

VOTE LAFORTUNE FOR STATE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE

I'm a Green Party candidate in the upcoming special election to fill the House of Representative seat vacated by Marie Laverriere Boucher. I'm a lifelong resident of the City of Biddeford. I operated by own business in this community for over 25 years and I'm not new to politics. There are many issues that must be taken up by the Legislature, ie., health care, education, prescription drugs, health and home care for the elderly, Medicaid/Medicare, affordable housing, property taxes, living wage jobs, new sources of energy, cleaning of our lakes and rivers and the economy.

I'm running on the Green Independent Party because I'm tired of the two major parties playing games in Augusta with people's lives ... paying more attention to special-interest lobbyists than to the needs of their constituents. No wonder the majority of Mainers have given up on the electoral process. Ask any Mainer what the State legislature has done to improve their life ... ever! Dollars to donuts you'll get a blank stare. Most Mainers may not know it, but our State is ranked forty-eighth (48th) in poverty... only Alabama and Mississippi are lower than us. That tells you something about the quality of political commitment that exists at virtually all levels of government – but especially at the State level.

As a businesswoman, I'd like to focus right now on small businesses and taxes. I'm not against corporations - we have many small businesses in Biddeford and throughout Maine - that are corporations. Owners of these corporations hire local people. But if the trend continues to tax these small businesses out of business, people will be out of jobs. Approximately 300 people in Biddeford recently lost their jobs with the closing of Biddeford Textile. These jobs went overseas. Is there a fair playing field with these jobs being taken away from our workers, our people? What can be done to keep jobs here in Biddeford, and throughout the State of Maine? Taxes play an important part in keeping jobs in Maine -- and keeping the economy going. I will not vote for any new tax proposals.

Why am I different? I'm not beholden to the big special interest guys, I won't be bought. My alliance is with an independent party and the people of District 18 (wards 2, 3, 4, 5, 6). I'm not afraid to be your voice - I'm one of you, one of the voices that hasn't been heard. I look forward to working with the Democrats and Republicans with my own independent mind and will work to get what our District needs. I ask for your support and your vote on February 3rd. You have that right - don't lose that one too!

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