# 2017 NH Senate District 16 ELECTION Candidate Information for Bow residents

David Boutin (Republican)

Kevin Cavanaugh (Democrat)

Jason Dubrow (Libertarian)

Election: Tuesday 7/25 at BMS, 7 a.m. -7 p.m.

Election questions? Contact the Bow Town Clerk 228-1187, ext. 3 mnaik@bownh.gov

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### **David Boutin**

## Republican Candidate, NH Senate District 16 Election

Political Experience: Hooksett Town Councilor; State Representative; State Senator

Education: B.S. of Economics from Northeastern University, Boston, MA

Masters in Community Development and Planning from the University of Rhode Island,

Kingston, RI

**Profession:** Town Planner, Retail Site Selection, Commercial Real Estate Appraiser

Organizations/Affiliations: Hooksett Kiwanis Club; Hooksett Knights of Columbus

**Family Information:** I am married to my wife Jan for over 44 years, she is a music education teacher in the Manchester School District. I have two children, and 3 grandchildren: Brady who is 11, Maddy who is 8, and 11 month old Aubrey Jane who we have nicknamed AJ.

### Why are you running for NH Senate District 16?

I am running because I want to work to address the many challenges our state faces. We need a tax policy that is pro-business, and pro-working family. That means NEVER supporting sales or income tax. We need to stand by our police officers and make sure they have the tools, training, and resources they need to keep our cities and towns safe. We need to protect our 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights. We need to make education better and more affordable, that's why I have always supported local control of education, school choice, and freezing tuition for in-state students at the University of New Hampshire. I am running because I want to work on these issues, and the many others that we are facing as a state and to continue to ensure that NH remains one of the greatest places to live and raise a family.

# What do you think are the top three (3) issues facing this District and/or the State right now?

- 1. We need a strong economy and more good paying jobs. Not just for working families but for the next generation as well. NH is one of the oldest states in the country, and our children and grandchildren are leaving NH in search of better opportunities. We need to cut taxes and encourage business growth and entrepreneurship here in NH so when our children graduate and enter the workforce they chose to make NH the place to start their careers and raise their families.
- 2. We need to keep our communities safe. That means supporting law enforcement and fighting drug dealers that are poisoning our neighborhoods, while also providing more opioid recovery treatment programs.
- 3. Protect our children and families. We need to further reform DCYF and pass more legislation like Joshua's Law, which I was proud to sponsor, that protects women from Domestic Violence.

### How will your skills/background contribute to the position you are running to fill?

I have served in local government for over XX years. When I lived in Manchester I worked with then Mayor Ray Wieczorek as a member of the planning board, and since moving to Hooksett with my family I have served on the Trustee of the Trust Fund, the Heritage Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Planning Board, and Town Council. I believe it is critically important to understand the issues facing communities at a local level in order to better serve at the state level. When I previously served in the House of Representatives for 4 years, and the State Senate for 7 years, I always worked closely with the local communities and will continue to do that if elected in this Special Election.

### **Kevin Cavanaugh**

## **Democratic Candidate, NH Senate District 16 Election**



**Political Experience:** Manchester Alderman (2015 – present)

**Education:** Graduated from Memorial High School in Manchester

**Profession:** 32 years in the telecommunications industry, currently Assistant Manager for IBEW 2320

**Organizations/Affiliations:** Manchester North Little League Vice President; IBEW 2320 Assistant Business Manager; Football Coach at Memorial & West High Schools

**Family Information:** I am a life-long Granite Stater with deep roots in New Hampshire. My wife Kerri and I have 3 school-age children who all are in New Hampshire public schools.

### Why are you running for NH Senate District 16?

As a proponent of our public school system and as an Alderman in Manchester, I became frustrated when we continually underfunded our schools because the state wasn't sending enough back to the cities and towns. Schools are the foundation of our community, which is why it's critical that educators are supported and empowered to keep inspiring our children to think big.

I also want to work to help small businesses grow so we can create good paying jobs and boost the local economy. To do that, I have some new ideas that I'd like to bring to Concord – like starting a

grant fund to help businesses connect to New Hampshire's existing fiber optic infrastructure. This would help businesses expand and hire new people, in addition to creating blue collar jobs for the linemen who would lay and maintain the fiber optic cable.

# What do you think are the top three (3) issues facing this District and/or the State right now?

#### Fighting the Opioid Crisis

I talk with families every day who have been touched by the opioid crisis. I support bipartisan efforts to enhance local recovery and treatment options, strengthen prevention efforts, and expand programs designed to educate our children about substance abuse. It's also critical that we provide our first responders, EMTs and firefighters with the necessary resources and training.

#### Job Creation and the Economy

We must keep job creation a priority; it's important for New Hampshire to stay ahead by building an economy that supports hardworking families. I will work to ensure that all Granite Staters have access to affordable, quality healthcare – in particular, I support the Medicaid expansion. We must also invest in our economic infrastructure: roads, bridges, highways, commuter rail, and broadband internet.

### **Supporting Our Schools**

I have three school-aged children and a thirty—year career in the changing telecommunications field, so I know firsthand how important education is to our economic future. We must support our K-12 public schools with the funding they need to ensure our kids get a top-notch education - including full-day Kindergarten. I will also be an advocate for New Hampshire's technical schools, community colleges and our university system. Ultimately, I want to work to reduce the cost of college and ensure young people have access to good paying jobs so more of them stay in New Hampshire and contribute to our economy.

### How will your skills/background contribute to the position you are running to fill?

As a blue-collar worker, I feel that I bring a unique background to the Senate - which has often been jokingly called "The Millionaires' Club," because the only people who have traditionally been able to afford the time commitment are the independently wealthy and the self-employed. I want to go to Concord to bring the perspective of working class folks.

I have a big stake in the success of New Hampshire - my kids are currently growing up in this community and I want them to be able to stay here if they choose to. I'm proud of our area and I want to champion our successes and I want to seize opportunities for our area to grow and thrive even more.

### **Jason Dubrow**

## Libertarian Candidate, NH Senate District 16 Election



**Political Experience:** Ran for state rep in 2010 in Merrimack 13. I am a member of the Dunbarton Trustee of Trust Funds, Dunbarton Technology Committee, and Dunbarton Energy Committee.

**Education:** Graduated from Adlai E. Stevenson High School (Lincolnshire, IL) in 1996; Graduated from Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN) with a Bachelors in Computer Engineering in 2000.

**Profession:** I am a hardware validation engineer.

**Organizations/Affiliations:** Freemason affiliated with Washington Lodge #61 in Manchester; Life Memberships in Jews for the Protection of Firearm Ownership (JPFO), Gun Owners of America (GOA), Pro-Gun NH (PG-NH), and NRA; Family memberships with Mount Washington Observatory, See Science Center, Currier Art Museum, Montshire Museum of Science, and others.

**Family Information:** Becky and I met hiking in the White Mountains many years ago, and were married in 2010. We have 2 wonderful girls, Cassiopeia (6¾ y; she'll tell you the ¾ is important). Last year my second daughter Callisto was born.

#### Why are you running for NH Senate District 16?

First of all, I am an engineer, not a politician. I'm a citizen, and years ago, I never would have thought of becoming a politician. As an engineer I enjoys solving problems and working out solutions. Most of all, I don't want to see beautiful New Hampshire turn into a failed state as some states in our great country are proceeding. Along my journey to where I am today, I met many like-minded people, including the star of my life, my beautiful wife.

Both the "left" and the "right" continue to deliver us further from Liberty and toward lost freedom and Rights.

# What do you think are the top three (3) issues facing the District and/or the State right now?

There are many issues facing our state and district today. The first that is affecting many cities across the nation, and even reaches into our towns is drugs. We have fought a failed drug war for far too long, and seen too many casualties from it. I believe in decriminalization as a path toward legalization. People who are addicted need to be treated for the medical condition they have, not incarcerated.

Spending in our government, and many times wasteful spending at that, is rampant in all levels of our government. Just the other day the Union Leader ran an article about Hope NH, which received nearly half a million dollars in tax subsidies last year. Hope NH appears to be facing allegations of verbal abuse and failure to perform properly. Reports even indicate employees may have sold drugs while on the clock. I believe no tax-payer money should be provided to non-profit organizations and am a firm believer of voluntary donations to support such organizations. Time and again we have seen when an important organization is in need (or threatened by the 'other political party'), donations come flooding in.

Personal freedom and liberties are being eroded bits at a time. I believe individuals have the right to exercise their lives in any manner they choose to live their own lives, as long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal rights of others to live in whatever manner they choose. Coercion being wrong it is my belief we need to strive to live in a voluntary society without force actions placed upon us so long as we do not interfere with the rights of another.

How will your skills/background contribute to the position you are running to fill? I believe my skills as an engineer will allow me to look at problems, and think up different solutions and scenarios that can be beneficial to all in the district and the state of New Hampshire.