

Getting to Know the Candidates for Addison County State's Attorney

The ACLU of Vermont contacted each candidate for state's attorney in June 2022 and asked about their views and policy intentions through a series of county-specific questions. Candidates who did not respond to the survey or refused to give a yes or no answer to a question are noted as "refused to respond."

Tim Lueders-Dumont	THE ISSUES	Eva P. Vekos
YES	<p>ECONOMIC JUSTICE</p> <p>Old criminal records and fine-based license suspensions hurt low-income communities by preventing them from accessing work, education, healthcare, and supporting their families. Will you institute traffic fine forgiveness and record expungement clinics in the next year?</p>	YES
REFUSED TO RESPOND	<p>POLICY DISCOURAGING RACIAL PROFILING</p> <p>Black people in Vermont are more likely to be stopped and searched by police, but less likely to be found with contraband, because some police officers use pretextual reasons to perform stops based on racial bias. As a prosecutor, will you discourage racial profiling by presumptively declining to prosecute cases based on pretextual stops?</p>	NO
REFUSED TO RESPOND	<p>POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY</p> <p>Will you actively track and reject the cases of police offices with histories of lying, racism, or bias?</p>	YES
REFUSED TO RESPOND	<p>TRANSPARENCY</p> <p>Will you track and publish data on your office's work by race, gender, and similar innate characteristics?</p>	YES
REFUSED TO RESPOND	<p>DE-FELONIZING DRUG POSSESSION</p> <p>Will you exercise discretion to reduce penalties for low-level drug possession?</p>	YES



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Addison County's state's attorney candidates provided supplemental responses to our survey. Learn more at acluvt.org.

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