

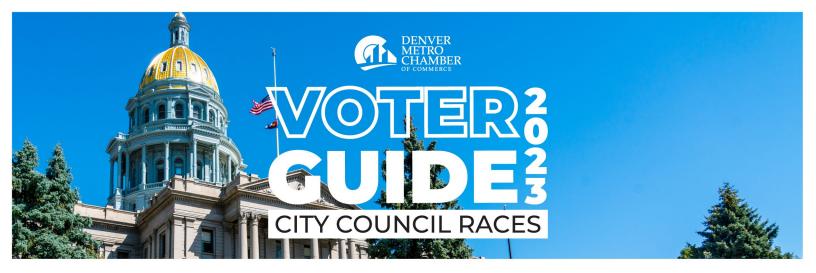
# Voter Guide

The City and County of Denver participates in redistricting every 10 years to reflect population changes detailed by U.S. Census data. This is the first election for this cycle of maps. All Denver voters can vote for the Mayor, Auditor, Clerk and Recorder, and two at-large council members. Only residents within a district can vote for their district councilmember.

This is the first election to utilize the Fair Elections Fund. The Fair Elections Fund was passed by Denver voters in 2018. Candidates leveraging this funding mechanism must agree to raise money in lower amounts and take contributions only from individuals and small donor committees. The Fair Elections Fund provides municipal candidates with matching public funds for donations of \$50 or less at a ratio of 9-1. This fund will be hugely impactful for the 2023 candidates. If a candidate manages to have 10 Denverites donate \$50 each, they will pocket another \$4,500 from the city. That means that small donations have a magnified impact in this race... and that candidates that might otherwise struggle to fund a campaign will be competitive in this climate.

The 2023 municipal race is also a high turnover election. Five council members are either termed out of office or not seeking re-election. Given how crowded several of the races are, many seats are likely to go to a runoff.

March 13, 2023	Ballots Mailed
April 4, 2023	Election Day (Ballots Due)
April 12, 2023	Military & Overseas and Cure Deadline
April 20, 2023	Election Results Certified
May 15, 2023	Run-Off Ballots Mailed
June 6, 2023	Run-Off Election (Ballots Due)
June 22, 2023	Run-Off Results Certified



# District 1:

Neighborhoods: Berkeley, Chaffee Park, Highland, Jefferson Park, Regis, Sloan's Lake, Sunnyside, West Highland.

## Amanda Sandoval\*

Occupation: City Councilwoman

Notable Endorsements: Former Speaker of the House, Crisanta Duran; Former Mayor Federico Peña, Former Mayor Wellington Webb

Policy Issues:

- Encourage community centered development
- Increase budgets for first responders
- Increase the minimum wage

# Sarah "Ava" Truckey

Occupation: Small business owner Policy Issues:

- Increase access to social services
- Increase food access
- Rezone to support the growth of ADUs

## District 2:

Neighborhoods: Bear Valley, College View- South Platte, Fort Logan, Harvey Park, Harvey Park South, Marston, part of Mar Lee.

# Kevin Flynn\*

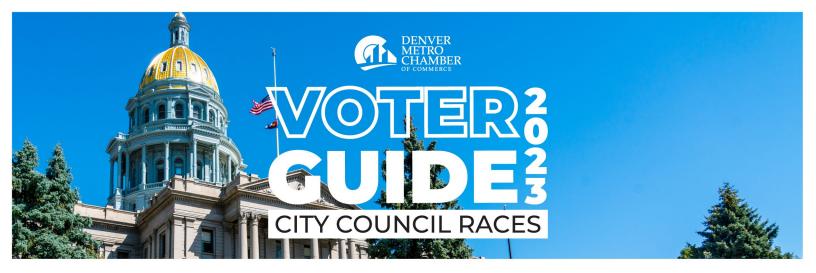
Occupation: City Councilman, formerly a journalist for *Rocky Mountain News* Notable Endorsements: Former Mayor Federico Peña, Former Mayor Wellington Webb, Denver Metro Association of Realtors<sup>®</sup>, Denver Firefighters IAFF Local 858 Policy Issues:

- Help local businesses with zoning, licensing, and legislative proposals
- Bolster the Denver Ethics Code
- Develop affordable housing strategies that consider fees, taxes, and utilities costs

#### **Chris Herr**

Occupation: Director of Sustainability for the Auraria Campus Policy Issues:

- Combine affordability and sustainability strategies
- Increase ADUs



Reduce police interactions in routine traffic stops through technology solutions

# Tiffany Caudill

Occupation: Organizer, Customer Service Representative Notable Endorsements: Denver Democratic Socialists of America; Colorado State Reps. Lorena Garcia, Javier Mabrey, Steven Woodrow Policy Issues:

- Strengthen tenant protections and develop social housing
- Prioritize harm reduction tactics
- Increase micro-transit

#### **District 3:**

Neighborhoods: Auraria, Barnum, Barnum West, Lincoln Park, part of Mar Lee, Valverde, Villa Park, West Colfax, Westwood.

# Jamie Torres\*

Occupation: City Councilwoman, Council President Notable Endorsements: Former Mayor Wellington Webb, Former Colorado State Senator Lucia Guzman, Colorado State Senator Julie Gonzales Policy Issues:

- Increase food access
- Allow mobile home residents to renovate or replace their units
- Ensure affordability alongside new development

**David Roybal** did not qualify for the ballot but is running as a write in candidate. He has no financial disclosures reported.

#### District 4:

Neighborhoods: Goldsmith, Hampden, Hampden South, Kennedy, University Hills, Southmoor Park, Wellshire.

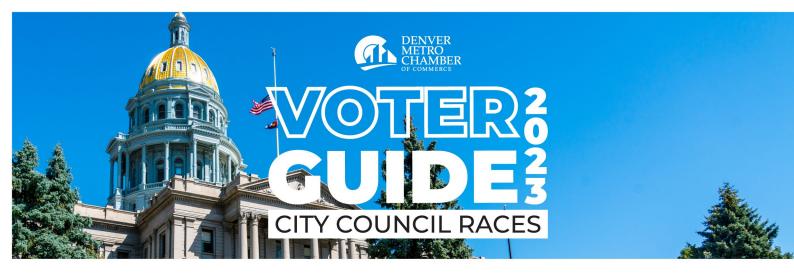
#### Diana Romero Campbell

Occupation: President & CEO of Scholars Unlimited Notable Endorsements: Councilwoman Kendra Black, Colorado State Rep. Meg Froelich, SEIU

Local

## **Policy Issues:**

• Work with law enforcement and co-responder programs rather than defunding the police



• Develop transit-oriented housing in district Protect neighborhood trails and outdoor spaces

# **Tony Pigford**

Occupation: Educator

Notable Endorsements: Denver Democratic Socialists of America, Progressive Democrats of America, Former Mayor Wellington Webb, Rep. Steven Woodrow Policy Issues:

- Expand safe outdoor sites and safe parking sites
- Use city funding to created city-owned and managed housing
- Expand the Support Team Assisted Response (STAR) program

Councilwoman Kendra Black is not seeking reelection.

## **District 5:**

Neighborhoods: Cherry Creek, Country Club, Hale, Hilltop, Lowry Field, part of Washington Virginia Vale, Windsor.

#### Amanda Sawyer\*

Occupation: City Councilwoman, attorney Policy Issues:

- Increase traffic safety
- Create design standards through a zoning overlay of Colfax Increase notifications to RNOs (Registered Neighborhood Organizations)

#### Michael Hughes

Occupation: Business owner, Hughes Collaboration Policy Issues:

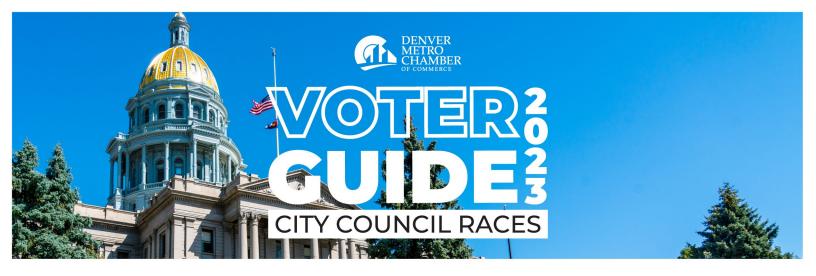
- Reform regulation to increase housing development
- Develop Transit-oriented housing
- Make communities more walkable

## District 6:

Neighborhoods: Belcaro, Cory- Merrill, Indian Creek, University, University Park, Virginia Vale, part of Washington Virginia Vale, Washington Park

#### Paul Kashmann\*

Occupation: City Councilman, former community journalist Policy Issues:



- Reduce the speed limit on neighborhood streets
- Increase Denver's tree canopy
- Increase large vehicle fines

# District 7:

Neighborhoods: Athmar Park, part of Capitol Hill, Baker, Overland, Platt Park, Rosedale, Ruby Hill, Speer, Washington Park West.

## Flor Alvidrez

Occupation: Small business owner Notable Endorsements: Denver Firefighters Local 858, Former Colorado State Senator Lucia Guzman, Former Colorado State Senator Polly Baca Policy Issues:

- Clean the Platte River and expand parks and open spaces
- Incentivize buying and doing business locally
- Increase housing affordability

# **Guy Padgett**

Occupation: Formerly Mayor of Casper, WY Notable Endorsements: Not listed Policy Issues:

- Prioritize police patrols on foot, bicycle and horseback for community engagement
- Activate underutilized spaces to increase density
- Continue investments in Denver's marquee infrastructure projects

# Adam Estroff

Occupation: Productivity Solutions Consultant, Pax8 Notable Endorsements: Not listed Policy Issues:

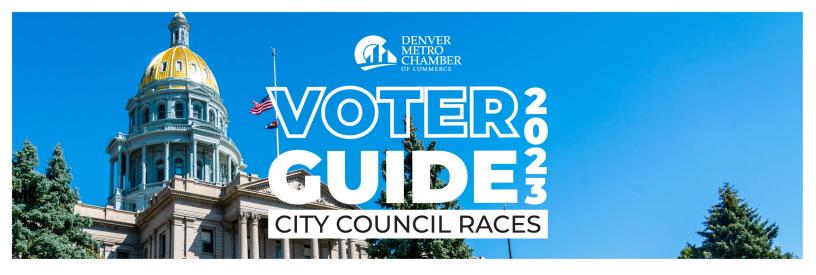
- Use city land and resources to develop housing for public employees and essential workers
- Move homeless encampments that pose a safety risk

Support replacing grass with native plants

#### **Nick Campion**

Occupation: Former software CEO and member of the Colorado Air National Guard Notable Endorsements: Byron Kominek, Owner & Manager of Jack's Solar Garden Policy Issues:

• End homeless sweeps



- Create more safe outdoor spaces and tiny homes
- Promote residential adoption of heat pumps and solar panels

## Arthur May

Occupation: Software Developer Notable Endorsements: Not listed Policy Issues:

- Enforce Denver's urban camping ban while engaging church communities for homelessness support
- Evaluate efficacy of Denver's e-bike rebate program
- Prioritize the financial accountability of local government

Councilman Jolon Clark is not seeking reelection. Dawn-Janel Hurwitz did not qualify for the ballot.

# District 8:

Neighborhoods: Central Park, East Colfax, Northeast Park Hill, part of Montbello.

#### **Brad Revare**

Occupation: Nonprofit work Notable Endorsements: Not listed Policy Issues:

- Increase youth programs and investment into youth enrichment facilities
- Dedicate protected lanes for cyclists and busses
- Incentivize Community Land Trusts

#### Leslie Twarogowski

Occupation: Executive Director of the Federal Boulevard Business Improvement District Notable Endorsements: Not listed

Policy Issues:

- Improve transportation and evaluate the city's relationship to RTD
- Create a historic cultural district in Park Hill
- Curate roads, sidewalks, pathways and highways

# **Shontel Lewis**

Occupation: RTD Board Member Notable Endorsements: Denver Democratic Socialists of America



Policy Issues:

- Create city owned and operated affordable housing
- Facilitate adaptive reuse of commercial spaces for housing
- Shift traffic enforcement duties away from law enforcement

## **Tyler Drum**

Occupation: Fundraiser for the Jewish Community Center Notable Endorsements: Not listed

Policy Issues:

- Prioritize housing first for people experiencing homelessness
- Increase ADU zoning allowances
- Create educational programs for residents to access city programs

# **Christian Steward**

Occupation: Small business owner Notable Endorsements: Not listed Policy Issues:

- Study property tax and rental price caps
- Build strong community coalitions
- Incorporate mental health resources into temporary housing

Councilman **Chris Herndon** has reached his term limit. **Rita Lewis** did not qualify for the ballot but is running as a write in candidate.

# **District 9:**

Neighborhoods: part of City Park and City Park West, Clayton, Cole, Elyria Swansea, Five Points, Globeville, North Park Hill, Skyland, South Park Hill, Whittier.

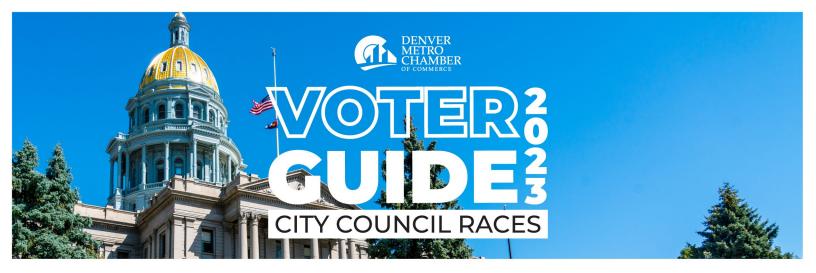
# **Darrell Watson**

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Notable Endorsements: Former Presidents of the Denver City Council Elbra Wedgeworth, Mary Beth Susman, Joyce Foster, Ramona E Martinez; Denver Fire Fighters, IAFF Local 858; YIMBY Denver

Policy Issues:

- Target affordable housing by area median income (AMI)
- Increase funding for homeownership programs
- Reform Registered Neighborhood Organizations



## **Kwon Atlas**

Occupation: Executive Director of the Federal Boulevard Business Improvement District Notable Endorsements: Colorado State Representative Shannon Bird, Civil Rights & Education Leader Anna Jo Haynes, Community Leader Khadija Haynes, African Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Maya Wheeler

Policy Issues:

- Enforce Denver's camping ban
- Create more racial equity through economic mobility
- Incentivize the conversion of rental units to homeownership opportunities

# Candi CdeBaca\*

Occupation: City Councilwoman Notable Endorsements: Denver Democratic Socialists of America, Working Families Party, Colorado State Representative Lorena Garcia Policy Issues:

- Establish more community land trusts
- Ensure new jobs pay livable wages
- Found a public bank

# District 10:

Neighborhoods: part of Capitol Hill, Central Business District, Cheesman Park, part of City Park and City Park West, Civic Center, Congress Park, North Capitol Hill, Union Station.

#### Chris Hinds\*

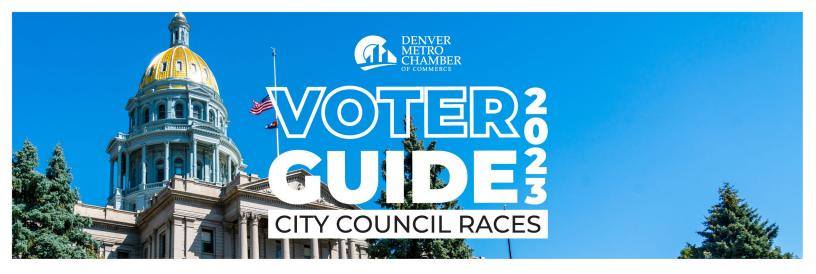
Occupation: City Councilman Notable Endorsements: Not listed Policy Issues:

- Prioritize housing first for people experiencing homelessness
- Increase pedestrian friendliness
- Balance legislative powers with executive powers in Denver's democratic process

# Shannon Hoffman

Occupation: Educator

Notable Endorsements: Denver Democratic Socialists of America, Colorado State Representative Javier Mabrey, Run for Something Policy Issues:



- Use city funding to created city-owned and managed housing
- Overturn Denver's urban camping ban
- Develop worker centers throughout Denver

## Noah Kaplan

Occupation: Educator Notable Endorsements: Not listed Policy Issues:

- Embrace accessory dwelling units
- Facilitate adaptive reuse of commercial spaces for housing
- Enforce Denver's urban camping ban while pursuing emergency housing services

# **Margie Morris**

Occupation: Nonprofit founder Notable Endorsements: Not listed Policy Issues:

- Establish a city council committee exclusive to homelessness issues
- Identify temporary shelter or safe outdoor spaces
- Create a public dashboard to establish transparency in the city's homelessness response

# District 11:

Neighborhoods: DIA, Green Valley Ranch, part of Montbello.

# Stacie Gilmore\*

Occupation: City Councilwoman

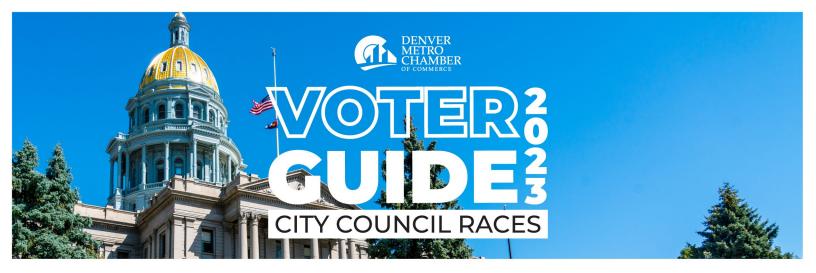
Notable Endorsements: Denver Area Labor Federation, YIMBY Denver, Homebuilders Association of Metro Denver, Former Mayor Wellington Webb, Former U.S. Senator Ken Salazar, Former U.S. Senator Gloria Tanner

Policy Issues:

- Explore creating a workforce development training center in-district
- Preserve the culture and charter of Denver neighborhoods experiencing change
- Build a Green Valley Ranch Recreation Center indoor pool

**Janelle Jenkins** did not qualify for the ballot but is running as a write in candidate. He has no financial disclosures reported.

At Large:



## **Travis Leiker**

Occupation: Senior Director of Development & Philanthropic Advisor for University of Colorado Notable Endorsements: Former President of the Denver City Council Elbra Wedgeworth, Former Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives Alec Garnett, Colorado State Senator Faith Winter, Former U.S. Senator Mark Udall, One Main Street Policy Issues:

- Safe outdoor spaces
- Fully staff Denver Police Department
- Economic insecurity solutions to address crime

#### Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez

Occupation: Colorado State Representative Notable Endorsements: Colorado State Rep. Steven Woodrow, Colorado State Senator James Coleman, YIMBY Denver, Councilwoman Robin Kniech Policy Issues:

- More mental health and substance abuse treatment to address safety and homelessness
- Focus on youth mental health
- Beneficial electrification

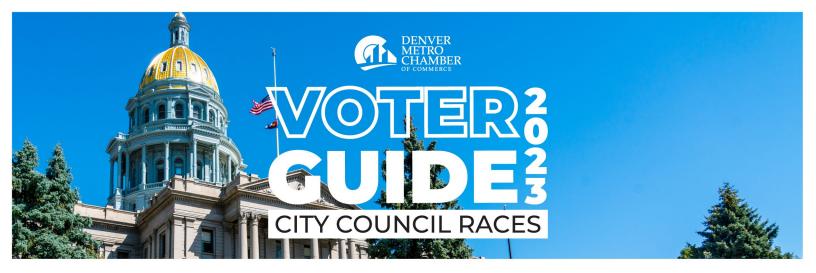
#### Will Chan

Occupation: Director of Strategy and External Affairs, Denver Economic Development and Opportunity Notable Endorsements: Not listed Policy Issues:

- Adaptive reuse of office buildings for housing
- Youth and economic mobility programs to address the root causes of crime
- Transit-oriented development

#### Penfield Tate III

Occupation: Formerly served as a Colorado State Representative and Colorado State Senator Notable Endorsements: Not listed Policy Issues:



- Housing first and adaptive reuse of underutilized spaces
- Community policing
- Enhanced public transportation

# Marty Zimmerman

Occupation: Nonprofit work Notable Endorsements: Not listed Policy Issues:

- Increase public, private, and nonprofit coordination on homelessness
- Use afterschool programming to divert crime
- Focus infrastructure changes on high injury network areas

## Tim Hoffman

Occupation: Prosecutor for the Denver District Attorney's Office Notable Endorsements: Not listed Policy Issues:

- Housing first for homelessness while enforcing the camping ban
- Drilling down on gang affiliation by identifying known shooters
- Crime prevention through wrap around services

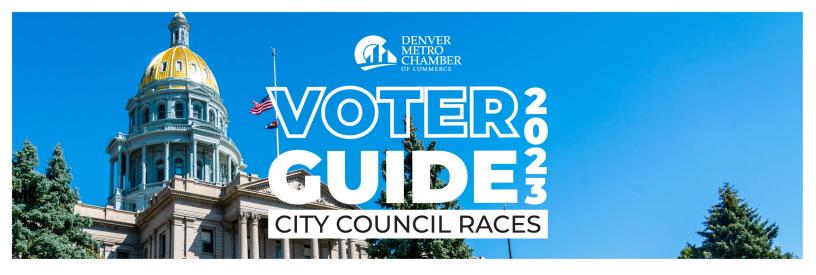
#### Dominic Angelo Diaz

Occupation: Contract Compliance Coordinator for the Office of Children's Affairs Notable Endorsements: Not listed Policy Issues:

- Denver Police Department issuing serial numbers for catalytic converters
- Human-centered infrastructure projects to improve safety
- Tax incentives for electrification

#### Sarah Parady

Occupation: Attorney and co-founder of Lowrey Parady Lebsack, LLC Notable Endorsements: Denver Democratic Socialists of America, Progressive Democrats of America, Run for Something Policy Issues:



- Co-responders and expansion of the STAR program
- City subsidies for residential electrification
- Ending homelessness sweeps

# Jeff Walker

Occupation: Siting & Land Rights Senior Agent for Xcel Energy Notable Endorsements: Past Chairs of the RTD Board of Directors Bill Elfenbein, Lorraine Anderson, Larry Hoy and Doug Tisdale. Policy Issues:

- Safe outdoor spaces for people experiencing homelessness
- A regional tax to develop funding resources for homelessness solutions
- Improved sidewalks and bicycle infrastructure

# Councilmembers Robin Kniech and Debbie Ortega have reached their term limits.

\*Incumbent