

NON PARTISAN VOTERS GUIDE 2021

VOTE!
IT MATTERS!
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MUS POV NPAV!
KOJ DAIM NPAV
MUAJ NUJNRI!
ITU VOTO ES TU VOZ!

2021 MINNEAPOLIS ELECTION
NOVEMBER 2, 2021

Why should I vote in this election?

If you drive a car, take the bus, ride a bike...

If you own a house, rent an apartment, pay taxes...

If you breathe the air, drink the water, play in a park...

If your concerns are safety, policing, and civil rights...

Then you should care about who runs your city.

Vote your choice for Mayor, City Council, Park Board and Board of Estimate and Taxation.

THE FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT!

Para obtener información sobre la votación en español, visite mnvotes.org. Para obtener ayuda para traducir vote.minneapolismn.gov llame al 311 o al 612-673-3000

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For voting information in additional languages visit mnvotes.org. For help translating vote.minneapolismn.gov, call 311 or 612-673-3000

FOR VOTER REGISTRATION IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES GO TO:

<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-paper/>

FOR RANKED CHOICE VOTING VIDEO IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES GO TO:

<https://vote.minneapolismn.gov/ranked-choice-voting/details/>

Voting Information and Where to Find It:

Go to Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services at vote.minneapolismn.gov or call 311 to learn about:

- Registering to vote
- Requesting a voter registration application
- Requesting a mail (absentee) ballot
- Locating your polling place
- Learning about ranked choice voting
- Requesting a sample ballot

For TTY/TTD Closed Caption Communication: contact the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 or 711.

For Safe at Home: If you participate in Minnesota's Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program do not register online; call 1-866-723-3035.

Go to LWVMpls.org for more in-depth information on voting and how to prepare for the November 2 elections.

Important Dates



October 12 **VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES**
Pre-registration by mail ends at 5 pm. Online pre-registration ends at 11.59 p.m.

Oct 13 - Nov 1 Register in person at Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services (with proof of residence) or register when you vote by mail. If you are not registered and apply to vote by mail, you will automatically be mailed a voter registration application to complete and mail back with your filled-in ballot.

November 2 Register at your polling place (**with proof of residence**)

Sep 17 - Nov 1 **VOTING DEADLINES**
Early voting in person or by mail

November 2 **Election Day 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.**
Vote in person at your assigned polling place. Find your polling place at: pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us

OR

Return your mail (absentee) ballot in person by 3 p.m. to Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services, 980 East Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, 55414. **Mail (absentee) ballots cannot be dropped off at polling places.**

ACCEPTED PROOF OF RESIDENCE:

- **Photo ID with current address** (driver's license, learner's permit, state ID card, tribal ID, passport, U.S. Military or veteran ID, MN university or technical college ID, MN high school ID)
- **Photo ID plus a document with current address** (bill, account or start-of-service statement due or dated within 30 days of the election, or residential lease or rental agreement)
- **A registered voter in your precinct who will vouch for your residency.** A registered voter can vouch for up to eight voters. You cannot vouch for others if someone vouched for you.
- Go to mnvotes.org for additional Election Day Registration and voting information

*Note: Voting by mail takes time. Apply for your mail (absentee) ballot as soon as possible to allow for mailing delays. Refer to **How to Vote by Mail** in this guide.*

To Be Able to Vote in Minnesota You Must Be:



- 1 A U.S. citizen
- 2 At least 18 years old on Election Day
- 3 A resident of Minnesota for 20 days
- 4 Finished with all parts of any felony sentence
- 5 You can vote while under guardianship unless a judge specifically has revoked your right to vote.
- 6 You cannot vote if a court has ruled that you are legally incompetent.

How to Vote in Person

Early voting (Begins September 17 and ends November 1 at 5 p.m.)

You may vote early in person at Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services, 980 East Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis 55414. **You cannot vote at the Hennepin County Government Center for this Minneapolis election.**

For early voting hours at the above address, go to vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/vote-early-in-person.

On Election Day (November 2) 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

To find your polling place go to mnvotes.org or call 311. You can also call 651-215-1440, or Safe at Home at 651-201-1399.

You will need to bring proof of residence if:

- You are not registered
- You have moved since you last voted
- You have changed your name since the last election
- You have not voted in the last four years

How to Vote by Mail (Absentee)

1

Apply for a Mail (Absentee) Ballot

You can apply for a mail (absentee) ballot anytime, but the City of Minneapolis recommends applying **at least 14 days before the election**. If you are not registered when you request your mail (absentee) ballot, you will automatically receive a voter registration form along with your ballot. Both forms can be completed and returned together.

You can print an application at vote.minneapolismn.gov or call 311 to request a paper copy to be mailed to you (allow extra time for possible mailing delays).

RETURN YOUR PAPER APPLICATION VIA MAIL, FAX, OR EMAIL:

Email: minneapolisabsentee@minneapolismn.gov

Fax: 612-673-2756

Mail: Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services, 980 E Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55414-1314. Mail (absentee) ballots will be sent beginning September 17.

Allow 7-10 days for your ballot to arrive.

2

Vote!

ASSEMBLE YOUR BALLOT MATERIALS

- You will need a witness when you sign your mail (absentee) ballot.
- Your witness must be a registered Minnesota voter or a notary.
- Once you complete your ballot, place it in the tan envelope.
- Place the tan envelope into the white signature envelope. **You must sign the white signature envelope. A witness must also sign the witness signature box.**



Return Your Ballot

MAIL YOUR BALLOT

Place the white signature envelope into the white mailing envelope. This envelope does not need a stamp. **You are encouraged to mail your ballot as soon as you fill it out, but the City of Minneapolis recommends returning it at least 7 days before the election.** To be counted, mail (absentee) ballots must be received in the mail by 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 2.

OR

RETURN YOUR MAIL (ABSENTEE) BALLOT IN PERSON

to Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services, 980 East Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, 55414. **Do not return your ballot to Hennepin County Government Center.**

- You can deliver your ballot Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. between September 17 and November 1.
- On Election Day, ballots may be delivered to the Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services office no later than 3 p.m.
- Mail (absentee) ballots cannot be dropped off at a polling place.
- If you have questions, call 311.



If You Need Help With Your Ballot

Beginning September 17, you can ask almost anyone you choose who is 18 or older, and is not a candidate, an employer, or a member of your union, to help you vote, drop off, or mail your ballot. This person can help drop off or mail ballots for no more than three people. **If you drop off a ballot for someone else, you must show identification with your name and signature.**

Between October 26 and November 2, in a few cases (such as living in a nursing home) an “agent” can pick up your blank ballot and bring it to you to complete, and then mail it or drop it off for you. The agent can pick up your ballot starting 7 days before the election until 2pm on November 2 and return it no later than 3pm on November 2 to Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services, 980 Hennepin Ave E, **not to your polling place.**

Go to mnvotes.org for more information, to see if you and your agent qualify, or to get materials in other languages or formats.

Curbside voting: If you cannot enter the polling place on election day, you can register and vote from the curb.

Be An Informed Voter – Know The Rules

Ranked Choice Voting

Ranked choice voting information comes from vote.minneapolismn.gov.

Ranked choice voting (RCV) is a voting method where you vote for up to three candidates in the order of your preference. This allows you to ‘rank’ your vote - first choice, second choice, and third choice. This method can allow your vote to count toward another candidate if your favorite candidate loses. For example, if your first-choice candidate doesn’t win, your vote is transferred to your second choice.

HOW TO MARK YOUR RCV BALLOT

- 1** Choose your top candidate. This is your first-choice candidate and will be the vote that is considered first.
- 2** If you have a second choice (**optional**), you may select another candidate. This choice must be different from your first-choice candidate.
- 3** If you have a third choice (**optional**), you may choose another candidate. This choice must be different from your first and second choices.

HOW YOUR VOTE IS COUNTED

All first-choice votes are counted. If no candidate has the required number of votes to win -- more than 50% -- the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated. This process continues until a candidate has enough votes to win. Election officials only use your second or third choice if your first choice has already been eliminated.

Watch the video: <https://bit.ly/3B125Si>

Minneapolis Mayor

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Mayor's role is like that of a chief executive officer of the City. **Length of term:** Four years
Salary: \$136,101

OFFICIAL DUTIES

- Ensures that laws and ordinances are enforced within the City, and that city officers do their jobs
- Serves as executive officer of the City of Minneapolis and is leader for the City of Minneapolis at the State Legislature
- Presides over the City Council Executive Committee and Board of Estimate and Taxation meetings
- Nominates department head candidates such as the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Budget Director
- Appoints representatives to agencies and commissions
- Proposes policy direction in the annual State of the City address
- Approves or vetoes all City Council and Park Board actions (Vetoes can be overturned by two-thirds vote of the City Council or Park Board.)
- Does not determine property taxes and city budget

For more information: www.minneapolismn.gov/government/mayor/

MINNEAPOLIS MAYORAL CANDIDATES

JACOB FREY (INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL
JacobFrey.org

LAVERNE TURNER

Party: Republican
Turnerroundmpls.com

KATE KNUTH

Party: DFL
Kateformpls.org

MIKE WINTER

Party: Independence-Alliance
mike4mpls.com

DOUG NELSON

Party: Socialist Workers
themilitant.com

JERRELL PERRY

Party: For The People
perry4thepeople.com

CHRISTOPHER W. DAVID

Party: DFL
Nobsmpls.com

NATE "HONEY BADGER" ATKINS

Party: Libertarian
612-254-4728

AJ AWED

Party: DFL
awed4mayor.org

BOB "AGAIN" CARNEY JR

Party: Republican
votebobagain.com

PAUL E. JOHNSON
Party: Humanitarian-Community
paul4mpls.com

TROY BENJEGERDES

Party: DFL
mayortroy.com

SHEILA NEZHAD

Party: DFL
Sheilaforthepeople.com

CLINT CONNER

Party: DFL
ClintConner2021.com

KEVIN "NO BODY" WARD

Party: Independent
612-236-4033

MARK GLOBUS

Party: DFL
GlobusForMayor.com

MARCUS HARCUS

Party: Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis
marcusharcus.com

Minneapolis City Council

JOB DESCRIPTION

The City Council is Minneapolis' main governing body, responsible for approving new and future city developments. The Council governs through its legislative, administrative, and financial powers. The Council uses a committee system in which each committee handles a specific area of city policy. There are 13 City Council members, each representing a ward. See map on page 10 to find your ward.

Length of term: Four years
Salary: \$106,101

OFFICIAL DUTIES

- Establishes policies for city departments
- Exercises budgetary and policy control over city departments
- Sets property taxes to raise money for the city budget (within the limits set by the Board of Estimate and Taxation)
- Licenses city businesses
- Enforces rules that regulate public and private activities, including uses of property, prevention of crime, and ensuring public health and welfare

For more information: www.minneapolismn.gov/council

MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Ward 1

KEVIN REICH
(INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL
kevinreich.org

ELLIOT PAYNE

Party: DFL
elliottpayne.com

CALVIN CARPENTER

Party: Veterans
612-839-0928

THOMAS E WORTMAN

Party: DFL
612-223-1195

Ward 2

CAM GORDON
(INCUMBENT)

Party: Green
camgordon.org

YUSRA ARAB

Party: DFL
Yusraarab.com

ROBIN WONSLEY
WORLOBAH

Party: Democratic Socialist
robininformpls@gmail.com

TOM ANDERSON

Party: DFL
reimaginempls.com

GUY T GASKIN

Party: Republican
guytgaskin.net

Ward 3

STEVE FLETCHER
(INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL
stevefletcher.org

MICHAEL RAINVILLE

Party: DFL
rainvilleward3.org

MERV MOORHEAD

Party: DFL
mervforward3.org

HOPE HENNESSEY

Party: Independent
Hope4Council.org

Ward 4

PHILLIPE M CUNNINGHAM
(INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL
CunninghamMPLS.com

LATRISHA VETAW

Party: DFL
LatrishaForward4.com

LESLIE DAVIS
Party: Independent
LeslieDavis.org

Ward 5

JEREMIAH ELLISON
(INCUMBENT)
Party: DFL
jeremiahforward5.com

VICTOR MARTINEZ
Party: DFL
victorycitycouncil.com

SULEIMAN ISSE
Party: DFL
electisse.com

CATHY SPANN
Party: DFL
cathyspannforward5.com

KRISTEL PORTER
Party: DFL
northsidersforkristel.org

JAMES "JIM" SEYMOUR
Party: Witness
jseymour.mpls@gmail.com

ELIJAH NORRIS-HOLLIDAY
Party: Independent
E-45.com

Ward 6

JAMAL OSMAN
(INCUMBENT)
Party: DFL
Jamalosman.org

A. BIHI
Party: DFL
abihi@hotmail.com

Ward 7

LISA GOODMAN
(INCUMBENT)
Party: DFL
507-403-8136

NICK KOR
Party: DFL
nickkor.com

TEQEN ZÉA-AIDA
Party: DFL
teqenwardseven.com

JOANNA DIAZ
Party: DFL
763-415-2179

Ward 8

ANDREA JENKINS
(INCUMBENT)
Party: DFL
andrea-jenkins.com

ROBERT "BOB" SULLENTROP
Party: Republican
612-825-5616

Ward 9

MICKEY MOORE
Party: DFL
weneedmoore.org

YUSSUF HAJI
Party: DFL
Hajiforward9.com

BRENDA SHORT
Party: unknown
612-384-5483

ROSS TENNESON
Party: Republican
rtenneson@hotmail.com

CARMEN MEANS
Party: DFL
carmenforward9.com

JASON CHAVEZ
Party: DFL
jasonchavez.org

ALFRED "AJ" FLOWERS JR.
Party: DFL
AJforward9.com

JON RANDALL DENISON
Party: Social Justice
jon.denison@hotmail.com

Ward 10

DAVID WHEELER
Party: DFL
wheeler4ward10.com

CHRIS PARSONS
Party: DFL
612-682-3701

KATIE JONES
Party: DFL
KatieforWard10.org

UBAH NUR
Party: DFL
UbahforWard10.com

ALICIA GIBSON
Party: DFL
VoteAliciaGibson.com

AISHA CHUGHTAI
Party: DFL
aishaforward10.com

Ward 11

JEREMY SCHROEDER
(INCUMBENT)
Party: DFL
Jeremyschroeder.org

EMILY KOSKI
Party: DFL
emilykoski@mpls.com

DILLON GHERNA
Party: DFL
dgmpls.com

ALBERT T. ROSS
Party: DFL
albertross.org

KURT MICHAEL ANDERSON
Party: Independent
kurt.m.anderson.2021@gmail.com

Ward 12

ANDREW JOHNSON (INCUMBENT)
Party: DFL
612-564-2639

DAVID ROSENFELD
Party: Socialist Workers
themilitant.com

NANCY FORD
Party: unknown
nancyfordmn.com

Ward 13

LINEA PALMISANO (INCUMBENT)
Party: DFL
Lineapalmisano.org

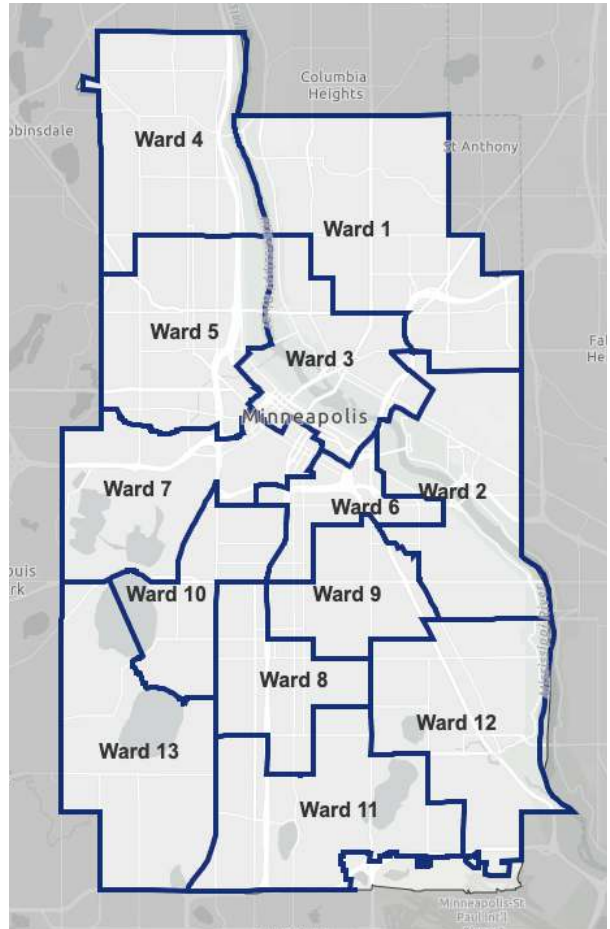
BOB REUER
Party: Independent
612-998-8209

MIKE NORTON
Party: DFL
MikeNorton.org

KATI MEDFORD
Party: Green
katiforward13.com

KEN SALWAY
Party: Republican
voteforken.org

City Council Ward Map



Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board was created in 1883 to govern, maintain, and develop the park system. There are nine Park commissioners—one from each of the six park districts, and three at-large. See map on page 12 to find your district.

Length of term: Four years
Salary: \$12,438
(President: \$13,853)

<p>OFFICIAL DUTIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develops park policies • Enacts ordinances governing the use of neighborhood and regional parks, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • parkways, beaches and lakes, and special use facilities such as pools, ice arenas and golf courses • Appoints the Superintendent
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For more information: www.minneapolisparcs.org

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD CANDIDATES

District 1

BILLY MENZ
Billymenz.com

District 2

ERIC MORAN
ericforparcs.org

MIKE SHELTON
612-229-1508

BECKA THOMPSON
becka4thecity.com

District 3

AK HASSAN (INCUMBENT)
AKhassan.com

MOHAMOUD HASSAN
612-701-9821

BECKY ALPER
beckyforparcs.org

District 4

JONO COWGILL (INCUMBENT)
Jonocowgill.org

ELIZABETH SHAFFER
elizabethforparcs.org

District 5

STEFFANIE MUSICH (INCUMBENT)
musichforparcs.com

JUSTIN CERMAK
[Instagram.com/cermak_4_parks/](https://www.instagram.com/cermak_4_parks/)

CHARLES RODGERS
crodgers69@aol.com

District 6

BOB FINE
fineforparcs.com

BARB SCHLAEFER
schlaeferforparcs.com

CATHY ABENE
cathyabene.com

RISA HUSTAD
risaforparcs.com

At Large

MEG FORNEY (INCUMBENT)
megforney.org

LONDEL FRENCH (INCUMBENT)
londelfrenchforparcs@gmail.com

ALICIA D. SMITH
Aliciaforparcs.com

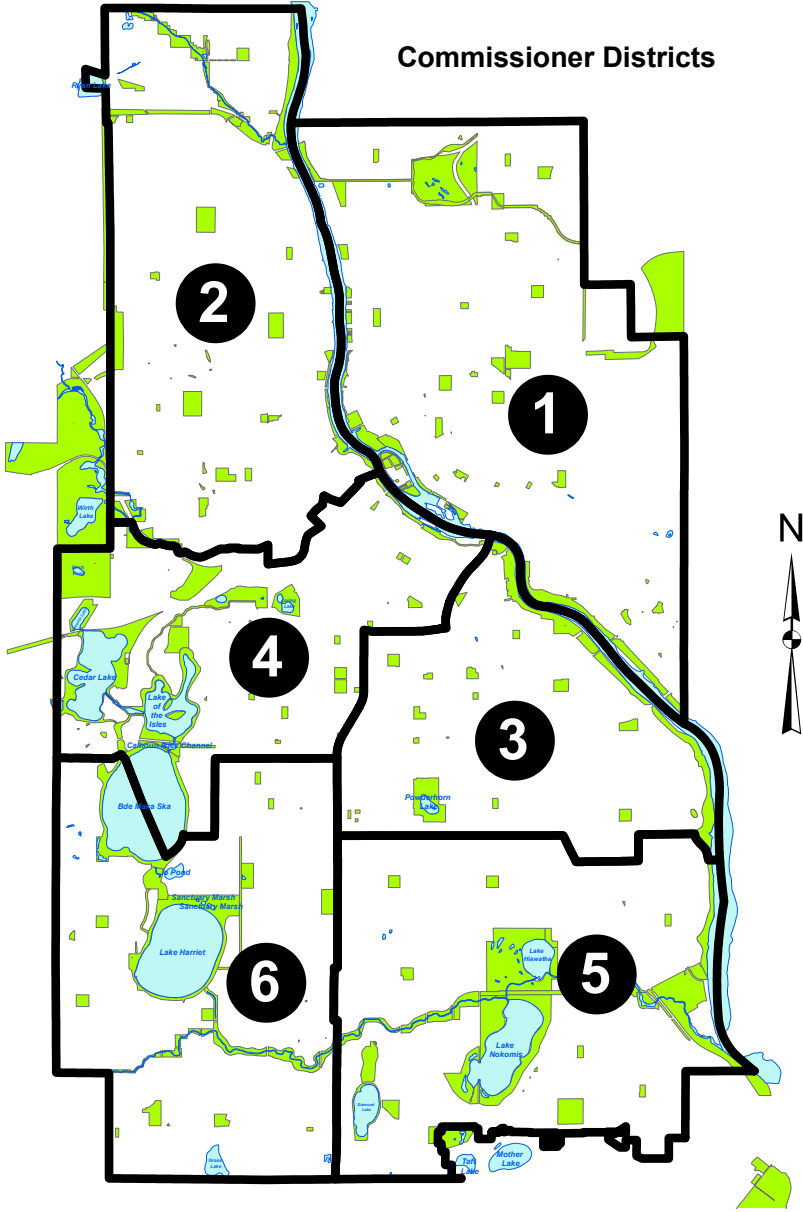
CHARLES RUCKER
612-229-1508

MARY MCKELVEY
maryforparcs.org

KATHERINE KELLY
KatherineKelly.org

TOM OLSEN
olsenforparcs.org

Park District Map



Minneapolis Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) ★

JOB DESCRIPTION

Oversees the city's budget operations and audits the city's finances. The board is made up of six members. Two members are elected by the voters. The unelected members are the following:

1. Mayor
2. City Council President
3. City Council member who chairs the Council budget committee
4. Park and Recreation Board Commissioner

Length of term: Four years for the elected members

Salary: The two elected members receive a per diem

OFFICIAL DUTIES

- Coordinates various taxing and borrowing powers for the City
- Holds public hearings to gain citizen input regarding maximum tax levies for certain City tax funds, and sets maximum tax levies for the following funds: the City Council, the Park and Recreation Board, and the Board of Estimate and Taxation
- Issues General Obligation Bonds of the City in support of the Capital Program

For more information: www.minneapolismn.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/bet/

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION CANDIDATES

SAMANTHA "SAM" PREE-STINSON
Samforbet.com

PINE SALICA
651-332-0852

STEVE BRANDT
brandtforBET.com

KEVIN NIKIFORAKIS
nicholas752@gmail.com

NOTE: With the exception of incumbents, candidates for all offices in this guide are listed in order of their filing dates.

GO TO: LWVMpls.org to read how the candidates respond to questionnaires, in their own words, about where they stand on key issues of importance to the community.

Be an Informed Voter – Know the City’s Charter (Our Constitution)

The Minneapolis Charter Commission – How it works

The Charter Commission oversees the Charter, the City’s “Constitution,” which specifies how Minneapolis operates and what it may do as a government entity. The Commission’s fifteen members are appointed by the Chief Judge of Hennepin County to four-year terms.

The first Charter, adopted in 1920, has been amended several times. In 2013 a major revision called the “plain language charter” was approved by voters and adopted.

THE CHARTER

- Defines how the City government is structured and what it can do
- Sets up the process for how official actions and decisions are made
- Manages redistricting for Minneapolis (occurs in 2021 and every 10 years, following the census)

Two paths to amend the City Charter:

- 1 By ballot question – An amendment made into law by a majority of the voters
- 2 By ordinance – An amendment made into law by ordinance, which requires all members of the City Council to vote “yes” and the Mayor to approve it

Charter Amendments on the Ballot:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to strike and replace the Police Department with a Department of Public Safety which could include licensed peace officers (police officers) if necessary, with administrative authority to be consistent with other city departments to fulfill its responsibilities for public safety?

Yes _____

No _____

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE: EXECUTIVE MAYOR – LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to adopt a change in its form of government to an Executive Mayor-Legislative Council structure to shift certain powers to the Mayor, consolidating administrative authority over all operating departments under the Mayor, and eliminating the Executive Committee?

Yes _____

No _____

AUTHORIZING CITY COUNCIL TO ENACT RENT CONTROL ORDINANCE

Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to authorize the City Council to regulate rents on private residential property in the City of Minneapolis, with the general nature of the amendments being indicated in the explanatory note below, which is made a part of this ballot?

Yes _____

No _____

Explanatory Note:

This amendment would:

1. Authorize the City Council to regulate rents on private residential property in the City of Minneapolis by ordinance.
2. Provide that an ordinance regulating rents on private residential property could be enacted in two different and independent ways:
 - a. The City Council may enact the ordinance.
 - b. The City Council may refer the ordinance as a ballot question to be decided by the voters for approval at an election. If more than half of the votes cast on the ballot question are in favor of its adoption, the ordinance would take effect 30 days after the election, or at such other time as provided in the ordinance.

For more information on all Charter Amendments: <https://lims.minneapolis.gov/minneapolismn.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/charter-commission/current-proposals/>

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The League of Women Voters of Minneapolis compiled the material in this guide from available websites and internet resources. The guide's purpose is help citizens be informed about their government so that they can be active and involved. The League is nonpartisan: we do not support or oppose any political parties or candidates.

At the time of this printing the information provided was up to date.

We encourage voters to:

- Review candidate websites in full
- Seek additional information to make reasoned choices when voting
- Track the status of your ballot at <https://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/vote-by-mail/ballot-tracking-tool/>
- **Go to [LWVMPs.org](https://www.lwvmp.org) for additional election information.**

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Yog xav paub ntxiv txog kev pov npav hais ua lus Hmoob no mus saib hauv mnvotes.org.
Yog xavtau kev pab txhais lus vote.minneapolismn.gov hu 311 lossis 612-673-3000

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<https://vote.minneapolismn.gov/ranked-choice-voting/details/>

The Minneapolis League of Women Voters invites you to become a member. Visit <https://lwvmpls.org>, call 612-333-6319, or email vote@lwvmpls.org

Thank you to the City of Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services for their assistance with preparing this guide. Use the QR Code to connect to the City's website.

