

LT. GOVERNOR ZUCKERMAN NEWSLETTER

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Happy 2018! Tomorrow the legislature reconvenes, and I will be presiding over the Senate for my second year. It is a great honor and privilege to serve as Lt. Governor and to work with you to ensure our beautiful state serves the needs of all who live here.

Last January, like many of you, I experienced the power and energy of the Women's March in Montpelier. Throughout the year I have traveled to all corners of Vermont to emphasize and promote citizen participation as essential to a functional and successful democracy. At each event I've encouraged attendees to start by budgeting 15 minutes, or more, each week for democracy. Our collective power is great! This summer we saw an outpouring of support for the Affordable Care Act, which was instrumental in saving that important public health benefit.

IN 2017 THE LT. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE:

- Received 183 invitations to events
- Replied to over 1,150 constituent messages
- Produced 10 monthly newsletters
- Added 1,379 new email subscribers
- Hosted 18 'Coffee with Constituents' events

In 2018, I am adding opportunities to engage with Vermonters and help amplify your voice here in Montpelier. This summer we created '**A Citizen Guide to Political Activism.**' In it you will find information on how the State House works, connecting with your legislators, and additional resources to help you participate in our democracy. Please call or email my office to receive a copy.

In addition to continuing to open the office every Friday morning for 'Coffee with Constituents,' I will be hosting 'Lunchtime Town Hall' live on Facebook every Wednesday. I have also organized a monthly Lt. Governor's Movie Series. You can find out more about these events on the back.

I wish you and your family a healthy, peaceful, and engaged New Year. Looking forward to seeing you in Montpelier or as I travel the state.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Friday 8:30-10:00AM

'Coffee with Constituents' All are welcome to join the Lt. Governor for coffee or tea in his office at the State House.

January 3

10:00AM - Legislature Reconvenes

10:30AM - Presentation of Senate Sexual Harassment Policy. Senate Chamber

January 4

7:00AM - Live radio with Charlie, Ernie & Lisa.

WVMT 620AM

12:00PM - Live on Common Sense Radio.

WDEV 96.1FM or 550AM

2:00PM - State of the State Address. House Chamber

January 8

12:15PM - Montpelier Rotary. Capitol Plaza, Montpelier

5:30PM - 'Open Sesame: The Story of Seeds' Screening. Montshire Museum, Norwich

January 9 10AM - 7PM

Cannabis in the Capitol Advocacy & Education Day

January 10 12:00PM

'Lunchtime Town Hall with Lt. Gov. Zuckerman and Guests' Live on Facebook VTLtGov

January 15 MLK Day

1-4PM - Putting Nonviolent Power into Action.

Grace Congregational Church, 6 Court Street, Rutland

For a complete list of events please visit our website:
www.LTGov.vermont.gov

'COFFEE WITH CONSTITUENTS'

This is one of my favorite events. **Every Friday from 8:30-10AM**, I open the doors of the office for conversation. The topics vary depending on the interest of attendees and can range from how to talk to your legislator, to a new idea for economic justice, to hobbies and the things that draw people to Vermont. For many this was the first stop during a day of activism. Whether you like coffee or tea, all are welcome, and no reservation is required.

'LUNCHTIME TOWN HALL'

On Wednesday, January 10th I will launch '*Lunchtime Town Hall with Lt. Governor Zuckerman and Guests.*' **This conversation will be live on my Facebook page (VTLtGov) at noon every Wednesday.** Recordings will be posted on my website for those who miss it. You will be able to ask questions before or during the event via Facebook. Topics will vary but will focus on current issues being discussed in Montpelier. On January 10th I will be broadcasting live from the Vermont Homelessness Awareness Vigil on the State House steps then head inside to review the upcoming session with Senators from all three major political parties. If you have a topic of interest or would like to be (or suggest) a guest, please email megan.polyte@vermont.gov.

LT. GOVERNOR MONTHLY MOVIE SERIES

In 2017, I partnered with the Sierra Club for a State House screening and panel discussion of *The Merchants of Doubt*. The event attracted over 60 community members and legislators and was highly regarded by all so I'm making it a monthly event. **Please join me:**

Jan. 25 – 13th. *Focus:* Criminal Justice, racism. In this thought-provoking documentary, scholars, activists and politicians analyze the criminalization of African Americans and the U.S. prison boom.

Feb. 22 – [Made in Dagenham](#) – *Focus:* Labor, women, equal pay. A dramatization of the 1968 strike at the Ford Dagenham car plant, where female workers walked out in protest against sexual discrimination.

March 22 - [From the Ashes](#) – *Focus:* Environment, carbon, coal. A compelling look at the lives and issues behind "the war on coal."

April 26 – [Awake: A dream from Standing Rock](#). *Focus:* Native American/Indigenous Peoples, environment, water, organizing. The Water Protectors at Standing Rock captured world attention through their peaceful resistance. This movie captures the story of Native-led defiance that forever changed the fight for clean water, our environment and the future of our planet.

Movies are shown in the State House Cafeteria. Arrive at 5:30 for pizza and salad. Movies will start a little before 6 and be followed by a panel and attendee discussion. Free and open to the public.