

OPINION

Louise Andrus' View From Concord, November

Louise Andrus, State Representative

I won my re-election for one of the two seats for State Representative in District 5. Thank you to every citizen in Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, and Webster for your vote in the General Election on November 8, and for your faith in me. If it was not for your vote I would not have been re-elected. Thank you to all those that helped me with my campaign. Without you I would not have succeeded.

According to the results my vote count was -- Andover 531, Danbury 296, Hill 279, Salisbury 419, Webster 464 for a total of 1989. As of this writing a recount has been requested and if there is any change I will post in the next issue, which will be February.

Redistricting in 2022 changed the number of State Representative seats which we vote for at elections. We all need to work with the voters of our towns regarding the changes made. The reason I am saying this is because in the Primary and General Election there were a large number of under votes (voters did not vote for two candidates) for State Representatives in District 5. We went from voting for one State Representative in two separate districts for a total of two State Representatives, to voting for two State Representatives in one district, and voting for one State Representative in a separate district for a total of three State Representatives.

The House of Representatives will hold Organization Day on December 7 at the State House. On that day we will take the oath of office. In the oath of office each of us swears to uphold the "Constitution." The first official session will be held on January 4, 2023. I know everyone is busy, but I am hop-

ing that we can obtain more citizens in New Hampshire to become involved in the bills that will start the process, in a committee and public hearings. I am asking that every citizen in New Hampshire makes sure each State Representative adheres to the Constitution when voting on all bills.

I'd like to thank all the Staff of the Andover Beacon for their excellent professionalism and the ability of putting up with someone like me being late with an ad. You are a great crew and I especially appreciate Shelley Geoghegan, Publisher/Editor and Steve Foley, Production Manager, you two are the best of the best. Thank you.

With the winter upon us and with inflation out of sight on food and heating for our homes, I am asking every person to keep your eyes open, and we all watch out for one another. There are those through no fault of their own that won't have enough money for food or for fuel to heat their home. The absurd prices are not their fault. We all need to make sure they receive the help that they need to get through the winter.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and to look forward to a Happy and Prosperous 2023.

My contact information: 603 648-2510 and if you cannot reach me leave a message and I will return your call. Or email me at louise.andrus@leg.state.nh.us

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Deborah Aylward's View from Concord, November

Deborah Aylward
State Representative - Elect

After a long, but seriously rewarding campaign (which for me included a nine-week transfer station appearance blitz), the people have spoken and the results are in:

1. The Governor, New Hampshire Senate, and Executive Council are status quo.

2. Republicans appear to have a majority in the House (pending recounts) 201-198.

3. Mary Heath is the new county treasurer, and David Lovlien Jr. won the County Commissioner seat. They join Stuart Trachy and Paul Halvorsen as Republicans serving at the county level.

4. State House newcomers are Deborah Aylward, Jason Gerhard, Yuri Polozov, Cy Aures, Clayton Wood, and Al-

vin See. Returning to her house seat is Louise Andrus.

6. Congratulations to new Senators Howard Pearl, Dan Innis, Keith Murphy and Tim Lang on their wins. Ruth Ward is also returning to the Senate for Merrimack County.

7. Ballot questions regarding the removal of the Register of Probate language from the New Hampshire Constitution along with holding a Constitutional Convention failed to pass.

With that said, I wish to sincerely thank the truly awesome District 5 citizens who took the time to speak with me about their views; hosted lawn signs; rallied behind me thus providing an abundance of moral support; and especially the friends made along the way.

Please accept my deepest gratitude for your votes!

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