



## VERMONT DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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Please find enclosed more information regarding the poll released by the Vermont Democratic Party on Monday, October 1, 2018.

### **QUESTION**

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If the election for Governor were held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were: (RANDOMIZE) Christine Hallquist, the Democrat, or Phil Scott, the Republican? (IF UNDECIDED) Well, toward which candidate would you lean?

### **METHODOLOGY**

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# TULCHIN RESEARCH

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To: Interested Parties

From: Ben Tulchin, Kiel Brunner, and David Kornahrens; Tulchin Research

## Vermont Governor: Competitive Race with Hallquist within Single Digits of Scott

From September 23-26, 2018, Tulchin Research conducted a statewide survey among 406 likely November 2018 voters on behalf of the Vermont Democratic Party to assess the gubernatorial election between Phil Scott and Christine Hallquist. Our survey found a competitive race with first-term Governor Scott and Democratic challenger Hallquist separated by single digits.

### Hallquist Within Striking Distance

Our survey finds Hallquist garnering 42 percent of likely voters compared to Phil Scott's 50 percent with another 6 percent of voters remaining undecided and 2 percent preferring other candidates. The margin between Hallquist and Scott shrinks to within the margin of error when it comes to voters who self-describe as being "definitely" certain that they will vote in the November election. Among these definite voters, Hallquist is within 3 points of Scott (44% Hallquist to 47% Scott).

### 2018 Vermont Gubernatorial Election

*"If the election for Governor were held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were..."*

	<u>All Voters</u>	<u>Definitely Voting</u>
<b>Christine Hallquist (D)</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>44%</b>
<b>Phil Scott (R)</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Hallquist-Scott</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-3</b>

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## U.S. Senate: Sanders Safely Ahead in Senate Race and Very Popular in Vermont

From September 23-26, 2018, Tulchin Research conducted a statewide survey among 406 likely November 2018 voters on behalf of the Vermont Democratic Party to assess the U.S. Senate race between the incumbent Senator Bernie Sanders and the Republican challenger Lawrence Zupan. Our survey finds Sanders with a very large lead in his re-election bid and strong favorability marks among Vermont voters.

### Sanders with Strong Lead in Reelection Bid

When it comes to the U.S. Senate race in Vermont, Bernie Sanders attracts support from three quarters (75%) of voters and holds a strong 55-point lead over challenger Lawrence Zupan as the Republican only garners one out of five votes (20%). Sanders enjoys similarly high favorable marks as well (75% total favorable to 23% total unfavorable, +52 fav-unfav) among likely Vermont voters. Given these findings, Sanders is well positioned to win re-election in a landslide.

#### 2018 U.S. Senate Election

*"If the November general election for U.S. Senate were held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were..."*

<b>Bernie Sanders (I)</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>Lawrence Zupan (R)</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Sanders-Zupan</b>	<b>+55</b>

#### Vermont Statewide: Favorability

*"Here's a list of public figures and institutions. For each, please indicate if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of each. If you've never heard of them, please indicate so."*

	Total Fav	Total Unfav	Fav – Unfav	Total ID
<b>Bernie Sanders</b>	75%	23%	<b>+52</b>	99%

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