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What You Need to Know Before You Vote!

Early voting begins on September 21, 2020, 45 days ahead of the general election on Tuesday, **November 3, 2020**. In a regular election year voters would be able to either request a mail in ballot, referred to as an "absentee ballot," or walk in to your local polling location either on or before election day.

We all know that this election year is different. Just about everyone has heard that due to COVID-19, we'll all receive mail-in ballots. But few people truly understand what that means.

This year in Vermont, everyone will receive a mail-in ballot. It is important to understand that you do NOT need to vote as soon as your ballot arrives, or even to vote by mail. Polls will be open on November 3 and you can vote in person if you wish. Many voters believe because they will automatically receive a mail-in ballot, they are required to vote by mail. That is not the case.

Bullet voting —

you don't have to vote for multiple candidates

On a typical ballot, for some offices, you may only vote for one candidate. In other races like multi-seat Senate or House districts the ballot will indicate the maximum number of candidates you can vote for. The ballot will read, "Vote for not more than 2" or even "Vote for not more than 3, etc."

Often, voters take this as a mandate and obediently fill in all the allowed ovals, even if there are only one or two candidates they really like.

Here's what you need to know: Just because the ballot tells you to vote for no more than three, that doesn't mean you must vote for three candidates.

You can even vote for just one candidate if you want. You may also write in a candidate or vote for no one in a race. This does not invalidate your ballot and can be very effective in getting your preferred candidate elected.

Most Important of All

In any case, it is more important than ever before that pro-life Vermonters find out where the candidates stand on life issues BEFORE casting their votes. The Vermont Right to Life Political Committee will be emailing voter guides as well as mailing voter guides - and the Political Committee may also be calling with updates as the information pertinent to races in your House and Senate districts becomes available. Feel free to call or email us at 802-229-4885 or vrhc@vrhc.net if you need the information we have earlier. Best of all, be sure the VRHC office has your updated email address!

**Shannara Johnson, of Morristown, contributed many of the voting facts in this article.*

A Nurse's Voice for Life!



Miriam Berry, Candidate for U.S. Congress

Vermont pro-lifers are fortunate to have a pro-life candidate to support in the race for the lone seat in the US Congress currently held by Peter Welch.

Miriam Berry, of Essex, started in health care as a nursing assistant, put herself through LPN school and then earned her RN. As she points out on her web site, she has worked rehab and acute care, but her passion is geriatric care.

Miriam stepped forward to place her name on the Republican primary ballot because she felt called to do so. Ultimately, Berry came in first in the primary, garnering an unexpected 15,000 votes!

The Vermont Right to Life Political Committee encourages pro-lifers to cast their vote for Miriam Berry on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

You can find out more about Miriam by visiting her website: www.berry2020.net.

Incumbent Peter Welch has a 100% pro-abortion voting record and is a staunch supporter of Planned Parenthood. In fact, he was awarded their Choice Champion Award in 2015 for his work on behalf of Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in the state of Vermont, the United States of America, and in the world.

See inside for your copy of the Vermont Right to Life Political Committee Pro-Life Voter Guide
Vote Pro-Life ~ Tuesday, November 3, 2020

The Miracle of Vermont's Micro-Preemies

From the Desk of the Executive Director:

Mary Hahn Beerworth



It was exciting to read the recent online account of the triplets who survived their premature delivery thanks to the care they received by a team of dozens of medical personnel at the UVM Medical Center in Burlington, Vermont.*

The babies were born at around 22 weeks, 6 days gestation. One of the babies weighed 1.47 pounds at delivery and the other two weighed 1.08 pounds.

The prognosis for the babies was precarious to say the least. But, according to the article, both parents told the medical team, "Do *everything* you can to save them."

A UVM MC neonatologist commented that, "We've perfected our team approach to an optimal system of care starting with maternal-fetal medicine during the pregnancy and delivery, and continuing to the NICU where respiratory therapists, nurse practitioners and nurses all work together to provide round-the-clock care."

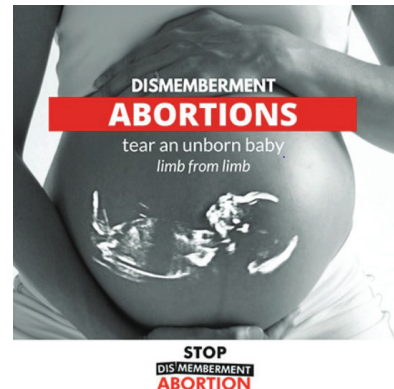
One physician on the care team expressed it this way in the article: "It really is amazing, because you can learn about the number of premature infants that survive, but really experiencing it with the parents and seeing the joys in their faces, and the kids too, it's just magnificent."

One of triplets was born at the end of December 28, 2019 and the other two on January 2, 2020. After four months of care, all 3 babies went home "babbling, cooing, laughing, smiling and rolling over."

Sadly, some unborn babies are aborted at the UVM MC are the very same age as these micro-preemies that were born and cared for.

For some unborn babies at UVM MC there will be no team of care providers, no nurses and doctors working around the clock, no help with breathing, no human touch – only the abortionist's tools and death.

*https://vtdigger.org/sponsored_content/uvm-miracle-micro-preemie-triplets-overcome-the-odds/



Do premature babies survive?

The chance of survival for premature babies: A full-term pregnancy is said to last between 37 and 42 weeks. Two thirds of babies born at 24 weeks gestation who are admitted to a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) will survive to go home. Ninety eight percent of babies born at 30 weeks gestation will survive. (August 2014)

www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/

Eyes Wide Open...

Director of Outreach and Advocacy/Lobbyist

Maggie Kerrin



I walked into the Vermont Right to Life office two years ago, pro-life, but knowing little about the horrific realities of abortion and even less about our legislative system and how our local government operates. Two years later, eyes wide open.

I wish I could say that it has all been a positive experience. I wish I could tell you that yes, your legislators are working

hard to make Vermont a better place for all Vermonters. I wish I could tell you how proud I was of all of them at the end of a long day of listening to them in committee meetings and floor hearings under the golden dome. I am proud of some. I wish I could say that everything you hear in the media regarding legislative events are true. But unfortunately, unless you're tapping into Guy Page's Vermont Daily, or some of the few other conservative media producing news today that are bringing truth to the pages of their reporting, you are likely not hearing the full non-biased truth. (Check out <https://vermontdailychronicle.com/> / email to subscribe at <https://vermontdailychronicle.com>)

The 2019 legislative session passed H.57 (now Act 47); a right to an abortion at any time throughout pregnancy, for any reason, or for no reason at all. Proposal 5 now waits in the wings for the next legislative biennium (2021-2022) for another vote from both the House and the Senate before going to Vermont voters to determine if that same legal right to unregulated and unrestricted abortion should be "enshrined" in our Vermont Constitution.

The 2020 legislative session took first strides out of the gate in January, on the first day of House Judiciary committee meetings, to promote the legalization of prostitution. This action, if passed, would almost certainly increase abortion rates throughout Vermont.

I tell people, watching our government in action is like watching a horror film that never ends. There are few happy endings. There is lots of destruction. I hope for a change, in future. I hope to feel pride in our state leaders and the actions that occur in the Statehouse – the people's house.

ACTION ALERT: What can you do?

PLEASE VOTE! It has never been more critical that ALL Vermonters rise and say, "Enough is Enough. This is not who we are! And this is not what we want Vermont to be!"

Polls are open on voting day! If you are not currently registered to vote, you can register on voting day. Go to the polls. Make sure your vote is placed, by you, in the ballot box. Make sure your vote gets counted!

We are all in this together. Let's bring dignity back to the Statehouse; OUR HOUSE. Your vote can make all the difference. Thank you!

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Margaret Sanger, Eugenics and Vermont's Dark Past

Press Memo - July - 2020

The Vermont Right to Life Committee calls upon Planned Parenthood of Vermont to join with Planned Parenthood of Greater New York in denouncing their founder, Margaret Sanger, for her active involvement in eugenics.



On July 16, 2020, the Planned Parenthood Vermont Action Fund released a statement declaring that “racial justice, gender equity and access to abortion should be key components of reproductive rights.” The organization has also publicly supported the Black Lives Matter movement, including the defunding of police.

“Despite their current rhetoric, Planned Parenthood of Vermont has never publicly distanced themselves from the eugenic beliefs of their organization’s founder, Margaret Sanger,” stated Mary Hahn Beerworth, Executive Director, VRLC. “In Vermont, Planned Parenthood exerted their political dominance in our State House as they pushed through Act 47 and Proposal 5, to protect their abortion business, allowing for abortion up to birth with no regulations. Planned Parenthood also secured additional state tax-payer monies in 2019,” continued Beerworth. “Vermonters should be concerned that an organization that has yet to denounce its eugenic past is expanding its reach in our state once again.”

Sanger’s Vermont Connection:

Margaret Sanger was not only heavily involved in promoting the eugenics movement that swept the nation in the early 1900’s, but was connected to the Eugenics Survey here in Vermont as well. Sanger joined those calling for the targeting of the poorest families for “voluntary sterilization.” In Sanger’s own book, *The Pivot of Civilization*, she referred to some people as “inferior classes” and used derogatory terms to define them: “fit” or “unfit,” “the feeble-minded and the mentally defective.” Sanger writes about the possibility that “drastic and Spartan methods may be forced upon American society...” to limit the “over-fertility” of these inferior classes. Sanger’s association with the Ku Klux Klan is well-documented. (p 25)

Margaret Sanger’s involvement in Vermont’s Eugenic Survey was unique. Sanger was in direct contact with Henry Perkins, the pro-eugenics professor of zoology at the University of Vermont. Under the guise of the Vermont Commission on Country Life, social workers under the guidance of Perkins targeted poor families for extinction by sterilization. In Vermont, the victims of the program were often

of Abenaki descent. After gathering enough “evidence”, social workers were allowed to commit members of a family to various state institutions such as the Brandon Reform School, Homes for Unfit Mothers, or jail. Once those institutions were filled, their victims were offered “voluntary sterilization” as condition of their release. The program’s promoters referred to sterilization as a “treatment” ostensibly for the disease of their defective genes. (*Breeding Better Vermonters, the Eugenics Project in the Green Mountain State.*)

The so-called science behind eugenics was eventually exposed as false and the whole concept of eugenics fell out of favor as the horrors of Nazi concentration camps came to light. Public opinion grew increasingly hostile to the notion of eugenics and eventually those involved, both nationally and locally, quietly folded up and dissolved their organizations.

Ultimately, it was at Perkins’ personal urging of the members of the American Eugenics Survey (AES) that the board allowed Margaret Sanger and her organization to become the future of eugenics. From the book, *Breeding Better Vermonters, the Eugenics Project in the Green Mountain State*, author Nancy L. Gallagher states, “Only after much deliberation and at Perkins’ urging, did they (AES) agree to collaborate with the Birth Control League, the predecessor of Planned Parenthood.” (p 131-132). Gallagher is one of the UVM researchers who discovered Perkins’ records in the library attic. UVM has since dedicated a website to the discovery of what those records contain.

In June of 2019, Tom Sullivan, then President of the University of Vermont, issued a formal apology for UVM’s involvement in the eugenics survey.

“The Vermont legislature is considering a resolution that would officially apologize for the state-sanctioned involvement in eugenics (J.R. H 7), yet Planned Parenthood of Vermont continues to celebrate Margaret Sanger and has not denounced her participation in eugenics,” stated Mary Hahn Beerworth, Executive Director of VRLC, noting:

- Planned Parenthood of Northern New England Treasurer Steven W. Sinding (former Director General of International Planned Parenthood with a specialty in Population Control) was quoted by the New York Times in 2002 as saying that he “wants to rekindle the fire of the federation’s founders in 1952, among them family-planning pioneers like Margaret Sanger.”
- As recently as 2007, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England (PPNNE) launched a fundraising project and donors who give \$1,000 or more would become

members of the Sanger Society. The following is a line from PPNNE’s 2007 Annual Report “and thus was launched our new Sanger Society of donors making annual gifts of \$1,000 or more.”

- Nationally, the Planned Parenthood Federation of America bestowed their highest honor, the “Margaret Sanger Award,” to such grateful recipients as Hillary Clinton and Nancy Pelosi.

While Planned Parenthood continues to face criticism for their past, current accusations of “systemic racism” are coming from within the organization. Over 300 staffers at Planned Parenthood’s largest affiliate in New York signed a letter of complaint against CEO Laura McQuade demanding her immediate removal:

The letter of complaint is thorough and extensive, but below is a paragraph from the section entitled: ***Racism and Weaponizing of the Work of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Against Staff:***

“Planned Parenthood was founded by a racist, white woman. That is a part of history that cannot be changed. While efforts have been made to undo some of the harm from institutional racism, many of these issues have worsened under McQuade’s tenure. After years of complaints from staff about issues of systemic racism, pay inequity, and lack of upward mobility for Black staff, highly-paid consultants were brought in three separate times to assess the situation. Each time, employees of color were brutally honest about their experiences, but nothing changed. It is not possible to do justice to the scope and gravity of this issue here.”

Notes of related interest:

- As Planned Parenthood testified to Committees of the Vermont House and Senate, they are the largest providers of abortion in the state of Vermont, performing approximately 1,100 of the 1,200 abortions performed annually.
- Nationally, Planned Parenthood is the single largest provider of abortion in the United States. It is well documented that in some cities, like New York City, more black babies are aborted than born.
- Planned Parenthood of Northern New England applied for the federal Paycheck Protection Program funds and received between \$2-5 million. After discovering they were ineligible for the grants, they have refused to return the money.



Where do the Candidates Stand on Abortion?

For President



Donald Trump

Joe Biden

Abortion on Demand

The 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* U.S. Supreme Court decisions legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States, resulting in more than 61 million abortions.

President Trump has proven his pro-life commitment. As president he has appointed pro-life advocates in his cabinet and administration, restored the "Mexico City Policy," and he has pledged "to veto any legislation that weakens current pro-life federal policies and laws, or that encourages the destruction of innocent human life."

Joe Biden supports the current policy of abortion on demand. Joe Biden voted for the Harkin Amendment to endorse *Roe v. Wade*, which allows abortion for any reason. Joe Biden supports the Democratic platform of unlimited abortion even through birth.

The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act would prohibit abortions after the unborn child is capable of feeling pain from abortion.

In his 2019 State of the Union speech, President Donald Trump called on Congress to "pass legislation to prohibit the late-term abortion of children who can feel pain in the mother's womb."

When asked about prohibiting abortions after 20 weeks when the unborn child can feel pain, Joe Biden said, "I'm not going to interfere with that," which would allow abortion through birth.

Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

President Trump opposes using tax dollars to pay for abortion. His administration issued regulations to ensure Title X funding does not go to facilities that perform or refer for abortions. He also cut off funding for the UNFPA due to their involvement in China's forced abortion program.

Joe Biden supports using tax dollars to pay for abortion. Joe Biden says he supports elimination of the Hyde Amendment. Joe Biden voted for taxpayer funding of overseas pro-abortion organizations.

Nominations to the U.S. Supreme Court

The fundamental documents of American democracy and freedom, the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, have given us essential principles to be respected by the courts such as the "unalienable" right to life.

The next president may have the opportunity to appoint one to three justices to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Donald Trump has appointed Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. These appointments are consistent with the belief that federal courts should enforce rights truly based on the text and history of the Constitution.

Joe Biden pledges that his judicial nominees would "support the right of privacy, on which the entire notion of a woman's right to choose is based."



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Be sure to find out how your legislator voted on H. 57 and Proposal 5 before casting your vote on November 3, 2020. You can find the votes at www.vrlc.net



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Proponents of the amendment agree that the proposed language below (Article 22) is an attempt to embed abortion in our Vermont Constitution.

Sec. 2. Article 22 of Chapter I of the Vermont Constitution is added to read:

Article 22.

[Personal reproductive liberty]

That an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means.

John Klar Alleges Improper Activity by Office of the Attorney General

Brookfield, Vermont, August 7, 2020: Former Republican Gubernatorial candidate John Klar has reviewed hundreds of pages of the documents obtained (for fees of \$3,244.28) in response to his request to the Vermont Attorney General's Office for its email records with Planned Parenthood.

Attorney Klar summarized his initial review of these communications between Vermont's chief law enforcement officer, his staff, legislators and Planned Parenthood: "Vermont is surely first in the nation with this degree of collaboration between it's Attorney General and a special interest organization.

So far this correspondence involves some 12 members from the AG's Office, three prominent Planned Parenthood employees, three legislators, as well as a representative from the Office of the Speaker of the House. Planned Parenthood and staff from the Attorney General's Office regularly met as the "Protecting Abortion Rights Working Group" at the Attorney General's offices, and coordinated the social media, twitter, and other resources of both organizations to advance shared political objectives relating to abortion legislation. Through this taxpayer-supported collusion, Planned Parenthood appears to have been directly



Attorney General TJ Donovan at a press conference with top Planned Parenthood employees.

involved in the drafting of legislation, as well as allocating Vermont AG staff resources in national litigation to advance Planned Parenthood's national efforts. Resources of the Office of Legislative Council were also employed.

Planned Parenthood had privileged access to the Vermont Attorney General's website, including drafting content and tracking visits to a page set up to generate opposition to new rules on Title X. Planned Parenthood proposed and contributed content for the Vermont Attorney General to issue in Press Releases; in turn the Attorney General's Office solicited quotes from Planned Parenthood to incorporate

into Press Releases. The documents also reveal that the Vermont Attorney General's Office invested a massive amount of time and resources attending Legislative Committee sessions to advance abortion 'rights' legislation.

It is as though Planned Parenthood had the Attorney General's Office on retainer.

Attorney General TJ Donovan's use of public resources for the benefit of his favored special interest group is inappropriate."

Editor's note: VRLC is grateful to pro-life John Klar for lending his legal expertise to expose those who worked behind the scenes to promote legislation drafted to specifically protect Planned Parenthood's business of abortion. VRLC will continue to work to expose those who misuse their offices and the public trust.



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Woman dying of cancer urges New Zealand to vote NO to euthanasia

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As New Zealand debates a euthanasia referendum a woman dying of cancer is urging New Zealanders to Vote NO to euthanasia saying people could be coerced into an early death. The New Zealand Herald reported:

Vicki Walsh, who is now 53, was diagnosed with Glioblastoma Multiforme in June 2011.

The aggressive brain cancer is nicknamed "The Terminator" and those who have it typically die within 14 months of diagnosis.

But nine years later, Vicki is still around, living near Palmerston North with her husband and two adult children.

She has been taking the drug Avastin - which has cost her \$24,000 - and the mass in her brain has halved.

"I was always told there was nothing more that could be done," she said. "So in eight years....nine years....things have changed, so I got another surgery, I got radiation and now we're having this drug that we're paying for."

There was a time when Vicki wanted to



Vicki Walsh

end her life. She said she watched people, who were battling the same illness overseas, choose euthanasia and felt she should take her own life.

"I actually felt kind of gutless, I was looking at my husband and we were trying to keep life normal and I had a bit of a stroke and it ended up really, really big and I just felt that this is it for me," she said

"It had been several weeks, it wasn't just an overnight thing, and I just thought, if this is how it's going to be, I don't want to live like this anymore."

But Vicki changed her mind in the last moment.

Had she gone through with it, she said she would have missed out on watching her grandchildren grow up.

"If you'd asked me if I want to live like I am now, I would have viewed my life 15 years ago as not having much of a quality of life now," she said. "I love my life, you know, I love my life."

Vicki is concerned that legalizing euthanasia will lead to coercion. But Vicki's greatest fear is that people will feel pressured to end their lives earlier than they need to.

"The coercion thing is one of biggest concerns for me about this bill. People say it wouldn't happen - well we already have an elderly abuse problem in this country," she said.

