

# Getting to Know the Candidates for Franklin 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."

John Lavoie	THE ISSUES	Zack Weight
YES	<p><b>ECONOMIC JUSTICE</b></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
YES	<p><b>YOUTH JUSTICE</b></p> <p>Children make mistakes and can learn from them. Will you decline to prosecute children for typical childhood behavior such as disorderly conduct, fighting, smoking marijuana, and other low-level infractions, and instead refer them to restorative justice?</p>	YES
YES	<p><b>POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY</b></p> <p>Will you actively track and reject the cases of police officers with histories of lying, racism, or bias?</p>	YES
YES	<p><b>TRANSPARENCY</b></p> <p>Will you track and publish data on your office's work by race, gender, and similar innate characteristics?</p>	YES
YES	<p><b>DE-FELONIZING DRUG POSSESSION</b></p> <p>Will you exercise discretion to reduce penalties for low-level drug possession?</p>	NO



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