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# ELECTING EQUITY 2019

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**VOTE NOV. 5**

A VOTER GUIDE TO CITY, MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL  
BOARD ELECTIONS



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# 2019 GENERAL ELECTION VOTER GUIDE

## REPRESENTATION MATTERS - AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT.

Within our mission to make Minnesota a better and safer place for all is the need to elect officials who share our values of equity. We envision a state where LGBTQ people will have equal opportunities, protection and rights. We are working toward the day when LGBTQ Minnesotans have the freedom, power and confidence to make the best choices for their own lives.

**Election Day is Tuesday, November 5th!** If there are elections in your area, make a plan to vote and use this guide to help you make the best choice at the polls!

### ✓ REGISTER

Make sure you are registered to vote! You can do this by visiting [mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx](https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx) to check your registration or to register.

### ✓ MAKE A PLAN

You can vote early in person or by mail from September 20 through November 4 or you can vote in person on Election Day! Visit [sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting](https://sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting) for more information.

### ✓ GET INFORMED

Review our Electing Equity 2019 Guide to see which candidates will be on your ballot.

### ✓ VOTE!

Notify your family, friends and neighbors who live in areas with elections to make sure they vote! To find your polling location and see candidates on your ballot, visit [pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us](https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us)



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# Bloomington

## Jenna Carter, City Council At-Large



Jenna Carter is running for city council to promote equal opportunity and thriving community within the city of Bloomington. Carter believes that your zip code should not determine your potential for success, and is committed to advancing access to safe and affordable housing, great schools, smart transportation options, and more. She has been a dedicated community advocate for over a decade, and as a city council woman continue to amplify the voices of overlooked communities in Bloomington.

## Shawn Nelson, City Council District 2



Shawn Nelson was elected as city council member for District 2 in 2016 and is seeking reelection in 2019. He has demonstrated his commitment to expanding housing options, strengthening neighborhood vitality, and supporting small businesses. He values diversity and meeting the needs of the community, and believes that Bloomington should be a place where all people feel welcome to live.



## Emily Larson, Mayor



Emily Larson was elected as mayor of Duluth in 2015, after previously serving as the Duluth City Council President. She is a strong community activist within and outside her role as mayor, and her vision for Duluth is inclusive and pragmatic. Her top priorities are affordable housing, workforce development, improving infrastructure, and renewable energy.

## Gary Anderson, District 1



Gary Anderson was elected as the First District City Councilor of Duluth in 2015, and is campaigning for re-election on the same three principles he ran with initially: People, Planet, and Prosperity. He believes in building an inclusive and equitable community for all, making Duluth a more sustainable city, and treating people as humans rather than simply producers or consumers.



## Theresa O'Halloran, District 3



Theresa O'Halloran is a community activist, social worker, and union member who is running for Duluth City Council, 3rd District. She wants to make the Third District a safe and welcoming place for all through affordable housing initiatives, neighborhood involvement, and encouraging a robust business community.

## Janet Kennedy, District 5



Janet Kennedy is running for District Five Duluth City Council because it's time to make a difference together and build a Western community of neighborhoods with opportunities for everyone to live, work, and play. As a lifelong resident of Western Duluth, Janet understands that community investment begins with the community, and her vision includes building on the unique assets in District Five. Her life, work and education have prepared her to meet challenges and opportunities as a member of the Duluth City Council



## Arik Forsman, Duluth At-Large



Arik Forsman has served as the At-Large member of the Duluth City Council since 2018. He's been a resident of Duluth for the last 13 years. Arik is committed to supporting the residents of Duluth in anyway possible through a creative and collaborative spirit that will make Duluth a place all Minnesotans want to live.

## Mike Mayou, Duluth At-Large



Mike Mayou is a lifelong Duluthian, running on the approach that Duluth City Council should be open, transparent, and accessible for everyone. Mike is a student at UMD currently, studying marketing and management information systems. Mike Mayou is committed to making Duluth sustainable, and expanding economic opportunities for all Duluth residents.



# Golden Valley

## Shep Harris, Mayor



Activist Mayor Shep Harris is dedicated to a future where Golden Valley is sustainable, and works for a future where everyone can live equally. Shep Harris has committed to creating better waste reduction, composting, bike trails, and other opportunities to help make Golden Valley green and eco-friendly. Shep Harris is also committed to supporting residents of Golden Valley who are undocumented, and helping support LGBTQIA youth.

## Kimberly Lang Sanberg, City Council At-Large



Kimberly Sanberg, a first-time candidate for Golden Valley City Council, is running because she believes Golden Valleys is a fantastic place to live and that we can make it even better. Kimberly serves on Golden Valley's Open Space and Recreation Commission and was a founding member of the Golden Valley Pride Festival. She will bring a fresh perspective to challenges Golden Valley faces as a community, listen to resident feedback, and work collaboratively to move the city forward.



# Minnetonka

## Brian Kirk, City Council Ward 1



Brian Kirk wants more housing to be more affordable and more accessible in Minnetonka. He supports a \$15 minimum wage and actually supports it being more than that. He is also willing to support a ban on conversion therapy.

## Kissy Coakley, City Council Ward 4



Kissy Coakley is running for Minnetonka City Council in Ward 4. Kissy has spent her career serving others in nonprofit advocacy work, including advocating for criminal justice reforms and for victims of domestic abuse. Kissy is running for Minnetonka City Council to help create a more diverse, sustainable, and equitable Minnetonka for our children, the elderly, and future generations.



# Saint Anthony Village

## Nancy Robinett, Mayor



Nancy Robinett is running for Mayor of St. Anthony on a platform of transparency and accountability in city government. An immigration and family law attorney, Nancy fights for those seeking to determine their own version of the American Dream. As Mayor, Nancy will champion affordable housing options, promote and further commercial development, and actively and intentionally support grassroots community efforts focused on sustainability, equity, and social justice.



# Saint Paul

## Anika Bowie, City Council Ward 1



Anika Bowie is a civil rights leader and community organizer running for St. Paul City Council in Ward 1. She has long-term experience promoting safe neighborhoods, access to public resources, and affordable housing for the people of St. Paul. As a member of the City Council, Anika will continue to advocate for women's rights, criminal justice reform, and inclusive democracy from the streets to City Hall.

## Rebecca Noecker, City Council Ward 2



Rebecca Noecker is a member of the St. Paul City Council running for reelection in Ward 2. Rebecca's inclusive leadership style, progressive vision, and proven record of results make her the best candidate for the seat. In her first term, she helped raise the minimum wage in St. Paul, ensured all workers have paid sick leave, led the creation of the Winter Safe Space emergency shelter, supported the conversion of the Pioneer Press building into workforce housing, launched the Open for Business initiative, and more



# Saint Paul

## Chris Tolbert, City Council Ward 3



Representing the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood, Chris Tolbert supports a \$15 minimum wage, as well as paid parental leave for all St. Paul employees. Tolbert has championed affordable housing, and has helped push for a \$71 million dollar investment in affordable housing for the next 3 years.

## Mitra Nelson, City Council Ward 4



Mitra Jalali Nelson is running for re-election to represent Ward 4 on the St. Paul City Council. Since winning a special election in 2018, Mitra has focused on addressing the housing crisis, implementing true community-first public safety, building community wealth, and creating a more sustainable city that takes action on climate. She's excited to continue leading this work as a new progressive voice for the community



# Saint Paul

## Amy Brendmoen, City Council Ward 5



Amy Brendmoen is running to represent Ward 5 on the St. Paul City Council for a third term. She has served as City Council President since 2018. Amy knows that St. Paul is a wonderful, growing, changing, vibrant city that also has real “big-city” challenges like limited affordable housing, increased levels of gun violence, and inequities tied to gender, race and poverty. She will continue to make bold decisions while valuing and amplifying the great ideas and innovations that come from every corner of our community.

## Nelsie Yang, City Council Ward 6



Nelsie Yang is a young progressive leader who's ready to build a future in East Side St. Paul fighting for people across race, class, income, and age. Nelsie is a daughter of refugees and community organizer who works to create strong coalitions that reflect community values. With a bold, responsive, and progressive campaign, Nelsie will advocate for the East Side community's needs and dreams, uniting all residents and giving them a voice in City Hall.



# Saint Paul

## Jane Prince, City Council Ward 7



Jane Prince is seeking re-election to the St. Paul City Council, representing Ward 7. After her success in her first term reopening recreation centers for kids and families in need, Jane is focusing her efforts on the affordable housing crisis and increasing housing development at deeply affordable levels. Jane is spearheading an effort to address family and youth homelessness in her ward. With a proven record of achievement and her ability to engage the whole community, she is the best candidate for this seat.



# Anoka-Hennepin - ISD 11

## Erin Heers-McArdle, ISD 11-1, Anoka-Hennepin



Erin Heers-McArdle is running for Anoka-Hennepin School Board, District 1 to be a voice for students, parents, and teachers. Her experiences as a board member of a national advocacy organization, a business owner, and a school staff member and volunteer give her a unique perspective and the background needed to best fulfill the duties of the position.



# Bloomington - ISD 271

## Mia Olson, ISD 271, Bloomington



Mia Olson is running for Bloomington School Board. Mia has served a substitute teacher in the district for 23 years and holds degrees in Child Psychology, Early Childhood Education, and Elementary Education. Mia and her husband David raised two children who benefitted greatly from a Bloomington Public School education and, as a member of the School Board, she will work to ensure every student has the same opportunities. Mia will combine her teaching experience and inherited passions to advocate for students and the Bloomington school community.

## John Moravec, ISD 271, Bloomington



John Moravec is running for Bloomington School board because he believes that all children deserve a chance to learn in supportive environments that put them first. Utilizing his business background, John Moravec plans to act as a change maker for the Bloomington school board.



# Saint Paul

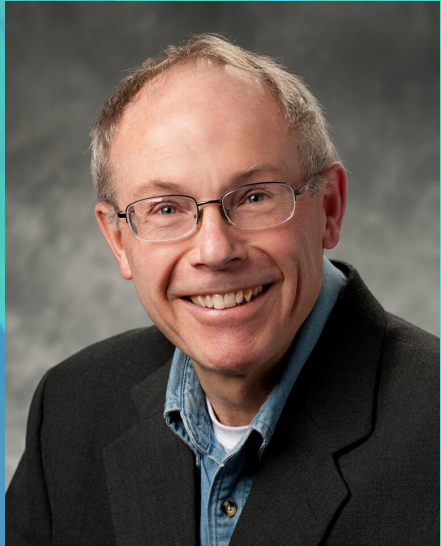
## Nelly Korman, ISD 271, Bloomington



Nelly Korman was elected to the Bloomington School Board in 2011 and is running for a third term in 2019. Nelly is an advocate for quality education for children of all socioeconomic backgrounds and is committed to ensuring that all students have access to equal opportunities. She has been a part of the Bloomington community for more than a decade and has three children in Bloomington Public Schools. Nelly is the first Latina elected to public office in Bloomington.

# Duluth - ISD 709

## David Kirby, ISD 709-2, Duluth



David is committed to help improve the educational experiences for all students and families, focusing on programs and policies which will help students and teachers perform their best. He has a broad range of professional and leadership experiences in education and other organizations, and will bring to the Duluth School Board a constructive and positive approach to decision making

## Paul Sandholm, ISD 709-3, Duluth



Retired teacher; 22 years of experience in Duluth Public Schools since retiring, Paul has been a substitute teacher in every building; he is in tune to the needs of our teachers, students, and schools. He will advocate for the resolution of equity issues and increased graduation rates by supporting ISD 709's community schools, online programs, etc.



# Roseville - ISD 623

## Todd Anderson



School Board Incumbent Todd Anderson has a focus to increase MCA reading scores. With a focus on racial justice and closing the achievement gap between students of color and white students, Todd Anderson is looking to make Roseville a more equitable place for all of it's residents.

# Saint Paul - ISD 625

## Zuki Ellis, ISD 625, Saint Paul



Zuki Ellis is running for re-election to the St. Paul School Board. Zuki is a collaborator, advocate, and strong supporter of teachers. She has worked with the St. Paul Federation of Teachers and currently serves as the PTO chair at J.J. Hill Montessori and a Parent Trainer for the Parent Teacher Home Visit Project. She has worked to move the district in the right direction and is committed to supporting all St. Paul students.

## Steve Marchese, ISD 625, Saint Paul



Marchese was elected to the school board in 2015, and wants to create a new culture around school boards, including pulling in students for their input. Marchese prioritizes school safety, and creating the most effective learning environment for St. Paul Students.



# Saint Paul - ISD 625

## Chauntyll Allen, ISD 625, Saint Paul



From the classroom to the community, Chauntyll Allen has spent her lifetime building the school to success pipeline. After decades of service to students in the schools and youth development in the community, she has launched her campaign to join the St. Paul School Board. Chauntyll will bring her unique experience as an educator and youth advocate to advocate for trauma-free schools, support trades, promote full service community schools, and expand culturally-specific curricula.

## Jessica Kopp, ISD 625, Saint Paul



Jessica Kopp is an educator, parent, and organizer working to connect communities and public education in St. Paul. She is running to build a radically responsive, welcoming, and accessible district, strengthen connections with the City of St. Paul and Ramsey County, support the completion of comprehensive program and community asset maps for every St. Paul school, and inspire and mobilize communities to invest in the district. With more than a decade of experience, Jessica is prepared to meet the work ahead with energy, expertise, and heart.