

Form **990-EZ**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Short Form**
Return of Organization Exempt From Income TaxUnder section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except private foundations)

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 7/01, 2016, and ending 6/30, 2017	
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C CAMPAIGN FOR VERMONT PROSPERITY, INC. PO BOX 65081 BURLINGTON, VT 05406
D Employer identification number 45-3367765	
E Telephone number 802-760-1228	
F Group Exemption Number. ▶	
G Accounting Method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual Other (specify) ▶	
H Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).	
I Website: ▶ WWW.CAMPAIGNFORVERMONT.ORG	
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (4) ◀(insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 42,272.	

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)	
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
REVENUE	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received. 1 42,272.
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts. 2
	3 Membership dues and assessments. 3
	4 Investment income. 4
	5 a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory. 5 a
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses. 5 b
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a). 5 c
	6 Gaming and fundraising events
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000). 6 a
EXPENSES	b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000). 6 b
	c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events. 6 c
	d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c). 6 d
	7 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances. 7 a
	b Less: cost of goods sold. 7 b
	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a). 7 c
	8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O). 8
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8. 9 42,272.	
ASSETS	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O). 10
	11 Benefits paid to or for members. 11
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits. 12 36,965.
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors. 13 20,901.
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance. 14
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping. 15
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O). SEE SCHEDULE O 16 9,326.
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16. 17 67,192.
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9). 18 -24,920.	
NET ASSETS	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return). 19 25,591.
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O). 20
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20. 21 671.

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Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II. ☒

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	22, 970.	22 1, 501.
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O) SEE SCHEDULE O	2, 743.	24 1, 772.
25 Total assets	25, 713.	25 3, 273.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) SEE SCHEDULE O	122.	26 2, 602.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	25, 591.	27 671.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III. ☒

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? SEE SCHEDULE O

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

28 SEE SCHEDULE O		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28 a	42, 473.
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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29 a	
30		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30 a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31 a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	42, 473.

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV. ☐

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
TOM PELHAM TREAS. (FORMER)	0	0.	0.	0.
BENJAMIN KINSLEY EXECUTIVE DIR.	40	13, 477.	298.	0.
ED MORROW DIRECTOR	1	0.	0.	0.
EDWARD ZUCCARO DIRECTOR	1	0.	0.	0.
JOHN POWELL DIRECTOR	1	0.	0.	0.
LOUISE MCCARREN CHAIR	1	0.	0.	0.
STEFANIE PIGEON DIRECTOR	1	0.	0.	0.
MARY EVSLIN TREASURER	1	0.	0.	0.
STEVE WILK DIRECTOR	1	0.	0.	0.
GEORGE CLAIN DIRECTOR	1	0.	0.	0.
CHRISTINA DEGRAFF-MURPHY DIRECTOR	1	0.	0.	0.

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V. ☐

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O.	33	X
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34	X
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a	X
b If 'Yes,' to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b	
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III	35c	X
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If 'Yes,' complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0.		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	X
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a	X
b If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved.	38b N/A	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a N/A	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b N/A	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: N/A section 4911 ▶ N/A; section 4912 ▶ N/A; section 4955 ▶ N/A		
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	X
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958. ▶ 0.		
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization	0.	
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If 'Yes,' complete Form 8886-T.	40e	X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ NONE		

42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ BENJAMIN KINSLEY Telephone no. ▶ 802-760-1228
Located at ▶ PO BOX 65081 BURLINGTON VT ZIP + 4 ▶ 05602

	Yes	No
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b	X
If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____		
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States?	42c	X
If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____		

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041** — Check here ☐ N/A
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year. ▶ **43** N/A

	Yes	No
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	X
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	X
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	X
d If 'Yes' to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O.	44d	
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	X
b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b	X

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I.

	Yes	No
46		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI. ☐

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II.

	Yes	No
47		

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E.

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49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

49a		
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b If 'Yes,' was the related organization a section 527 organization?

49b		
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50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A.

▶ ☐ Yes ☐ No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer		Date		
	LOUISE MCCARREN		CHAIR		
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	MICHAEL L. SEGALE, CPA				P00199835
	Firm's name ▶ FOTHERGILL SEGALE & VALLEY, CPAS				Firm's EIN ▶ 03-0300841
	Firm's address ▶ 143 BARRE STREET MONTPELIER, VT 05602				Phone no. (802) 223-6261

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ ☒ Yes ☐ No

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

► **Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.**
► Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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2016

Name of the organization

CAMPAIGN FOR VERMONT PROSPERITY, INC.

Employer identification number

45-3367765

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

Section:

☒ 501(c)(4) (enter number) organization

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☐ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

☒ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33-1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ► \$ _____

Caution. An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer 'No' on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2016)

Name of organization

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CAMPAIGN FOR VERMONT PROSPERITY, INC.

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) Number	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	JOHN ABELE PO BOX 309 SHELBURNE, VT 05482	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	EDWARD DEEDS 1028 CONVERSE BAY ROAD CHARLOTTE, VT 05445	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	LOUISE MCCARREN 499 POPPLE DUNGEON RD CHARLOTTE, VT 05445	\$ 8,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part II

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
	N/A		
		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$	

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2016)

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Part III ***Exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor.** Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of **\$1,000 or less** for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) **\$** _____ **N/A**
 Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
-----	N/A		
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee

	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee

	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee

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	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee

	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16
OTHER EXPENSES

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION.....	\$	4,364.
BANK SERVICE CHARGE.....		307.
CREDIT CARD PROCESSING.....		476.
DEPRECIATION.....		971.
OFFICE EXPENSES.....		2,053.
TRAVEL.....		1,155.
TOTAL	\$	9,326.

FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24
OTHER ASSETS

	<u>BEGINNING</u>	<u>ENDING</u>
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.....	\$ 1,510.	\$ 980.
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT.....	1,233.	792.
TOTAL	\$ 2,743.	\$ 1,772.

FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26
TOTAL LIABILITIES

	<u>BEGINNING</u>	<u>ENDING</u>
CREDIT CARD PAYABLE.....	\$ 0.	\$ 1,685.
PAYROLL TAX LIABILITIES.....	122.	917.
TOTAL	\$ 122.	\$ 2,602.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III - ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE

OUR PURPOSE IS TO ESTABLISH A CIVIC ORGANIZATION TO PROMOTE THE COMMON GOOD OF THE STATE OF VERMONT, FOCUSING ON SOUND PUBLIC POLICIES TO FOSTER A STRONG ECONOMY AND PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE OF THE STATE, AND ALL THE OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28 - STATEMENT OF PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PROVIDING PUBLIC EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AROUND PRESENT AND FUTURE ECONOMIC, TAX AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT POLICIES IN VERMONT IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, THROUGH CONFERENCES, WEB SITE RESOURCES, MARKETING, NEWSPAPER OPINION PIECES, RADIO ADVERTISING, AND IN-PERSON MEETINGS AROUND THE STATE. THESE ACTIVITIES WILL FURTHER THE ORGANIZATION'S EXEMPT PURPOSES BY ENABLING VERMONTERS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND CURRENT POLICIES AND GRASP THE NEED TO WORK FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND CHANGES TO THESE POLICIES, RESULTING IN A STRONGER STATE ECONOMY AND IMPROVED PUBLIC WELFARE FOR VERMONT AND VERMONT RESIDENTS.