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CITY COUNCIL RACES

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



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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®, 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



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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



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- 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 create 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:



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- 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



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- 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



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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



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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:



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- Use city funding to create 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:



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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:



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- 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:



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- 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