

City Council candidate Jane Stromberg rejects corrupting donations and asks fellow candidates to support divestment

Following her win at the Progressive Party caucus, Ward 8 candidate Jane Stromberg pledged not to take any corporate, super PAC, or special interest money. She is also pledging to reject any individual donations from large predatory landlords or developers in Burlington who have a financial stake in preserving the status quo of housing policy.

“When our government is controlled at all levels by big money and special interests, it is important for elected officials to run clean, people centered campaigns,” Jane said of her pledge.

Jane is also asking every candidate running for city council across Burlington to join her call to reject corrupting donations to their campaigns.

Jane continued saying, “At a time when 60% of Burlington residents rent, housing codes aren’t being enforced adequately, and rents continue to rise, we need our elected leaders to hold absentee landlords and large developers accountable. We can’t do that while accepting their money.”

Jane also asked all candidates running for council this cycle to join her in supporting the divestment movement at UVM and support the effort calling on Burlington to divest from fossil fuels. “For any candidate across our city to support real climate justice reform, divestment at UVM and in terms of the city’s pension fund, should be an easy issue to support. I hope candidates across Burlington, regardless of party identification will support the climate organizers who have been in the trenches from day one on this issue.”

"I continue to support divestment. UVM and our City's pension fund should not continue to invest in a fossil fuel industry that is causing irreparable damage to our planet. In addition, we need grassroots, people-powered local elections. As elected officials and candidates, we must reject the corporate money that too often determines who wins elected office and what they push for when they get there." Said Max Tracy, Ward 2 City Councilor, of Jane's release.