

A National Connection for Self-Advocates





Lydia X. Z. Brown

June 23 Meeting **Running for Office**

Have you ever considered running for public office? Do you have a good reason to run for your town council or school board, even the state legislature? Join us to hear from several self-advocates who are or have run for public office.

"I believe we deserve better. We deserve better schools, working conditions, healthcare, transportation, social services, public health programs, and housing protections - AND better representation."

LYDIA X. Z. BROWN FOR STATE DELEGATE

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Alice Goltz ran for for City Council District 3 in Montpelier, VT

A portrait of Lydia X. Z. Brown, a young person with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a blue button-down shirt under a dark blazer. They are smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. A small pink name tag is pinned to their shirt.

LYDIA X. Z. BROWN FOR STATE DELEGATE

I'm running to represent District 7A because we deserve better.

Everyone deserves justice.
Everyone deserves freedom.
Everyone deserves safety.

And we deserve better policies and better leadership to help us get there.

I bring 15 years of experience as a community organizer and disability advocate, most recently as an adjunct professor, special education lawyer, nonprofit leader, and disability and tech policy expert. I am equally comfortable talking to kids about respect and human dignity as I am giving an expert consultation to the United Nations on disability and human rights. I know how to build coalitions, collaborate across communities, and work to make sure **everyone** has a voice. As an openly queer and disabled Asian American, I also bring a desperately needed fresh perspective and understanding of vulnerable and marginalized communities – and I believe deeply that **a rising tide lifts all boats.**



Matthew LeFluer
Alburgh Vermont

Matthew LeFluer moved to Alburgh, Vermont from Council Bluffs, Iowa when he was 5. He works with kids and serves on a local town committee in Alburgh. And in March, he ran for school board and select board. Civic engagement comes naturally for him.

“For me, it’s something I want to do for my community. I understand what other people are feeling,” he says.

And he says he understands what people are feeling because he’s had a unique life experience himself. LeFluer has some disabilities, including autism and dyslexia. So he says he knows how to face challenges, and can help other people tackle theirs.

Alice Goltz for City Council District 3



My Name is Alice Goltz. I have lived in Montpelier District 3 for twelve years. I am a school crossing guard by the Kellogg Hubbard library. I am running for district 3 2 years but City Council. I have a disability I live in low-income housing. The reason why I am running for this seat is to represent the people in my district. I understand different issues.

- I know how hard it is to have a disability and live on low income.
- I also know people who were homeless. It is really scary and hard to live in these circumstances.