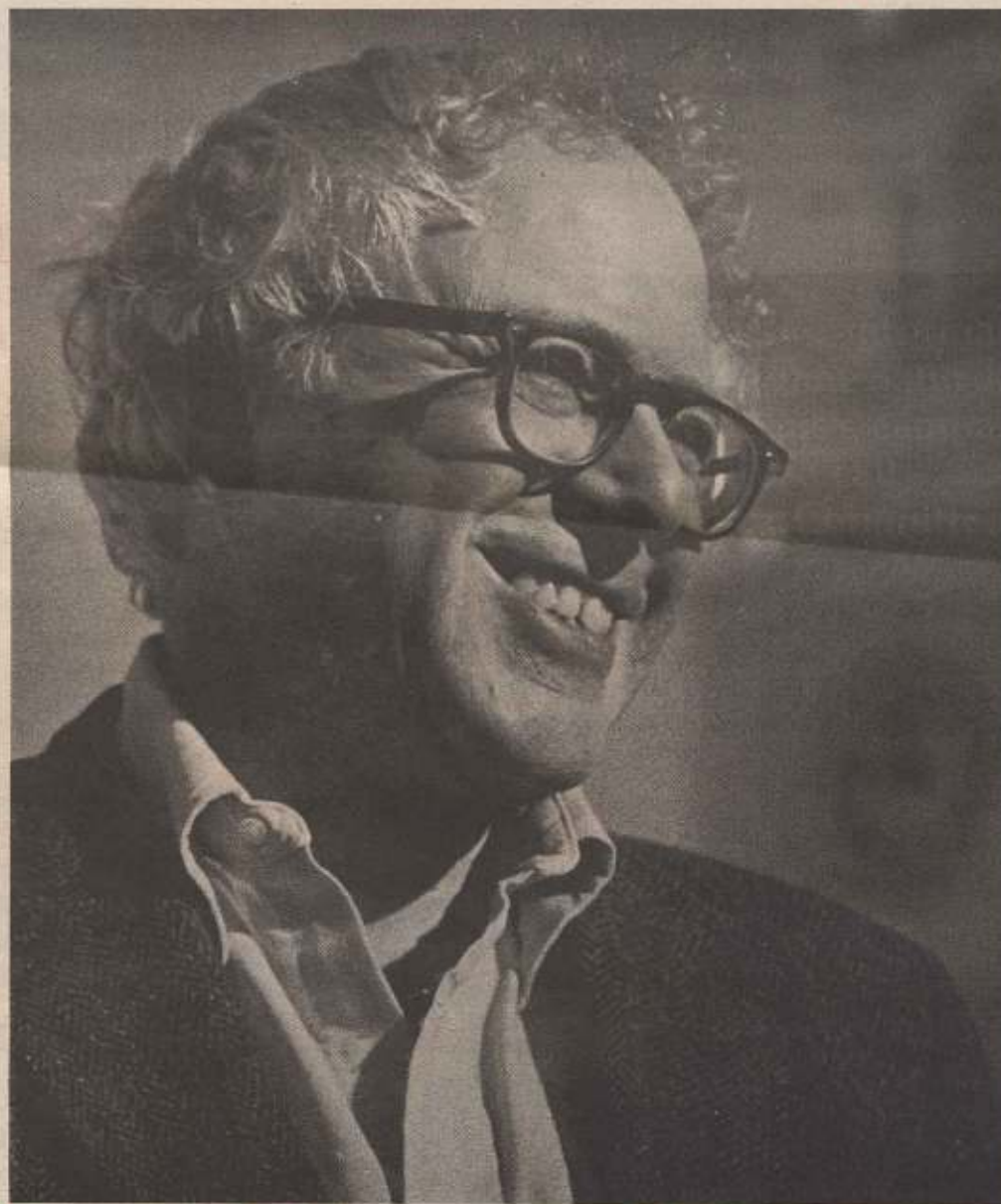


**Here are
7 more reasons
to keep
Bernie Sanders
as our Mayor
for the next two years**



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Bernie fights for Burlington in Montpelier and gets results

Many decisions during the winter Legislative session affect Burlingtonians — their everyday lives and their pocket-books. A good Mayor must work with — and sometimes challenge — state government on behalf of people here. Mayor Sanders has done that, and he's gotten results.

Last year, charter changes approved by the voters that would bring historic property tax relief to homeowners were hotly debated in Montpelier. Mayor Sanders' respected voice and thorough explanations helped get those charter changes passed.

Since becoming Mayor, Bernie Sanders has fought to halt the huge *telephone rate increases* we've seen. He has asked legislators to shake up the Public Service Board. He has demanded a new method for distributing Vermont State highway money because it discriminates against Burlington.

Now, Mayor Sanders is developing a state aid to education formula which will treat the schoolchildren and taxpayers of Burlington fairly. Bernie understands that the School Department does not receive a fair shake from Montpelier and as a result we pay more property taxes.

Mayor Sanders is a leader in *opposing the "Foundation Plan."* This plan, if adopted by the Legislature, would severely jeopardize the quality of Burlington schools in coming years, and could cause a massive rise in the tax rate for schools.

By working with state government for fair treatment, Mayor Sanders is truly standing up for Burlington.

Bernie Sanders is a proven champion of alternatives to the unfair property tax on people's homes

Mayor Sanders has fought to pay for the costs of basic city services with fair taxation. He believes that taxing a person's home without regard for that person's ability to pay is unfair. Retired people on fixed incomes, working people trying to make ends meet, and renters bear the brunt of property tax increases.

Mayor Sanders has reduced our reliance on the property tax as a percentage of the city budget by nearly 20%. For five years in a row, Mayor Sanders proposed *no tax rate increase* for general city services. (In 1983 the tax rate was *reduced* by \$.071)

Mayor Sanders has fought for — and won — significant alternatives to the property tax:

- the street excavation fee;
- the gross receipts tax on restaurants, bars, and hotels;
- a classification system of taxation where commercial and industrial properties pay a higher rate than homes;
- impact fees from developers.

The City of Burlington is now leading the state in moving toward a tax system that is reasonable and fair.



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Burlington's environment is precious, and we need a strong Mayor to protect it

In 1983 Bernie Sanders shocked many Burlingtonians when he vetoed a proposed trash-burning plant to be built in the Intervale near the Old North End. Bernie's tough decision to cancel the project proved to be the right one.

Mayor Sanders also fought for the best possible solution to cleaning the toxic wastes in the *Barge Canal* area off Pine Street. This summer, a \$1 million federally-funded study of how best to clean up the Barge Canal area will begin.

The Sanders Administration drafted a \$23 million *sewer system improvement plan* and bond issue to drastically reduce sewer overflows into Lake Champlain and the Winooski River.

Today, the 30-year old Burlington landfill is being run better than at any time in its history and is being phased out in an environmentally safe way.

Over the last four years, the City has planted over 2,500 *new trees* in all neighborhoods, and has won national recognition for its volunteer tree planting program.

Bernie Sanders believes that all Burlingtonians, regardless of income, have the right to enjoy our most precious natural resource — Lake Champlain. Under Bernie's leadership, Perkins Pier has been expanded and the 7.8 acre Mobil Beach in the South End acquired.

This March 3rd, the people will vote on a bond issue which will further improve city-owned property for the people to enjoy.



Community leaders at a press conference January 24 with Mayor Sanders to support the Waterfront Improvement bond issue.

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Our Mayor is helping renters, the elderly, young people, and women

Many people ignored in the past by City Hall have a friend in Bernie Sanders. Renters, comprising almost 65% of the city's households, now enjoy unprecedented protection from discrimination, excessive security deposits, and unsafe housing conditions. A recently approved charter change will slow down the rapid turnover of apartment buildings and will help keep rents stable.

The City has a strong inspection and housing code enforcement program; smoke alarms are now mandatory in rental units and can be installed free of charge by the Fire Department.

Mayor Sanders led the effort to change the rate setup of Burlington Electric to treat residential customers more favorably. He is continuing to press the state Public Service Board to eliminate the winter/summer differential in electric rates which is a hardship for people with electric heat.

Mayor Sanders has helped elderly residents in many ways: by developing alternatives to the property tax; by proposing subsidies for low-income elderly cable TV costs; and through many grants to programs and organizations helping the elderly — such as the Area Agency on Aging, Onion River Coop Senior Food Program, the Interfaith Senior Center, Project HOME, the Visiting Nurse Association and many others.

The Sanders Administration has taken the lead in providing a wide range of meaningful and exciting activities for young people. The City has started a daycare center, a teen center, afterschool programs, youth employment projects and sponsors a wide variety of educational and social events for youngsters.

Mayor Sanders has a solid commitment to improving women's rights and economic opportunities in the city. The City sponsors job training for low-income single mothers, funds the Burlington Women's Council, and now requires 10 percent women in skilled construction trades. The police tax increase on the ballot March 3rd will ensure permanent funding for sexual assault investigators and women's self-defense clinics.



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Bernie Sanders can hold down the cost of government while delivering better services

Because town governments are funded primarily through the local property tax on homes, Mayor Sanders has continually pushed to get more work done with less tax dollars.

The quality of city services — delivered with efficiency, courtesy, and thoughtfulness — is very high. Yet Mayor Sanders has held the line on budget increases.

By merging several departments to form the new Public Works Department, the city saves hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. And coordinated services around sewers, streets, traffic, and the landfill means more efficient and better services.

Mayor Sanders has demanded competitive bidding, group purchasing, computerized accounting, appropriate user fees, and smart money management to keep costs down.

By improving management and investing in the city's workforce through employee training and assistance programs, Mayor Sanders has promoted higher productivity and reduced turnover. Today, for example, the turnover rate in the Police Department is much less than it was before. This means that not only are we saving taxpayers dollars, but the department has excellent morale and professionalism.

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Under Mayor Sanders' leadership, the city is rebuilding and repaving for the future

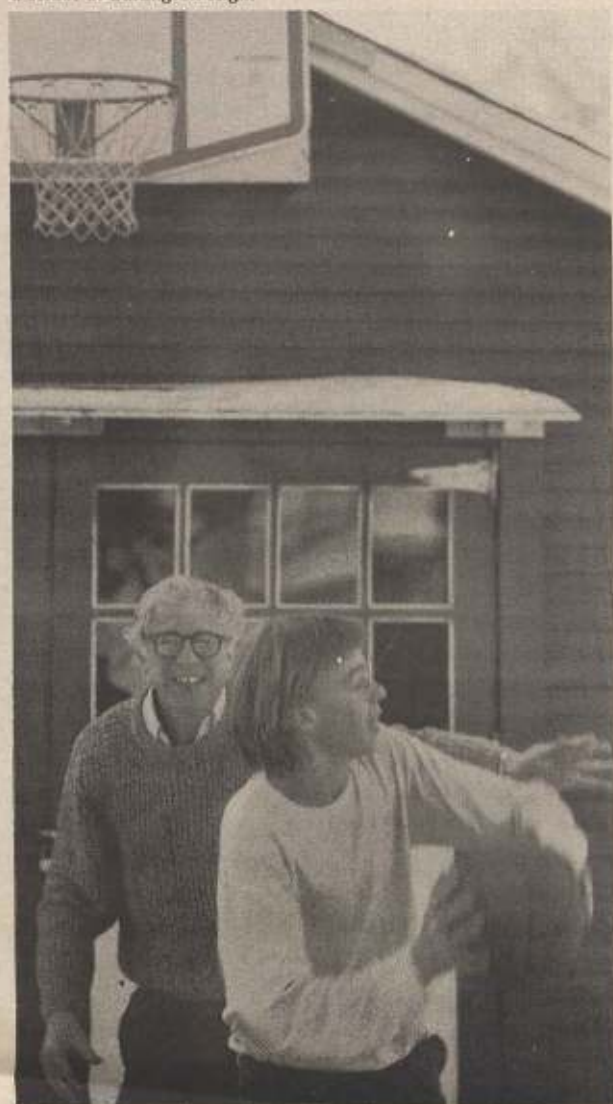
Six years ago Burlington's streets and sidewalks were falling apart and there was no plan or money to fix them.

Today the City is in the midst of a 7-year plan to upgrade all of the streets and sidewalks in the city. You can see and feel the difference already. Pine St., Colchester Ave., Shelburne Rd., North Ave., Main St., Pearl St. and many more have been recently repaved — nearly 15 miles in the past two years.

Hundreds of feet of new sidewalks and over 200 "easy access" curb cuts at corners have been installed.

The City is also moving to rebuild its antiquated sewers and improve its wastewater plants as part of the \$23 million bond issue passed by voters in 1984. This year we'll see extensive work on the New North End plant and main sewer pipes. Old lines, poorly-designed junctions and pump stations all over the city will be getting attention, too.

Mayor Sanders with his son Levi, a senior at Burlington High.



We have a mayor with the courage to speak out for a better world

Bernie Sanders is a person who speaks out on issues that matter to people.

He has earned the respect of people all over Vermont by standing up for what he believes in, whether the subject is reasonably-priced housing, the need to control health care costs and utility rates, the unfair minimum wage, or the issue of war and peace.

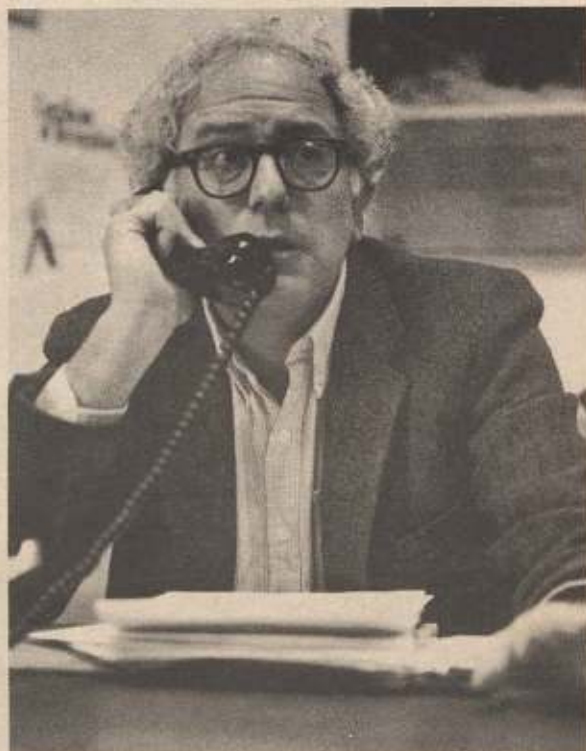
For example, because Burlington has lost \$1 million in federal revenue sharing that helped to fund the police and fire department, Bernie believes it is important to examine the connection between state and national priorities and their effect on Burlingtonians.

Bernie Sanders knows that by adopting a national budget of \$300 billion a year for military expenditures, we hurt Vermont cities and towns. People's real needs for food, clothing, shelter, Social Security, health care, and education will be ignored.

People respect Mayor Sanders' voice for justice and his call for governments on every level to pay more attention to the real needs people have

Let's Re-Elect Mayor Bernie Sanders

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Name _____

Address _____ Apt. # _____

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Telephone _____ if you can work on the campaign.

Make check payable to Sanders for Mayor Committee and send it to P.O. Box 5392, Burlington, VT 05402.

Tax Preparation Help

Senior citizens can get free tax preparation assistance — including help with the Vermont State Property Tax Rebate Program for homeowners and renters — from the following:

Interfaith Senior Center
86 Main Street Tues. & Thurs.
9:30 a.m. until noon

Heineberg Club Senior Center
(Champlain Valley Sr. Center)
Gosse Court Tues. & Wed.
9:30 a.m. until noon

AARP — Tax-Aide Program
for house-bound seniors
Area Agency on Aging 655-0084
or Mrs. Mary Calder 863-5104

Low-income people of all ages can get tax preparation assistance from the Community Action Agency, 11 North Street. 863-6248.

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