance education for many reasons: the COVID-19 pandemic is likely to persist, new health threats are likely to emerge, and students cannot always travel to receive in-person education. Excellent remote learning programs will increase opportunities and make our education system more robust. I support investments in internet connectivity to ensure distance education is available fairly throughout Maine.

Domestic Violence

I support investment in social programs that protect the right of every person to grow up and live in a safe home without fear of being beaten or killed by an abusive parent or partner.

Drinking Water

I support policies that assure that all Mainers have access to safe drinking water, regardless of income.

Education

I support public education starting with all-day preschool to give working class families in particular more opportunities in life.

Energy

I support permanently making Maine's energy more affordable by permanently lowering demand and increasing supply. I support lowering demand by improving and expanding the Efficiency Maine program. I support increasing supply by encouraging investment in solar power sited in Maine.

Equal Rights Amendment

I support a Maine Equal Rights Amendment that states, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the state of Maine on account of sex."

Green New Deal

I support public investment in wealth-building green infrastructure that grows a stronger and more sustainable economy in Maine.

Gun Safety

I support background checks and other laws that improve gun safety.

Health Care

I support excellent healthcare provided by state-licensed medical professionals in private practice at non-profit community clinics and hospitals and made available to everyone in Maine through a public single-payer tax-funded health insurance plan.

Health Insurance

I support a tax-funded single-payer public health insurance plan at the state or national level that covers everyone from birth to death regardless of their employment status, allowing people to access excellent healthcare provided by state-licensed medical professionals in private practice at non-profit community clinics and hospitals.

Hydropower

I support small-scale run-of-river hydropower projects, tidal projects and pumped storage projects that maximize the value of both hydropower and ecosystems in Maine.

Indigenous Nations Relations

I support sharing power fairly and fully with the people who have inherited the tribal rights granted by our predecessors in government when Massachusetts and then Maine became a state on the land that native people were already governing.

Jobs

I support investment in green infrastructure projects, such as solar power plants, electric vehicle charging stations, high-speed Internet networks, recycling and composting facilities, public schools, and community health care clinics and hospitals that create good jobs, grow wealth, and protect health in Maine.

LGBTQIA Equality

I support equal rights for all people regardless of sex, gender or sexual orientation. I do recognize the difficulties raised as newer ideas about gender inclusivity collide with older ideas about freedom of association and freedom of religion, but am committed to working through these issues with humility, good humor and respect for all involved.

Maine Public Employees Retirement System

I support fully funding the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to ensure that retirees can count on income to stay in their homes and maintain a decent quality of life after a career of public service.

Maine State Bank

I support a Maine state bank to improve the efficiency of the state government, reduce fraud, and ensure that everyone in Maine can effectively participate in our economy.

Minimum Wage

I support fair minimum wage and hour regulations to ensure vulnerable workers are not exploited and small businesses can afford to hire workers. I support indexing future raises in the minimum wage to inflation.

Natural Gas

I support a phase-out of natural gas for heating and transportation, to be replaced by passive solar building design, electric heat pumps, and electric vehicles powered by solar energy produced in Maine. Natural gas power plants are a bridge to a clean energy future, but natural gas heating and transportation systems are piers into an ocean of climate change.

New England Clean Energy Connect

See “CMP Corridor”

Organic Farms

I support “buy organic” programs to sustain Maine farm and food businesses that are protecting our environment and promoting public health.

Peaceful Protest

I support the right of people in Maine to assemble in peaceful protest, as guaranteed by Article 1, Section 15 of the Constitution of Maine, which states, “The people have a right at all times in an orderly and peaceable manner to assemble to consult upon the common good, to give instructions to their representatives, and to request, of either department of the government by petition or remonstrance, redress of their wrongs and grievances.”

Physician-assisted Suicide

I support Maine’s death with dignity law. See “Death with Dignity.”

Police

I support policing policies that promote restorative justice, increase the opportunities for police to serve rather than control communities, reduce the risk of violence or death in police encounters, defuse social tensions, and allow mental health matters to be handled by trained social workers as quickly and often as possible.

Poverty

I support universal health insurance to eliminate bankruptcies due to medical bills, and a guaranteed basic income to eliminate extreme poverty in Maine.

Ranked Choice Voting

I support ranked choice voting, but I prefer inclusive choice voting. I do not condone exclusive choice voting for any election in Maine.

There are three main ways to conduct elections:

1. Exclusive choice voting
2. Ranked choice voting
3. Inclusive choice voting

Exclusive choice voting forces voters to vote *for* only one candidate and implicitly *against* all others, even if their true preference is "anyone but Fred" (just as an example). Because exclusive choice voting creates many problems, most perniciously the "split the vote" problem, we should cease using this method for any elections at any level in Maine. Unfortunately, by tradition, almost all elections in Maine are held by exclusive choice voting.

Ranked choice voting requires voters to *rank* their candidates in order of preference. This solves many problems, but creates additional ones. Most seriously, ranked choice voting is not allowed under the Maine constitution for electing our Governor or state Legislators because it forces a majority decision and does not decide an election by plurality as our state constitution requires for the office of Governor and state Legislator.

Ranked choice voting (which is sometimes called "instant run-off voting") also requires a new method of counting ballots—twice in some circumstances. Many people think this aspect of Maine's ranked choice voting law violates the "one person, one vote" ideal. In an election where no candidate receives a majority in the first round, the results are delayed while the 2nd, 3rd, etc. choices are counted on some ballots until a majority is achieved. For all of these reasons, even though it is an improvement over exclusive choice voting, I believe that ranked choice voting is not the best method for Maine.

Inclusive choice voting solves the split the vote problem and allows people to vote how they want. All of our current voting machines can be used for inclusive choice voting (we can already vote "for" or "against" ballot measures; we'd vote "for" or "against" candidates, too). Inclusive choice voting is allowed under the Maine constitution for all elections.

Inclusive choice voting (which is sometimes called "approval voting") allows you to vote just the way you always have: you can vote *exclusively* "for" only one candidate and "against" all the others. But you can also vote *inclusively* for candidates. You can vote "against" only one candidate, and "for" all the others. The candidate with the most "for" votes wins, whether a plurality or a majority.

With inclusive choice voting, there is no need to count ballots twice, so it satisfies the "one person, one vote" principle. There is no risk in splitting your vote if you can't choose between

two good candidates. You can vote "for" both of them. Since votes only need to be counted once, the results of an inclusive choice election are known as soon as that's done.

I believe we should use **inclusive choice voting** in Maine for *all* elections.

Recycling

I support greater investment in recycling infrastructure so Maine can build wealth with more facilities that efficiently, quickly and safely return all recyclable materials, including glass, to productive use here in our state.

Sanctuary Cities

I support the right of citizens of cities and towns to limit the extent of their cooperation with federal immigration enforcement agents in order to protect their tax-paying friends and neighbors from deportation for minor violations of federal immigration law that pose no threat to public health or safety, such as overstaying visas or obtaining paid employment while awaiting a decision on asylum.

School Funding

I support a state budget that covers 55% of the cost of public education in Maine, meeting the requirement established by citizen referendum. I believe we can achieve this by prioritizing funding for public education as the first spending bill the House considers each session. I support raising the estate tax and other taxes if necessary to achieve the 55% state funding level for schools in every state budget, because this reduces pressure on local property taxes.

Scope of Medical Practice

I support policies that protect patient safety, expand access to quality health care services, decrease the regulatory burden on physicians, align clinical practice laws with current practice (especially regarding physician assistants and nurse practitioners), and allow for accurate collection of quality metrics tied to patient outcomes.

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Discrimination

I support requiring all businesses that provide services to the public to do so on an equal basis regardless of the customer's sexual orientation or gender identity.

Small Business

I support streamlining regulations, reducing energy costs and guaranteeing universal healthcare to help small businesses start and grow in Maine.

Solar Power

I support a Maine solar fund for energy projects, including solar gardens and solar farms, to make solar power more available and more affordable for everyone.

Taxes

I support progressive taxation, so wealthier people pay higher tax rates than poorer people. I favor lowering income taxes and raising estate taxes and capital gains taxes. I also favor progressive sales and wealth taxes. I believe Maine should conduct a more thorough study of how a value added tax might be implemented in our state to improve the efficiency of our tax collection system.

Teacher Salaries

I support the ramp to a \$40,000 minimum annual salary for public school teachers in Maine.

Transgender Athletes

I support both the right of transgender athletes to compete and event organizers to exclude sexes, such as a womens race to include only female people and exclude male and intersex people regardless of their gender expression. I understand this position raises difficult questions that defy satisfying resolution, because the biological sex of humans is not entirely binary and is likely to become less so as medical procedures are developed that allow people to more fully transition from one sex to another.

Transportation

I support a fast and fair transition to electric self-driving vehicles powered by solar energy produced in Maine to improve air quality and sustain economic growth.

Unions

I support the right of workers, including public employees, to organize to demand fair wages, good benefits and healthy working conditions.

Vaccinations

I understand that vaccines save lives: vaccines approved for public use are extremely effective and safe on a population basis. I support requiring approved vaccines for public school attendance, with limited exemptions for medical conditions that do not allow vaccination. I

support allowing private schools and private daycare providers to not require vaccines for attendance, as long they establish and follow effective health measures, following guidance from the Maine Centers for Disease Control and other public health agencies, to prevent transmission of communicable diseases. Under no circumstances should Maine force people to be vaccinated against their will. Parents should always have the option to keep their children out of public school and unvaccinated if they so choose.

Wind Power

I support research and development for deep-water wind projects off the coast of Maine. I also support thorough environmental review for every wind project; none should be “fast-tracked” to bypass local opposition to siting, noise, visual impact, road construction and other valid concerns.

Your Government

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Town of Brunswick and Local Government

- **Town of Brunswick** provides local government services.
www.brunswickme.org
www.facebook.com/pages/Town-of-Brunswick/138214059559022

- **Brunswick Police Department** preserves the peace, enforces laws, and protects rights and property in Brunswick.
www.brunswickme.org/245/Police
www.facebook.com/BrunswickPD
- **Brunswick Fire Department** provides fire suppression and emergency medical services from two stations in Brunswick.
www.brunswickme.org/169/Fire
www.facebook.com/Brunswick-Maine-Fire-Department-177694306021743
- **Brunswick Public Works Department** maintains roads, sidewalks, and storm water drains, and manages snow plowing, the Graham Road landfill, and curbside collection of residential trash and recycling.
www.brunswickme.org/261/Public-Works
www.facebook.com/Brunswick-Public-Works-123779628847
- **Brunswick Parks and Recreation** department maintains and manages 42 parks, facilities and public spaces in Brunswick, and administers approximately 100 programs and events annually.
www.brunswickme.org/191/Parks-Recreation
www.facebook.com/BrunswickParksandRecreation
- The **Human Services department of the Town of Brunswick** handles applications for General Assistance for those who cannot pay for their basic necessities.
www.brunswickme.org/190/Human-Services
No Facebook presence
- The **Brunswick-Topsham Water District** provides water for drinking and fire protection in Brunswick and Topsham.
www.btwater.org
www.facebook.com/Brunswick-Topsham-Water-District-142336607702
- The **Brunswick Sewer District** is a quasi-municipal corporation for the collection and treatment of wastewater in Brunswick.
www.brunswicksewer.org
www.facebook.com/brunswicksewer

County of Cumberland

- **Cumberland County Sheriff's Department** preserves the peace, enforces the law, and protects rights and property in Cumberland County.
www.cumberlandso.org
www.facebook.com/cumberlandcountysoc

State of Maine

- Maine.gov's **Citizen Alert System** informs the public about events that may impact public health or safety in Maine.
www.maine.gov/portal/CAS/
No Facebook presence
- **My Maine Connection** is an online connection to Food Supplement, Health Care, Cash Assistance or to apply for Maine's Child Care Subsidy.
www.maine.gov/benefits/account/login.html
No Facebook presence
- **Governor Janet T. Mills** leads the executive branch of Maine's state government.
www.maine.gov/governor/mills
www.facebook.com/GovernorJanetMills
- **Maine Centers for Disease Control (CDC)** provides leadership, expertise, information and tools to assure all Maine people can be healthy.
www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc
www.facebook.com/MaineCDC
- The Maine **Department of Health and Human Services** provides health care and social services to approximately a third of the state's population, including children, families, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities, mental illness and substance use disorders. The Department also promotes public health through the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, operates two state psychiatric hospitals, and provides oversight to health care providers through the licensing division.
www.maine.gov/dhhs
www.facebook.com/mainedhhs
- Maine's **state courts** resolve civil and criminal complaints and disputes.
www.courts.maine.gov
No Facebook presence
- The **Legislature of Maine** exercises the power to make laws, levy taxes and authorize expenditures for the state of Maine.
legislature.maine.gov
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