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# Peter Galbraith

**Peter W. Galbraith** is a former Democratic member of the Vermont State Senate, representing the Windham District from 2010 to 2015. Galbraith announced on June 9, 2014, that he would not be seeking re-election in 2014.[1]

On March 22, 2006, Galbraith announced he would run for Governor of Vermont in the 2016 election.[2] He was defeated in the Democratic primary by Sue Minter.

| Peter Galbraith |
|---|
| |
| Democratic Party |
| **Prior offices** |
| Vermont State Senate Windham District |
| **Education** |
| Associate | Harvard College |
| Graduate | Oxford University |
| Law | Georgetown University |
| **Personal** |
| Profession | Ambassador To Croatia |

## Biography

Galbraith holds an A.B. from Harvard College, M.A. from Oxford University and J.D. from Georgetown University.

Galbraith worked for the U.S. government for 24 years before taking office in Vermont. He is a former United States Ambassador-at-Large and Senior Diplomatic Fellow at the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation. He was a senior advisor to the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee from 1979 to 1993, the Director for Political, Constitutional and Electoral Affairs at the U.N. Transitional Administration in East Timor and taught National Security Strategy at the National War College.[3]

## Committee assignments

### 2013-2014

At the beginning of the 2013 legislative session, Galbraith served on the following committees:

| Vermont committee assignments, 2013 [hide] |
|---|
| Finance |
| Natural Resources and Energy, Vice chair |
| Judicial Retention |

### 2011-2012

In the 2011-2012 legislative session, Galbraith served on these committees:

**Vermont committee assignments, 2011** [show]




## Campaign themes

### 2012

Galbraith's website highlighted the following campaign themes:[4]

- Expand health care to include an affordable Vermont Public Option for all.
- Attract investment and jobs to Windham County making use of its global experience.
- Retire Vermont Yankee as scheduled in 2012.
- Advance a Green Energy future through conservation, the use and local development of renewable energy, and marketing Vermont green technology.
- Keep Vermont special by protecting our open spaces and making farming economically viable.
- Extend cell coverage and broadband internet throughout Windham county.
- Make Windham County a priority in Montpelier.

## Elections

### 2016

See also: Vermont gubernatorial election, 2016

On March 22, 2016, Galbraith announced he would run as a Democrat in the 2016 election for Governor of Vermont. Galbraith competed with former state Rep. Sue Minter, former state Sen. Matt Dunne, Cris Ericson, and H. Brooke Paige in the August 9 Democratic primary election.[5] Sue Minter won the Democratic primary.

Sue Minter defeated Matt Dunne, Peter Galbraith, Cris Ericson, and H. Brooke Paige in the Democratic primary for governor.

| Democratic primary for governor, 2016 | | | [hide] |
|---|---|---|---|
| Candidate | Votes | % | |
| ✓ Sue Minter | 49,271 | 36.046 | |
| Matt Dunne | 36,509 | 26.706 | |
| Peter Galbraith | 9,945 | 6.611 | |
| Cris Ericson | 0,735 | 5.17 | |
| H. Brooke Paige | 0,495 | 361 | |
| Write-in votes | 3,965 | 2,899 | |
| **Total Votes** (273 of 275 Precincts Reporting) | | **73,160** | |

Source: Vermont Secretary of State

#### Campaign themes

Galbraith's website included the following positions:[6]

- Raising the minimum wage to $15 per hour by 2020
- Universal healthcare funded entirely by the state via a two percent payroll tax
- Elimination of corporate subsidies and tax incentives
- Offering free tuition for Vermont's public universities via eliminating special interest taxes
- Prohibiting corporations from donating to state campaigns
- Maintaining the state's natural resources and smart growth of the green energy industry, including a ban on industrial wind turbines in Vermont's mountain ranges
- Lowering property taxes and funding education through income and sales taxes

#### Campaign finance

**Peter Galbraith campaign finance 2016**

| Filing date | Beginning balance | Contributions | Loans | Expenditures | Cash on hand |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| July 15, 2014 | $0 | $128,181 | $108,781 | $287,121 | $41,28 |
| August 15, 2014 | $41,281 | $78,110 | $32,000 | $84,580 | $68,811 |
| September 1, 2014 | $68,810 | $1,099 | $0 | $38,821 | $34,28 |
| October 1, 2014 | $34,288 | $1,080 | $0 | $70 | $37,218 |
| October 15, 2014 | $37,218 | $1,090 | $0 | $40 | $38,173 |

### 2012

See also: Vermont State Senate elections, 2012

Galbraith won re-election in the 2012 election for Vermont State Senate Windham District. Galbraith advanced past the August 28 Democratic primary and won re-election in the general election, which took place on November 6, 2012.[7]

| Vermont State Senate, Windham District, General Election, 2012 | | | [Collapse] |
|---|---|---|---|
| PARTY | CANDIDATE | VOTE % | VOTES |
| Democratic | ✓Peter Galbraith *Incumbent* | 44.6% | 12,339 |
| Democratic | ✓Jeanette White *Incumbent* | 47.4% | 13,123 |
| Liberty Union | Aaron Diamondstone | 8% | 2,214 |
| **Total Votes** | | | **27,676** |

| Vermont State Senate, Windham District Democratic Primary, 2012 | [Expand] |
|---|---|

### 2010

See also: Vermont State Senate elections, 2010

Galbraith ran for the Windham District seat in 2010. He ran against Jeanette White, and Toby Young in the primary. He defeated Hilary Cooke (R), Lynn Coxum (R), and Aaron Diamondstone (I) in the general election on November 2, 2010.[8]

| Vermont State Senate, Windham District, General Election (2010) | |
|---|---|
| **Candidates** | **Votes** |
| ✓ **Peter Galbraith (D)** | **9,435** |
| ✓ **Jeanette White (D)** | **8,915** |
| Hilary Cooke (R) | 4,838 |
| Lynn Coxum (R) | 3,924 |
| Aaron Diamondstone (Socialist) | 620 |

## Campaign donors

*The finance data shown here comes from the disclosures required of candidates and parties. Depending on the election or state, this may not represent all the funds raised on their behalf. Satellite spending groups may or may not have expended funds related to the candidate or politician on whose page you are reading this disclaimer, and campaign finance data from elections may be incomplete. For elections to federal offices, complete data can be found at the FEC website. Click here for more on federal campaign finance law and here for more on state campaign finance law.*

**Peter Galbraith campaign contribution history** [hide]

| Year | Office | Result | Contributions |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2012 | Vermont State Senate District Windham | ✓ | $2,619 |
| 2010 | Vermont State Senate District Windham | ✓ | $18,660 |
| **Grand total raised** | | | **$21,279** |

Source: FollowTheMoney

### 2012

Galbraith won re-election to the Vermont State Senate in 2012. During that election cycle, Galbraith raised a total of **$2,619**.

**Vermont State Senate 2012 election - campaign contributions** [show]

### 2010

In 2010, the year Galbraith first won election to the Senate, he collected $18,660 in donations.[9]

His four largest contributors in 2010 were:

| Donor | Amount |
|---|---|
| Alan Galbraith | $5,000 |
| Peter Galbraith | $1,000 |
| James Galbraith | $1,000 |
| Ernest Kafka | $800 |

## Scorecards

See also: State legislative scorecards and State legislative scorecards in Vermont

A scorecard evaluates a legislator's voting record. Its purpose is to inform voters about the legislator's political positions. Because scorecards have varying purposes and methodologies, each report should be considered on its own merits. For example, an advocacy group's scorecard may assess a legislator's voting record on one issue while a state newspaper's scorecard may evaluate the voting record in its entirety.

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### 2014

In 2014, the Vermont General Assembly was in session from January 7 to May 10.

- National Federation of Independent Business in Vermont 2013-2014 Legislative Voting Record

*Legislators are scored based on their votes on small business issues.*

- Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility 2013-2014 Legislative Scorecard

*Legislators are scored based on whether or not their votes aligned with VBSR's stance on each policy.*

- Vermont Conservation Voters 2013-2014 Environmental Scorecard

*Legislators are scored based on their voting records on environmental issues.*

- Vermont Public Interest Research Group 2013-2014 Legislative Scorecard

*Legislators are scored by VPIRG on bills related to public interest issues.*

### 2013

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## Personal

*Note: Please contact us if the personal information below requires an update.*
Galbraith is the son of economist John Kenneth Galbraith. He and his wife, Tone Bringa, have two children.




## Recent news

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## See also

- Vermont State Legislature
- Vermont State Senate
- Vermont State Senate Committees
- Vermont Joint Committees
- Vermont state legislative districts

## External links

- Profile from Open States
- Biography of Peter Galbraith on Project Vote Smart
- Vermont State Senate website

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## Footnotes

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