



NON PARTISAN VOTERS GUIDE 2020

2020 GENERAL ELECTION • NOVEMBER 3, 2020

To Be Eligible to Vote in Minnesota You Must:



- 1 Be at least 18 years old on Election Day
- 2 Be a citizen of the United States
- 3 Have resided in Minnesota for 20 days prior to Election Day
- 4 Have any felony conviction record discharged, expired or completed
- 5 Not be under court-ordered guardianship where a court has revoked your voting rights
- 6 Not have been ruled legally incompetent by a court of law

For Election Information

For the most up-to-date information about registering to vote, requesting a voter registration form or absentee ballot, locating your polling place, or identifying the candidates, go to the website of the Minnesota Secretary of State: mnvotes.org. You can also call 651-215-1440, or 311, or email elections.dept@state.mn.us. If you participate in Minnesota's Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program do not register online, but contact Safe Home at 1-866-723-3035.

You can also go to LWVMpls.org and Vote411.org for election information you need, brought to you by the League of Women Voters Education Fund. **Vote411 election information is provided in English and Spanish (candidate information in English only).**

Deadlines

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- October 13** Register to vote online or by mail through October 13, 2020.
- November 3** Register in person with proof of residence through November 3, 2020.

VOTING DEADLINES

- September 18** Early voting in person or by mail begins on September 18, 2020. (You may register at the same time with proof of residence.)
- November 3** Absentee ballots must be postmarked by election day, November 3, 2020, and will continue to be counted until November 10, 2020.

New Rules for Absentee Ballots

To minimize direct contact with others, the CDC is recommending that everyone vote early and vote by mail. To request an absentee ballot online, go to mnvotes.org. A ballot will be sent to you as soon as they are ready. Due to COVID-19, no witness is needed if you are a registered voter.

If you are **not** registered to vote when you request your absentee ballot, a voter registration form will be sent to you with your ballot to also complete and return. You will need a witness to verify your residency.

Because of the volume of votes expected, you are encouraged to return your ballot as soon as it is filled out. **Ballots should be mailed at least 10 days before the election.**

BALLOT ASSISTANCE

Beginning September 18, you can ask almost anyone to help you vote, drop off, or mail your absentee ballot. This person can help drop off or mail ballots for no more than three people.

Between October 27 and November 3, in some narrow circumstances (such as living in a nursing home) an "agent" can pick up your blank ballot from the county, bring it to you to complete, and then mail it or drop it off for you. The ballot must be picked up **no later than 2pm on November 3**. The deadline for returning your ballot on **November 3 is 3pm**. Return your ballot to Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services or to Hennepin County Elections office. Go to mnvotes.org to see if you and your agent qualify and to understand the process.

If you need materials in other languages and alternate formats, go to mnvotes.org for contact information and phone numbers.

VOTE EARLY IN PERSON

If you don't want to mail your absentee ballot, you can drop it off in person between **September 18 and November 2** at Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services at 980 East Hennepin Ave., Monday-Friday between 8 am and 4:30 pm, or at Hennepin County Elections on the skyway level of the Hennepin County Government Center, 300 South 6th St. (check for times, as they may vary). If you need to update your voter registration, be sure to bring proof of residence. **Absentee ballots cannot be dropped off at polling places on election day.**

ELECTION DAY POLLING CHANGES

Because of COVID-19 many polling places will change. To confirm your polling location, go to pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us. You can also call 651-215-1440, or Safe at Home at 651-201-1399.

How to Vote From Home

1

Register

Get registered today. If you are not registered yet, you can request a paper registration form and an absentee ballot at the same time (see step 2).

They can be completed and returned together.

We recommend you register online before requesting your absentee ballot, so that you do not need to find a witness.

2

Request an Absentee Ballot

In order to vote from home, you must request an absentee ballot. We recommend that you complete and return your request form as soon as possible, **but at least two weeks before Election Day.**

3

Vote!

ASSEMBLE YOUR BALLOT MATERIALS

- Once you complete your ballot, place it in the tan envelope.
- Place the tan envelope into the white signature envelope. You must complete and sign the white signature envelope. If you are also registering to vote, a witness must complete the witness signature box (see above).
- Place the white signature envelope into the white mailing envelope.



Return Your Ballot

MAIL YOUR BALLOT

Mail your ballot back to your local election office using the large mailing envelope provided with it. This envelope is pre-addressed and does not need a stamp.

DELIVER BY HAND & VOTE EARLY IN PERSON

When delivered by hand, your ballot must be returned to the election office address on the return envelope by **November 3 at 3pm**. If you drop off a ballot for someone else, you must show identification with name and signature. **Absentee ballots may not be dropped off at a polling location.**



Track Your Ballot

You can track the status of your ballot at mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus.aspx.

Be an Informed Voter — Know the Candidates

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

JOE BIDEN

Vice Presidential Candidate: Kamala Harris
Party: Democrat

DONALD TRUMP (INCUMBENT)

Vice-Presidential Candidate: Mike Pence
Party: Republican

HOWIE HAWKINS

Vice-Presidential Candidate:
Angela Nicole Walker
Party: Green

KANYE WEST

Vice-Presidential Candidate: Michelle Tidball
Party: Birthday Party / Independent

JO JORGENSEN

Vice-Presidential Candidate: Spike Cohen
Party: Libertarian

U.S. SENATE

TINA SMITH (INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL
Campaign Website: smith.senate.gov
Candidate Profile: Tina Smith has a law degree from Stanford University, worked at General Mills and started her own business. After serving as Chief of Staff for both Mayor R.T. Rybak and Governor Mark Dayton, she was elected as Dayton's Lieutenant Governor, where she worked on tax fairness, tackling health care costs and prescription drug prices. She continues to work on early education and rural broadband. She has served in the U.S. Senate since 2018.

KEVIN O'CONNOR

Party: Legal Marijuana Now Party
Campaign Website: legalmarijuanaparty.com/candidates-1
Candidate Profile: Kevin O'Connor has a varied background of business, military, and volunteerism. He supports the medicinal use of cannabis and any other plant which can be beneficial for the health of people without interference by the government. He feels these decisions, and others, are the responsibility of each individual to make.

OLIVER STEINBERG

Party: Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis
Campaign Website: jackherershero.org
Candidate Profile: Oliver Steinberg supports the green new deal, campaign finance reform, and single-payer healthcare. He supports constitutional amendments that say corporations are not people and money is not speech; the abolition of the Electoral College; the outlawing of monopolies; and data privacy giving exclusive ownership of data to individuals, not corporations.

JASON LEWIS

Party: Republican
Campaign Website: lewisformn.com
Candidate Profile: Jason Lewis has a master's degree in political science. He served as the U.S. Representative for Minnesota's 2nd congressional district from 2017 to 2019, where he worked on tax cuts, regulatory reform and juvenile justice. He worked in business and broadcasting as a radio talk show host, political commentator and writer before entering Congress.

CELEBRATE & SHARE

Share your participation by posting a digital "I Voted" sticker on social media and encouraging people you know to vote from home as well! Digital stickers can be downloaded from [lwvnmn.org/vote-from-home](https://wvnmn.org/vote-from-home).



U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - DISTRICT 5

ILHAN OMAR (INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL

Campaign Website: omar.house.gov

Candidate Profile: Born in Somalia, Ilhan Omar moved to Minneapolis in 1997 and worked as a community educator at the U of M, was a policy fellow at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, and served as Senior Policy Aide for the Minneapolis City Council. In 2016 she was elected to the MN House. Omar has served in the U.S. House since 2018, where she is a member of the Budget, Foreign Affairs and Education and Labor Committees.

LACY JOHNSON

Party: Republican

Campaign Website: lacyjohnson.com

Candidate Profile: Lacy Johnson has lived in North Minneapolis for 40 years, and worked

in information technology, systems development, and engineering. He has also worked in computer programming and as an IT solutions consultant. He has served as program director for Hospitality House and as a trustee of New Salem Missionary Baptist Church.

MICHAEL MOORE

Party: Legal Marijuana Now Party

Campaign Website:

legalmarijuanaparty.com/candidates-1

Candidate Profile: Michael Moore had early success in athletics and attended the U of M on a presidential scholarship. He later turned his attention toward owning and managing a salon with multiple locations. He is now retired from private business, enjoys being a husband and father, and is involved in his neighborhood.

MN SENATE DISTRICTS IN MINNEAPOLIS

District 59

BOBBY JOE CHAMPION (INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL

Campaign Website:

facebook.com/SenBobbyJoeChampion/

Candidate Profile: Bobby Joe Champion served in the MN House from 2009-2012 and the MN Senate from 2013 to the present. He is a graduate of Macalester College and William Mitchell School of Law. Champion's policy issues include job creation, housing, civil rights, education, and economic development. He is co-founder and director of the 2003 Grammy nominated Excelsior Choir.

PAUL ANDERSON

Party: Republican

Candidate Website:

paulandersonsenate59.com

Candidate Profile: Paul Anderson is a graduate of the U of M and the Carlson School of

Business. He has worked for several well-known Minnesota companies and is currently working for Hubbard Broadcasting as Director of Corporate Information Services and Information Security. He has three grown children and six grandchildren.

District 60

KARI DZIEDZIC (INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL

Candidate Website: kari4senate.com

Candidate Profile: Kari Dziedzic served as an aide for U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone. She worked for Hennepin County as communications director for the Hennepin County Attorney, then as policy aide for County Commissioner Mark Stenglein. Dziedzic has served in the MN Senate since 2012; her current policy issues include updating state sexual harassment laws, and safe and affordable housing.

MARY HOLMBERG

Party: Republican

Candidate Website: unknown

Candidate Profile: The Republican primary for this office was cancelled. No additional biographical information was found.

District 61

D. SCOTT DIBBLE (INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL

Candidate Website: scottdibble.com

Candidate Profile: Scott Dibble has been a movement organizer since the 1980s as an activist with ACT-UP, the Minnesota Human Rights Act Amendment, and his work on the Neighborhood Transportation Network. He was key in passing the Marriage Equality and the Homeless Youth Acts. After one term in the MN House he has served in the MN Senate since 2003.

JENNIFER ZIELINSKI

Party: Republican

Candidate Website: unknown

Candidate Profile: The Republican primary for this office was cancelled. No additional biographical information was found.

District 62

OMAR FATEH

Party: DFL

Candidate Website: omarfateh.org

Candidate Profile: Omar Fateh is a Somali immigrant who holds a master's degree in public administration and is running as a Democratic Socialist activist. Fateh worked for the City of Minneapolis as a Community Specialist and for the MN Department of Transportation. He ran for MN House in 2018. Fateh served as vice chair of the Hennepin County 2040 Comprehensive Plan Policy Advisory Committee.

BRUCE LUNDEEN

Party: Republican

Candidate Website: <https://bit.ly/32huG7n>

Candidate Profile: Bruce Lundeen graduated from the U of Massachusetts-Amherst. He served in the Marine Corps from 1968-1972. He has worked as a tour boat captain and as the owner of his own refrigeration, air conditioning and heating company. He has run in campaigns for the MN House, MN Senate, and Minneapolis City Council.

District 63

PATRICIA TORRES RAY (INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL

Candidate Website: patriciatorresray.org

Candidate Profile: Patricia Torres Ray is Columbian-American and the first Latina woman to serve in the MN Senate. A graduate of the U of MN and the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, she was first elected to the senate in 2006. Ray has worked on policy issues including immigrant rights, marriage equality, worker protections, public safety reform, and education.

DIANE NAPPER

Party: Republican

Candidate Website: nappermn63.com

Candidate Profile: Diane Napper was born and raised in Philadelphia and graduated from American University in Washington, D.C. Napper states that her top issues are public safety, education, economic opportunity and government waste/fraud. Napper owns Taurus Moon Graphic Design, LLC. She and her husband live in Nokomis East.

CHRIS WRIGHT

Party: Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis

Candidate Website: votewright.org

Candidate Profile: Chris Wright has been a political activist for 32 years. He has organized 40 annual marches and rallies, run for congress in 1988 and for Governor in 1998, 2010, and 2014. He has worked on others' campaigns addressing climate change and the root causes of inequality, among other policy issues.

MN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICTS IN MINNEAPOLIS

District 59A

FUE LEE (INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL

Candidate Website: fuelee.org

Candidate Profile: Fue Lee is a community organizer and activist of Hmong descent who was born in a refugee camp in Thailand. A graduate of Carleton College, Lee was first elected to the MN House in 2016. His policy issues include expanding educational opportunities, eliminating economic disparities by supporting development projects, and reducing pollution for cleaner neighborhoods.

MARCUS HARCUS

Party: Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis

Candidate Website: unknown

Candidate Profile: Marcus Harcus is a writer, social entrepreneur, organizer and artist. He has worked for Neighborhoods Organizing for Change (NOC), a grassroots organization fighting for racial and economic justice. He is the founder of Full Legalization Minnesota. His party's goal is to challenge the war on drugs and support marijuana legalization efforts.

District 59B

ESTHER AGBAJE

Party: DFL

Candidate Website: estheragbaje.com

Candidate Profile: Esther Agbaje was born and raised in Minnesota; her parents are Nigerian immigrants. She holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Pennsylvania and a degree from Harvard Law School. She volunteers with the Hennepin County Housing Court project, local environmental justice organizations and her church.

ALAN SHILEPSKY

Party: Republican

Candidate Website: secure.winred.com/alan-shilepsky-for-state-rep-59b-committee/donate-today

Candidate Profile: Alan Shilepsky has been a lifelong political activist as a Democrat, Independence Party (Reform Party) member, and a Republican. Trained in physics, public policy analysis and economics, he is a database developer and a community volunteer.

LISA NEAL-DELGADO

Party: Green

Candidate Website: lisaformn59b.com

Candidate Profile: Lisa Neal-Delgado was born and raised in North Minneapolis, the daughter of active union members. After a military service career of over 22 years, she now works in criminal justice reform, and has co-chaired a Department of Justice-sponsored Minneapolis Police and Community Engagement team. Neal-Delgado has been active in the Northside Schools Collective for education reform.

District 60A

SYDNEY JORDAN (INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL

Candidate Website: sydneyjordan.org

Candidate Profile: Sydney Jordan is an education, environmental and labor organizer. She grew up in Illinois, the daughter of public employees. She is currently the state director of the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters. Jordan previously was a union organizer with the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers and sat on the Minneapolis Works Coalition.

CALVIN LEE CARPENTER

Party: Veterans Party

Candidate Website: <https://bit.ly/3jYQSZX>

Candidate Profile: Calvin Lee Carpenter is running as a member of the Veterans Party, which states that it is neither conservative nor liberal and that its platform is solutions-based, not philosophy-based.

JOHN HOLMBERG

Party: Republican

Candidate Website: unknown

Candidate Profile: The Republican primary for this office was cancelled. No additional biographical information was found.

District 60B

MOHAMUD NOOR (INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL

Candidate Website: mohamudnoor.org

Candidate Profile: Mohamud Noor was born in Somalia and immigrated to the U.S. in 1999. He has worked in community engagement, was executive director of the Confederation of Somali in Minnesota, and has a degree in computer science. He has worked on environmental justice, affordable housing, public education and racial equity. He lives in the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood with his wife and four children.

District 61A

FRANK HORNSTEIN (INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL

Candidate Website: frankhornstein.org

Candidate Profile: Frank Hornstein, a lifelong community organizer, has served in the MN House since 2002. This past year, he worked to increase funding for education and health care and to address climate change. He also has worked to make infrastructure investments, prevent gun violence, reform criminal justice, ensure clean and fair elections, and protect a woman's reproductive freedom. Hornstein is married with three children.

KURTIS FECHTMEYER

Party: Republican

Candidate Website: unknown

Candidate Profile: The Republican Primary for this office was cancelled. No additional biographical information was found.

District 61B

JAMIE LONG (INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL

Candidate Website: jamielong.com

Candidate Profile: Jamie Long has served in the MN House since 2018. He is a lawyer who previously worked in the U.S. Congress on energy, environmental and transportation policy. As a Representative, Long has worked on bills regarding climate change, opportunity gaps, equal education access, and access to health and human services. He is married with two children.

LISA POHLMAN

Party: Republican

Candidate Website: facebook.com/LisaPHouse61/

Candidate Profile: The Republican primary for this office was cancelled. No additional biographical information for Lisa Pohlman was found.

District 62A

HODAN HASSAN (INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL

Candidate Website: hodanforhouse.com

Candidate Profile: Hodan Hassan immigrated from Somalia more than 20 years ago. She is a clinical social worker and a community organizer. Hassan works on policy issues including universal single payer health care, racial justice, equity and inclusion, housing, climate change and environmental justice. She is a single mother who lives in the Phillips Community with her son.

ARJUN KATARIA

Party: Republican

Candidate Website: unknown

Candidate Profile: The Republican primary for this office was cancelled. No additional biographical information was found.

District 62B

AISHA GOMEZ (INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL

Candidate Website: aishagomez.com

Candidate Profile: Aisha Gomez comes from a mixed-heritage background and grew up on Minneapolis' Southside. She was elected to the MN House in 2018. Gomez has worked on policy issues such as healthy and secure communities, fair access to democracy and citizenship, shaping an equitable economy, restorative justice, and access to high quality, attainable schools.

ROSS TENNESON

Party: Republican

Candidate Website: unknown

Candidate Profile: The Republican primary for this office was cancelled. No additional biographical information was found.

District 63A

JIM DAVNIE (INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL

Candidate Website: jimdavnie.com

Candidate Profile: Jim Davnie was first elected to the MN House in 2000. His policy issues include job creation, preserving the environment, accessible health care, and tax fairness and relief. Davnie previously taught social studies and has been active in numerous community organizations. He is a personal finance educator for Lutheran Social Service and is married with two children.

PENNY ARCOS

Party: Republican

Candidate Website: unknown

Candidate Profile: Arcos advanced from the Republican primary. No additional biographical information was found.

DAVID WIESTER

Party: Legal Marijuana Now

Candidate Website:

legalmarijuanaparty.com/candidates-1

Candidate Profile: David Wiester ran for MN Senate with the Grassroots Party in 1996, supporting individual liberty. He is married, works as a surgical support specialist and is a member of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). He has volunteered with non-profit groups including pro-choice, GLBT+, NORML, and the Liberal Gun Club.

District 63B

EMMA GREENMAN

Party: DFL

Candidate Website: emmagreenman.com

Candidate Profile: Emma Greenman grew up in South Minneapolis. She earned a law degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and a master's degree in public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School. After working on Paul Wellstone's campaign, she spent fifteen years as a community organizer and voting rights attorney. Currently Greenman is Director of Voting Rights and Democracy at the Center for Popular Democracy.

FRANK PAFKO

Party: Republican

Candidate Website: facebook.com/Pafko63B/

Candidate Profile: Pafko advanced from the Republican primary for this office. No additional biographical information was found.

DENNIS SCHULLER

Party: Legal Marijuana Now

Candidate Website:

legalmarijuanaparty.com

Candidate Profile: Dennis Schuller has owned DS Productions since 1996. His top priority is ending cannabis prohibition in the right way. Schuller was a member of the Richfield Planning Commission for 6 years. He is married with one son.

MINNEAPOLIS SCHOOL BOARD

At-Large

KIM ELLISON (INCUMBENT)

Candidate Website:

board.mpls.k12.mn.us/kim_ellison_2

Candidate Profile: Kim Ellison worked as an executive assistant for Community Action from 2008 to 2012. She worked as a teacher for Guadalupe Alternative Programs from 1999 to 2008. Ellison was first appointed to the Minneapolis board of Education in 2012, and first elected in 2013. All four of her children graduated from the school district.

MICHAEL DUENES

Candidate Website: michaelduenesmps.com

Candidate Profile: Michael Duenes has worked as a senior policy analyst; a dean of liberal arts; and a professor of political science, ethnic studies, and Chicano/Latinx studies. He has created and led a college equity and diversity office, and served on the advisory council of the Minnesota Education Equity Partnership.

District 2

KERRY JO FELDER (INCUMBENT)

Candidate Website:

facebook.com/kerryjo4schoolboard/

Candidate Profile: Kerry Jo Felder works as a community and education organizer for the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation and as a field organizer for Minnesotans for a Fair Economy. She served as an education organizer for Neighborhoods Organizing for Change and is a board member. Felder is a founding member of the Northside Schools Collective.

SHARON EL-AMIN

Candidate Website: sharon4schools.com

Candidate Profile: Sharon El-Amin served as President of North Polar Parent Organization and currently is a member of the North High School Site Council. El-Amin, a business owner for 15 years, sits on Phillips Foundation's

NorthSide Commercial Real Estate Advisory Committee and was a member of Neon's Board of Directors for three years.

District 4

ADRIANA CERRILLO

Candidate Website: adrianacerrillo.com

Candidate Profile: Adriana Cerrillo has her own consulting business and works to support immigrants' rights. She sits on the Emerson Spanish Immersion Learning Center site council. Cerrillo served as a family advocate for Minnesota Comeback, now called Great Minnesota Schools, and sat on the Minneapolis Police Conduct Oversight Commission.

CHRISTA MIMS

Candidate Website: christamims.com

Candidate Profile: Christa Mims is a social worker in Hennepin County's child protection system. She currently serves on the board of the Domestic Abuse Project and was selected as a 2020 New Leaders Council Fellow. Mims also serves as Education Domain Lead for racial disparity reduction work in Hennepin County.

District 6

IRA JOURDAIN (INCUMBENT)

Candidate Website:

board.mpls.k12.mn.us/ira_jourdain

Candidate Profile: Ira Jourdain, Board of Education Director, is an enrolled member of the Red Lake Band of Ojibwe. A resident of Kingfield in SW Minneapolis, he has four children, two of whom attend Bancroft Elementary School where he volunteers and serves on site councils. He has worked in human services as a Minnesota Family Investment Program Manager.

MINNESOTA JUDICIAL ELECTIONS

Minnesota Supreme Court

PAUL THISSEN (INCUMBENT)

Candidate Website: paulthissen.com

Candidate Profile: Paul Thissen served in the Minnesota House of Representatives for 16 years. He was appointed to the MN Supreme Court by Governor Dayton in April, 2018. Thissen earned his law degree from the University of Chicago. His law career included work as a public defender, then in general litigation and appellate work, and later in health care law.

MICHELLE MACDONALD

Candidate Website: macdonaldforjustice.com

Candidate Profile: Michelle MacDonald is an attorney concentrating on the areas of family law, divorce, paternity, adoption, estate planning, and probate. She served as a judge of the Conciliation Court in Hennepin County from 1999 to 2014 and as an adjunct referee of the family court from 1992 to 2012. She earned her law degree from Suffolk University.

NOTE: All remaining Judicial races are uncontested.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The material in this guide was compiled by the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis in order to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in their government. The League is nonpartisan: it neither supports nor opposes any political parties or candidates.

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

Candidate information in this guide has been compiled by LWVMpls from available websites and internet resources. We encourage voters to:

- Review candidate websites in full
- Go to the LWV's Vote411 (vote411.org) for candidate responses to issue questions
- Seek additional candidate information to make reasoned choices when voting

