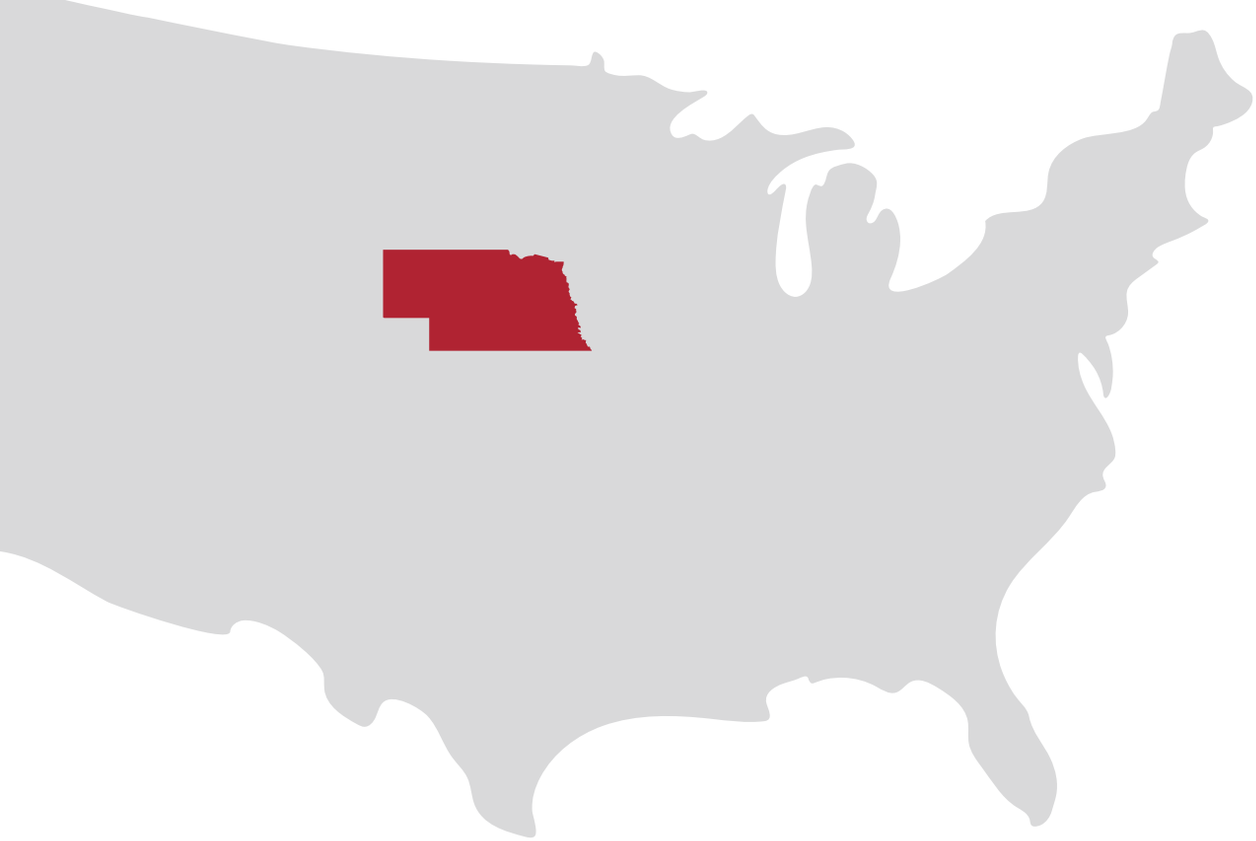


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2026
VOTER GUIDE

SARPY COUNTY

General Election Day - November 3, 2026

2026 SARPY COUNTY VOTER GUIDE – GENERAL ELECTION

How to get started:

1. **Print off your sample ballot by visiting your county election commission website https://www.sarpy.gov/691/Sample-Ballot**

2. **Fill out your sample ballot using the voter guide. *Remember:***
   a. Not every race listed below will be on your ballot.
   b. If a race allows you to select multiple candidates but only one is a strong choice, select only that candidate.

3. **Take your completed sample ballot with you to vote on Tuesday, November 3rd. (In-person early voting starts on October 5th).**

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★★★ SARPY COUNTY ★★★

☑ U.S. SENATE (6-YEAR TERM)

PETE RICKETTS - REPUBLICAN (INCUMBENT)	
Resident of Omaha, NE. Appointed to the seat in 2023 by Governor Jim Pillen to replace Ben Sasse. Ricketts previously served as the governor of Nebraska from 2015 - 2023.	
Abortion: Cosponsor of the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act; supported Ballot Initiative 434 in 2024, which prohibited abortion in Nebraska after the first trimester with exceptions for medical emergency and pregnancies as a result of sexual assault or incest. **Gender Issues:** Supports The Fairness for Girls ballot initiative to keep boys out of girls' sports.	**Immigration:** Cosponsor of the SAVE Act which would require photo ID in elections; Cosponsor the Equal Representation Act to stop counting illegal immigrants in the census. **Foreign Policy:** Supports the U.S. continuing to put pressure on Iran through measures like sanctions to prevent them from developing a nuclear weapon.

DAN OSBORN - INDEPENDENT	
Resident of Omaha, NE. Navy veteran. Former industrial mechanic at the Omaha Kellogg's plant. Former union president (led the 2021 Kellogg's strike in Omaha). Former 2024 senate candidate. Endorsed by the Nebraska Democratic Party.	
Abortion: Opposes national measures to ban abortion **Foreign Policy:** Opposes current U.S. operations in Iran	**Immigration:** Opposes the southern border wall and views it as a "symbol of racism"

MIKE MARVIN - LEGAL MARIJUANA NOW
Resident of Omaha, NE. Former Executive Director of the Nebraska Association of Public Employees. Suspended his campaign on August 21st and endorsed Dan Osborn.

ROBIN RICHARDS - NEBRASKA WORKING PEOPLE	
Resident of Ralston, NE. Current chair of the new Nebraska Working People Party. Current Ralston School Board member. Former write-in candidate for Nebraska Legislature District 12.	
Abortion: Believes that we should not criminalize medical procedures.	**Social Services:** Plans to support child tax credits; wants to expand disability services (particularly for children in rural parts of the country).

CHUCK CONBOY - AMERICA FIRST	
Resident of Papillion, NE. Former president of the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 271.	
Border: Advocates securing and permanently sealing the southern border. **Social Security:** Advocates to protect and preserve Social Security for current and future retirees; opposed to cutting benefits.	**Foreign Policy:** Opposed to the current U.S. conflict with Iran.

☑ U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District 1

MIKE FLOOD - REPUBLICAN (INCUMBENT)	
First elected to the House of Representatives in 2022. His company Flood Communications is a statewide network consisting of 15 radio stations and 5 TV stations. Former member and Speaker in the Nebraska Legislature for District 19	
Abortion: Pro-life; and plans to work to ban abortions and expand prohibitions on taxpayer subsidies for abortions. **Gender Issues:** Voted against the Respect for Marriage Act 2022, which mandated recognition of same sex marriages; Supports keeping boys out of girls' sports.	**Immigration:** Supports President Trump's work to secure the border and protect public safety by removing criminal illegal immigrants.

CHRIS BACKEMEYER - DEMOCRAT	
Former U.S. State Department employee who focused on counterterrorism, economic policy, and the Middle East. Former Senior State Department negotiator for Obama's Iran nuclear deal in 2015. Former national security advisor to Kamala Harris.	
Gender Issues: Supports same-sex marriage. **Immigration:** Advocates removing $75 billion in funding from ICE; Advocates for passing comprehensive immigration reform that creates a pathway to citizenship.	**Foreign Policy:** Opposes current U.S. operations in Iran; Opposed the U.S. operation to capture Nicolas Maduro.

NIK SANDMAN - LIBERTARIAN	
Former farmer and rural mail carrier. Former Wauneta-Palisade School Board member. Started KNNA 97.5FM The Cross radio station.	
Abortion: Pro-life. **Healthcare:** Advocates for healthcare for all; Believes that government should provide healthcare the same way that it provides roads.	**Agriculture:** Feels that the $12 billion farm aid package was not enough to help farmers.

DAN HARTONG – AMERICA FIRST
Resident of Lincoln, NE. No additional information found.

District 2

BRINKER HARDING - REPUBLICAN	
First elected to City Council in 2017. He is the former Chief of Staff for former Omaha Mayor Hal Daub. Currently works as a commercial real estate broker.	
Abortion: Pro-life. **Gender Issues:** Supports keeping boys out of girls' sports. **Immigration:** Supports finishing the border wall; Supports ICE's efforts to deport criminal illegal immigrants.	**Foreign Policy:** Supported U.S. actions in Venezuela to capture Nicolas Maduro; Supported U.S. actions in Iran to remove Ali Khamenei.

DENISE POWELL - DEMOCRAT	
Business owner and Co-Founder of the Omaha-based PAC, Women Who Run Nebraska (supports campaigns for progressive women).	
Abortion: Supports expanding access to abortions; received endorsement from EMILYs List (abortion rights group). **Immigration:** Opposed the illegal immigration deportation efforts of ICE in Minneapolis;	Opposes the SAVE Act which would require photo ID in elections. **Foreign Policy:** Opposes current U.S. operations in Iran; Opposed the U.S. operation to capture Nicolas Maduro.

ERIC MICHAEL FOREMAN - LIBERTARIAN	
Resident of Omaha. Currently works in property management and maintenance	
Law Enforcement: Advocates for aggressively prosecuting crimes involving child abuse, trafficking, exploitation, and violent harm; Wants to empower county sheriffs to their constitutional authority. **Social Services:** Believes many social services are	more effective if led by local organizations and community-based solutions; Believes government assistance should encourage pathways toward independence, community involvement, and personal responsibility**.**

☑ GOVERNOR

JIM PILLEN - REPUBLICAN (INCUMBENT)	
Resident of Columbus, NE. Elected Governor in 2022. Business owner, rancher, and veterinarian. Former University of Nebraska Regent.	
Abortion: Signed LB574 into law which established a 12-week abortion ban in Nebraska. **Gender Issues:** Signed LB575 into law which banned gender mutilation surgeries for minors and prevented biological boys from competing in girls' sports.	**School Funding:** Supports opportunity scholarships that help provide school choice for students **Taxes:** Advocates for increasing state aid to schools and implementing spending caps on local governments to help reduce property taxes.

LYNNE WALZ - DEMOCRAT	
Resident of Fremont, NE. Former teacher and Nebraska State Senator for District 15	
Abortion: Voted against LB574 in 2024 which established a 12-week abortion ban in Nebraska. **Gender Issues:** Voted against LB574 and LB575 in 2024 which banned gender mutilation surgeries for	minors and prevented biological boys from competing in girls' sports. **School Funding:** Opposes opportunity scholarships that help provide school choice for students.

RICK BEARD - LEGALIZE MARIJUANA NOW	
Resident of Omaha, NE. Business owner	
School Funding: Proposes lowering the levies by legalizing marijuana and taxing sales to help fill the gaps in the budget to fund schools.	**Taxes:** Proposes lowering the levies by legalizing marijuana and taxing sales.

BRETT LINDSTROM - AMERICA FIRST	
Resident of Omaha, NE. Former Nebraska State Senator for District 18. (Jan. 2026: withdrew from Republican primary race for Congress. July 2026: announced bid for Nebraska Governor as registered Independent. Sept. 2026: filed to run for Governor as registered America First)	
Abortion: During his 2022 run for governor his stance was: pro-life without exceptions. **School Funding:** Proposes having the state carry a larger share of core education funding; advocates	working toward reducing the local property tax rate from $1 to $0.50 cents and moving toward the state funding 50% of core educational funding

☑ ATTORNEY GENERAL

MIKE HILGERS - REPUBLICAN (INCUMBENT)

Resident of Lincoln, NE. Elected Attorney General in 2022.
Former State Senator for District 21. Founded his own litigation law firm.

Abortion: Defended Nebraska's 12-week limit on abortion.
Gender Issues: Defended Nebraska's ban on gender mutilation surgeries for minors against the ACLU and Planned Parenthood.
Immigration: Sued the Biden Administration to stop them from giving taxpayer benefits to illegal immigrants.
Elections: Sued to hold ballot initiative organizers accountable when fraud was uncovered; Filed a lawsuit against dark-money groups funneling money from foreign nationals seeking to pass liberal ballot initiatives.

JOCELYN BRASHER - DEMOCRAT

Resident of Omaha, NE. Former Assistant Attorney General. Current Deputy Dodge County attorney.
Endorsed by Secular Democrats of Nebraska.

Immigration: Committed to ensuring immigration enforcement in Nebraska complies with constitutional requirements and due process.
Children: Wants to form a task force to combat crimes against children.
Medical Marijuana: Promises to work swiftly to guide patient access to medical cannabis.

☑ AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

MIKE FOLEY - REPUBLICAN (INCUMBENT)

Resident of Lincoln, NE. First elected Nebraska State Auditor in 2006. Former State Senator and Lieutenant Governor. Recently uncovered a suspicious $2.5 million no-bid contract between Governor Pillen's office and a consultant, questioned the use of Tax Increment Financing for the Omaha Streetcar project, and alleged Bellevue officials tampered with the public property auction process.

JOHN KNIGHT - AMERICA FIRST

Resident of Clay Center, NE. Current secretary for the America First party. Professional engineer and senior program manager. Wants to prioritize rigorous and independent financial and performance audits of state agencies, oversight of economic development subsidies such as tax increment financing, and transparently publishing audit findings and the data in plain language.

☑ SECRETARY OF STATE

SCOTT PETERSEN - REPUBLICAN

Resident of Omaha, NE. Business owner.

Election Integrity: Wants to restore trust in election systems; advocates for bringing control of elections back to the county level.
Ballot Initiatives: Supports a bill that would ban pay-per-signature for ballot initiatives.

SARAH SLATTERY - DEMOCRAT

Resident of Plattsmouth, NE. Chef and small business owner. Filed the petition paperwork that resulted in the recall of Terri Cunningham-Swanson from the Plattsmouth School Board for trying to remove sexually explicit books from the school libraries.

Election Integrity: Advocates for same-day voter registration.
Business Growth: Advocates for standardized licensing processes and the adoption of cloud-based licensing software.
Ballot Initiatives: Supports a bill that would ban pay-per-signature for ballot initiatives.

PAUL RUMBAUGH - NEBRASKA WORKING PEOPLE	
Resident of Omaha. Has experience working in roles for sales, customer experience, and operations in technology, telecommunications, and software with a focus on risk management and mitigation.	
Election Integrity: Criticizes Scott Petersen for his belief that there was fraud in the 2020 election in Nebraska; opposed Nebraska giving its voter data to the Department of Justice; opposes implementing a Winner-Take-All system in Nebraska. **Business Growth:** Wants to increase modernization for registering new businesses.	

BOB KRIST - AMERICA FIRST	
Resident of Omaha. Retired U.S. Air Force. Former Nebraska State Senator for District 10. Former Democratic nominee for Nebraska Governor.	
Election Integrity: Disagrees with Nebraska handing over voter data to the federal government; wants to increase transparency, maintain rigorous safeguards, support county officials, modernize the office, and restore confidence in elections. **Ballot Initiatives:** Does not support ending pay-per-signature for ballot initiatives.	

☑ STATE TREASURER

JOEY SPELLERBERG - REPUBLICAN (INCUMBENT)
Appointed to the Treasurer's office in November 2025. Resident of Fremont, NE. Former Mayor of Fremont. Current business owner. Wants to prioritize increasing transparency of government spending, ensuring taxpayers receive a strong return on state investments, and aggressively returning unclaimed property to its rightful owners. Wants to also strengthen the state's savings programs and expand financial literacy.

DANIEL EBERS - DEMOCRAT
Resident of Lincoln, NE. Former candidate for U.S. House of Representatives in District 3. Wants to make the office more efficient and ensure the office clearly addresses people who have unclaimed property so that it can be returned to them.

☑ STATE LEGISLATURE

District 14

BILL BOWES - REPUBLICAN	
Former Fire Chief for the Papillion-La Vista Fire Department. Former math and science teacher at Bellevue Christian Academy. Former Civil Air Patrol, EMS Instructor.	
Taxes: Believes that your property valuation for taxes should be based on what you paid for your home, not based on what others pay for their homes; Wants to change how land is valued for tax purposes to help lower property taxes. **School funding:** Wants to ensure public schools have the tools they need to give our children a world-class education; supports providing families with options for their students. **Abortion:** Pro-life. **Gender Issues:** Advocates for keeping boys out of girls' sports and for keeping boys out of girls' locker rooms and bathrooms.	

SUANN WITT - DEMOCRAT	
Member of the Papillion La Vista School Board (first elected in 2018). Voted to keep sexually explicit books in the school libraries. Former support staff for Omaha Public Schools. Former State E-rate Coordinator and Rule 89 Program Manager for the Nebraska Department of Education.	
Taxes: Believes the state is too reliant on property taxes; wants to create a system that lowers costs and works for the middle-class.	**School funding:** Believes local schools know what works best for them and opposes overreaching mandates.

District 36

RICK HOLDCROFT - REPUBLICAN (INCUMBENT)	
First elected to the State Legislature in 2022. U.S. Navy Veteran. Former aerospace executive	
Elections: Introduced legislation to strengthen election integrity by expanding the number of ballots that are hand-counted and setting parameters for the approval of vote tabulating machines. School Funding: Supports opportunity scholarships that help provide school choice for students.	**Abortion:** Voted for LB574 which established a 12-week abortion ban in Nebraska. **Gender Issues:** Voted for LB574 and LB575 which banned gender mutilation surgeries for minors and prevented biological boys from competing in girls' sports.

DARIN TOMPKINS - DEMOCRAT	
Leader at a Nebraska animal health vaccine manufacturing plant.	
School Funding: Opposes opportunity scholarships that help provide school choice for students;	wants to prioritize state funding towards supporting our public schools.

☑ UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA BOARD OF REGENTS

District 2

JILL WOLFE - REPUBLICAN	
Former dietitian at St. Luke's Hospital and Columbus Community Hospital. Founded Midwest Medical Transport Company with her husband.	
Curriculum: Wants to defend academic freedom, students' rights, and stop political agendas from taking over the classroom.	**Budget:** Believes spending at the university needs to be approached with a business sense.

ELIZABETH BUTLER - INDEPENDENT	
Member of the Papillion-La Vista School Board. Current City Clerk for Omaha. Member of the Sanitary Improvement District 301 Board of Trustees.Endorsed by the Nebraska Democratic Party.	
Curriculum: Advocates for collaboration with industries to ensure programs and research initiatives align with global trends and workforce demands.	**Budget:** Wants to carefully budget for projects while curbing unnecessary spending. Advocates for pursuing more federal grants, donors, and private partnerships.

☑ METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

AT LARGE

KRISTIN DUPREE – DEMOCRAT (INCUMBENT)
First elected to the MCC board in 2022. Community Advocate and actuary. Has prioritized ensuring that MCC remains affordable and serves the diverse needs of its student population. Works to identify new partnerships with non-profits and local businesses to provide hands-on learning opportunities.

PAUL ANDERSON – INDEPENDENT
Former candidate for OPS school board (2024), Nebraska Treasurer (2022), Omaha City Council (2021), U.S. House of Representatives (2020), and many other offices. No additional information found.

☑ SARPY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

District 2

DAVID KLUG - REPUBLICAN (INCUMBENT)
Current board Vice Chair. Current Six Sigma Master Black belt, Senior Performance Improvement Coordinator for OrthoNebraska. Former director with the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District. Testified in support of LR195 (2025) to reduce unfunded mandates on local governments to help reduce the property tax burden.

NICK SELIGA - DEMOCRAT

Member of the IBEW Local Union 22. No additional information found.

☑ SARPY COUNTY ENGINEER

ZACH HERGENRADER - REPUBLICAN (INCUMBENT)

First appointed to the position in 2025. Former Sarpy County Senior Engineer. Helped lead ongoing 168th Street corridor design from Harrison Street to Highway 370.

ROBERT J. SHINDEL, III - DEMOCRAT

Current Control System Engineer for Thermo Systems. Independent AI Development Engineer.

☑ OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Subdivision 3

JIM SMITH - REPUBLICAN

Former Nebraska State Senator for District 14. Former CEO and President of Blueprint Nebraska. 30 years of experience in the electric and gas utility industry including leadership roles at OPPD. Current business and strategy consultant. He advocates for strengthening OPPD's workforce to improve service restoration and construction times. Wants to ensure the appropriate mix of dispatchable (fossil and nuclear) and intermittent (renewable energy) power plants.

CAROL BLOOD - DEMOCRAT

Former Nebraska State Senator for District 3. Former Bellevue City Council At-Large Member. Former candidate for Nebraska Governor and U.S. Congress District 1. Owns Blood Business Consulting. Advocates for transparent decision making, fair rates, and smart planning of energy policy that balances affordability, reliability, and sustainability.

☑ PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NRD

Subdistrict 10

ANTHONY J STRAWN - REPUBLICAN

Current Papillion Firefighter. Business Representative for Local 571 with the International Union of Operation Engineers. Committed to safeguarding resources through flood control, water quality, and conservation.

JASON R TAYLOR - DEMOCRAT

Current elected member of the Learning Community Coordinating Council for District 6. Air Force veteran. Substitute teacher in Gretna, Millard, Omaha, and Springfield Platteview Public Schools. Co-Owner of Glazed N Raised. Wants to focus on stewardship of local natural resources and long-term planning for the region.

☑ LEARNING COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Subcouncil 5

TONYA WARD - DEMOCRAT (INCUMBENT)

First elected to the council in 2014. President and Founder of Energy Rescue.

SARAH DRAGON - DEMOCRAT

School Counselor for Omaha Public Schools. Opposes opportunity scholarships that help provide school choice for students.

MAYRA PIEDRAHITA - DEMOCRAT

Veteran. Advocates for building trust and partnership with families. Wants to build a community where everyone feels a sense of belonging and shared responsibility.

LINDA VERMOOTEN - REPUBLICAN

Former Department Chair and Professor of the Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health program at Grace University. Former Counselor and small business owner. Former 2024 candidate for the Nebraska Board of Education. Supports programs that help children enter school ready to learn. Advocates for helping parents stay engaged and involved in their children's education. Wants to ensure taxpayer resources are used wisely and transparently.
Current member of Lord of Hosts Church.

☑ EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 03

District 5

BRETT KUHN - DEMOCRAT (INCUMBENT)

First elected to the board in 2018. Current Professor of pediatrics at UNMC and Professor of Psychology at UNMC's Munroe-Meyer Institute. Adjunct Professor at University of Nebraska Omaha.

DALE WILLIAM BRANDSBERG - REPUBLICAN

Current General Manager at 801 Chophouse. Former teacher and basketball coach at both the high-school and junior-college levels. Believes parents deserve to understand what ESU 3 is doing, how its resources are supporting schools, and what progress it is making for students. Believes teacher training should respect parental values of the districts. **Current member of Lord of Hosts Church**.

☑ BELLEVUE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

PHIL DAVIDSON - REPUBLICAN (INCUMBENT)

First elected to the board in 2014. Current Community Relations Coordinator for the City of Bellevue. Wants to continue expanding the opportunities available through the Frank Kumor Career Center. Advocates for continuing to aggressively pursue federal, state, local, and private grant funding for BPS.

MICHELE A BANG - DEMOCRAT

Retired Omaha Police Department Deputy Chief. Former Deputy Director of Project Harmony Child Advocacy Center. Currently an instructor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Adjunct Professor at Bellevue University. Wants to challenge BPS to take a more holistic approach to school safety and prioritize budgeting to improve building safety and training. Opposes school choice initiatives like Nebraska Opportunity Scholarships. Supports School Resource Officers' use of shock gloves.

DICKEE JOST - REPUBLICAN

Air Force veteran. Former Chief of Policy and Certifications for the 55th Wing. Former Home and School Board President. Opposed the 2023 removal of Policy 604.09 (Teaching of Moral and Spiritual Values). Advocates for allowing Bibles in schools.

KRISTY HANSEN KIVINIEMI - REPUBLICAN

Former BPS board member first elected to the board in 2020. Currently an Executive Director at Nebraska Medicine. Advocates for supporting strong student achievement, excellent teachers and staff, safe and supportive schools, responsible use of taxpayer dollars, and thoughtful long-term planning for the district.

☑ GRETNA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

MARK HAUPTMAN - REPUBLICAN (INCUMBENT)

First elected to the school board in 2022. Current Board Treasurer. President of H&H Lawn & Landscape. Member of the Gretna Days Committee and Gretna Chamber of Commerce.

GREG BEACH - REPUBLICAN (INCUMBENT)

First elected to the school board in 2022. Senior Vice President - Director of Construction Lending at Core Bank.

BLAKE TURPEN - REPUBLICAN (INCUMBENT)

Ai First elected to the school board in 2022. Director of Capital Sales for PROCEPT BioRobotics. Has advocated for being a voice of fiscal responsibility and common-sense conservative values. Has expressed support for requiring students to participate in school sports programs based on their gender at birth.

CHRISTOPHER CONROY - REPUBLICAN

Executive Vice President of Sales at Insurance Agency Marketing Services. Former 2024 candidate for Gretna Public School Board.

☑ MILLARD PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

MIKE KENNEDY - REPUBLICAN (INCUMBENT)

First elected to the school board in 2003. Attorney and founder of Kennedy Law Firm. President of the Omaha Public Library Board. Supported the Millard Public School Bond Issue in 2025 to fund facility improvements and educational programs. Helped establish the Early College Program at Millard South High School. Supports resource officers and strong safety measures.

LISA SCHOENBERGER - INDEPENDENT

First elected to the school board in 2022. Current Vice President of the school board. Communications Director for OpenSky Policy Institute (worked against Nebraska establishing opportunity scholarships that help provide school choice for students). Supported the Millard Public School Bond Issue in 2025 to fund facility improvements and educational programs. Wants to leverage programs and community partnerships to scale career academies to help students find gainful employment.

STACY JOLLEY - DEMOCRAT

First elected to the school board in 2018. Current Treasurer of the school board. President of the Nebraska Association of School Boards. Accounting Assistant at Suiter Swantz IP. Supported the Millard Public School Bond Issue in 2025 to fund facility improvements and educational programs.

BRANDON MICHAEL DIEDERICH - REPUBLICAN

No additional information found.

☑ PAPILLION-LAVISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD

BRIAN M LODES - REPUBLICAN (INCUMBENT)

First elected to the board in 2018. Current board President. Current Vice President of Finance and Administration of Builders Supply Co. Inc. Has held campaign events with Democratic members of the board. Censured by the Sarpy County GOP in 2024 for allowing sexually explicit books in school libraries. States that his philosophy of education is to create an all-inclusive learning environment that encourages students to be active participants in the learning process.

LISA WOOD - DEMOCRAT (INCUMBENT)

Appointed to the board in 2023. Current board Vice President. Former teacher, principal, and administrator. Wants to create an environment in the district of respect, acceptance, and tolerance and allow everyone to feel welcome and valued.

CARLA KLOECKNER - REPUBLICAN

Previous 2024 candidate for Papillion - LaVista School Board. Community Advocate. Opposes opportunity scholarships that help provide school choice for students. Supports opportunities for families to give feedback before major program changes and consistent communication so parents can stay involved and informed. Supports making financial records easier for community members to review.

LOAN EBY - REPUBLICAN

Previous 2024 candidate for Papillion - LaVista School Board. Led an effort to recall PLCS board member Valerie Fisher due to policy violations. President of Nebraskans for Founders Values. Opposes biological boys in girls' sports or accessing girls' locker rooms and bathrooms. Supports opportunity scholarships that help provide school choice for students.

☑ BELLEVUE MAYOR

RUSTY HIKE - REPUBLICAN (INCUMBENT)

First elected to the board in 2018. Current board President. Current Vice President of Finance and Administration of Builders Supply Co. Inc. Has held campaign events with Democratic members of the board. Censured by the Sarpy County GOP in 2024 for allowing sexually explicit books in school libraries. States that his philosophy of education is to create an all-inclusive learning environment that encourages students to be active participants in the learning process.

Public Safety: Helped grow the Bellevue police force to 115 officers. Helped build a fully paid, professional fire department.
Economic Development: Added 15,000 residents through annexation. Wants to build on the Good Life District, the new Opportunity Zone, the planned indoor waterpark resort, and the REACH/NC3 innovation campus. Advocates for revitalization of Mission Avenue and Olde Towne.

KEVIN L PFLAGER - DEMOCRAT

Current City Planner for the City of Papillion. Recipient of the American Planning Association Nebraska Chapter Emerging Planner of the Year Award.

Economic Development: Advocates for revitalizing "the spine" of Bellevue (Fort Crook Road, Galvin Road, and Mission Street) instead of pushing for more development and annexation.

Transparency: Concerned about the recent State Auditor's report and wants to make policy changes to prohibit city employees from taking vehicles off the public auction site and selling them to friends and family.

☑ BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL

Ward 2

RICHARD D CASEY - REPUBLICAN (INCUMBENT)

First appointed to the council in 2022. Former Bellevue City Planning Commissioner and Community Development Block Grant committee member. Air Force veteran. Former Transportation Director for Bellevue Public Schools.

Public Safety: Supports local law enforcement cooperation with ICE.

Gender Issues: Supports requiring public schools and state agencies to designate restrooms based on sex at birth.

SCOTT WELCH - REPUBLICAN

Current Front End Web Developer and Network Administrator at NEI Global Relocation. Owner of Welch Web Design.

Economic Development: Supports the Bellevue Bay Indoor Water Park project.
Public Safety: Supports local law enforcement cooperation with ICE and other federal agencies.

Budget: Promises to not support raising property taxes on Bellevue residents. Advocates growing the tax base with new businesses and visitors and creative financing to protect essential services and avoid raising taxes.

Ward 4

JULIE V COLLINS - REPUBLICAN (INCUMBENT)	
Appointed to the council in 2024. Current Vice President of Professional Title Company.	
Economic Development: Believes the Highway 34 corridor presents an important opportunity for commercial growth that can bring investment. **Public Safety:** Supports law enforcement cooperation with ICE.	**Budget:** Does not believe the budget should be built around the property tax levy. Believes once the budget is developed and all available revenues considered, the property tax request and levy should reflect what is legitimately necessary.

JOHN C SPLITTER - REPUBLICAN	
Air Force veteran. Current Civil Engineer.	
Economic Development: Believes that zoning should encourage economic development that expands commercial and industrial tax bases, attracts quality employers, and reduces the tax burden on homeowners whenever possible.	**Public Safety:** Supports local law enforcement cooperation with ICE. **Budget:** Believes the budget needs to be determined based on property tax levy.

☑ GRETNA CITY COUNCIL

Ward 3

BILL PROCTOR - REPUBLICAN (INCUMBENT)
First elected to the council in 2022. No additional information found.

JENNIFER TAYLOR - DEMOCRAT
Co-Owner of Glazed N Raised Donut Shop. Current President of the Gretna Area Chamber of Commerce. Endorsed by Women Who Run (Omaha-based PAC founded by Denise Powell that supports campaigns for progressive women).

☑ PAPILLION MAYOR

BOB STUBBE - REPUBLICAN	
Current President of the Papillion City Council. Former City of Omaha Public Works Director. Endorsed by the current Papillion Mayor, David Black.	
Public Safety: Promises unwavering support for local police and fire departments. **Budget:** Has worked to ensure Papillion's tax levy is the lowest of all the communities in Sarpy and Douglas County.	**Infrastructure:** Plans to utilize Public Works experience to maintain quality roads and water, sewer, and stormwater systems

JOE HUNTER - WORKING PEOPLE PARTY	
Current Executive Director of Moving Veterans Forward. Current member of the Papillion Planning Commission. Former Vice Chair of the Nebraska Working People Party. Changed Party Affiliation from Democrat to Working People Party in August 2026. Former Executive Director of the Papillion Community Foundation and President of the Papillion Downtown Business Association.	
Economic Development: Advocates for more housing options for different stages of life and workforce and transportation partnerships. **Public Safety:** Advocates for continued investment in community policing.	**Infrastructure:** Wants to make sure infrastructure, roads, emergency services, and development keep pace with city growth.

☑ PAPILLION CITY COUNCIL

Ward 2

STEVE ENGBERG - INDEPENDENT (INCUMBENT)
First elected to the council in 1992. Former Papillion Chief of Police. No additional information found.

RACHEL DUNHAM - DEMOCRAT	
Became motivated to run for city council after the city repeatedly rejected backyard chicken ordinances. Supporter of residents' property rights.	
Economic Development: Wants to strengthen neighborhoods as the city grows; Advocates for	responsible planning and protecting the small town quality of life.

☑ LA VISTA CITY COUNCIL

Ward 1

KIM J THOMAS - INDEPENDENT (INCUMBENT)
First appointed to the council in 2013. Member of the La Vista Community Foundation. Current Senior Retirement Education Strategist for USI Consulting Group. Endorsed by the Sarpy County Democratic Party.

JOSEPHINE M POHL - REPUBLICAN
Current Realtor at Berkshire Hathaway and community advocate. Currently a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Ward 2

KELLY R SELL - DEMOCRAT (INCUMBENT)
First elected to the council in 1989. Former member of the La Vista City Planning Commission and Board of Adjustments.

ASHLEY N ERICKSON - REPUBLICAN
Current Segment Marketing Advisor for Cigna Healthcare. Serves on the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Committee. Advocates for accountability and positive change in the community. Wants responsible community growth.

☑ SARPY COUNTY JUDGES

Judge of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court

DIRK V. BLOCK - REPUBLICAN
Appointed in 2016 by Gov. Pete Ricketts. 100% of Nebraska attorneys polled recommend retaining this judge. Elected presiding judge of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court from 2023 - 2025.

THOMAS E STINE - REPUBLICAN
Appointed in 2011 by Gov. Dave Heineman. 95.8% of Nebraska attorneys polled recommend retaining this judge. Served for 6 years as Civil Litigation Bureau Chief at the Nebraska Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General.

Judge of the District Court - District 2

STEFANIE A MARTINEZ - REPUBLICAN

Appointed in 2017 by Gov. Pete Ricketts. 86.7 of Nebraska attorneys polled recommend retaining this judge. Has presided over adult drug court for 8 years. Helped facilitate the creation of Problem-Solving Courts (intensive programming that combines behavioral health treatments and community-based supervision from a judge and team of attorneys, law enforcement, and community members) in Nebraska.

MICHAEL A SMITH - REPUBLICAN

Appointed in 2016 by Gov. Pete Ricketts. Former Lead Deputy County Attorney in the Sarpy County Attorney's Office. 89.7% of Nebraska attorneys polled recommend retaining this judge.

GEORGE A THOMPSON - REPUBLICAN

Appointed in 2016 by Gov. Pete Ricketts. Former attorney for the Douglas County Attorney's Office. 92.1% of Nebraska attorneys polled recommend retaining this judge. He dismissed Tammi Larsen's 2024 case against Papillion-La Vista Community Schools for negligence after her 11-year-old son, Ryan, went missing from school in 2021.

Judge of the Separate Juvenile Court

SARAH M MOORE - REPUBLICAN

Appointed in 2022 by Gov. Pete Ricketts. 88.9% of Nebraska attorneys polled recommend retaining this judge. Former Lead Deputy County Attorney for the Sarpy County Attorney's Office. 2022 recipient of the Women's Fund of Omaha Tribute to Champions of Gender Equity Recognition.

Judge of the County Court - District 2

TODD J. HUTTON - INDEPENDENT

Appointed in 1998 by Gov. Ben Nelson. Former private practice attorney. Founding member of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation. 98.0% of Nebraska attorneys polled recommend retaining this judge.

S COLIN PALM - REPUBLICAN

Appointed in 2022 by Gov. Pete Ricketts. Former Chief Deputy in the Cass County Attorney's Office. Former Volunteer Leader for the Cass County Sheriff's Office Youth Academy. 89.8% of Nebraska attorneys polled recommend retaining this judge.

☑ BALLOT MEASURES

Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 1 - Legislature Term Limits

A constitutional amendment to change the limit on legislative terms from two consecutive terms to three consecutive terms.

*A vote "**FOR**" will amend the state constitution to increase the term limit for state senators from two consecutive four-year terms (eight years) to three consecutive four-year terms (12 years).*
*A vote "**AGAINST**" will not amend the Nebraska Constitution, so the current limit of two consecutive four-year terms will remain in effect. State legislators will continue to be ineligible for office in the Legislature for four years after serving two consecutive terms.*

NOTE: Currently, Nebraska state senators can only serve for two terms (8 years) before they are required to sit out for one term (4 years). After they have sat out one term (4 years), they are eligible to run again. If this amendment is passed, Nebraska state senators would be able to serve for three terms (12 years) before being required to sit out for one term (4 years). After they have sat out one term (4 years), they are eligible to run again.

Initiative Measure 440 - Internet Sports Wagering

Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to authorize the enactment of laws allowing persons located within Nebraska to place sports wagers through an Internet-based platform when offered by an authorized gaming operator conducting games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure in Nebraska.

*A vote "**FOR**" will amend the Nebraska Constitution to authorize the enactment of laws to allow persons located within Nebraska to place sports wagers through an Internet-based platform when offered by an authorized gaming operator conducting games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure in Nebraska.*
*A vote "**AGAINST**" means the Nebraska Constitution will not be amended in this manner.*

NOTE: A vote AGAINST would keep online sports betting illegal and prevent the expansion of gambling in Nebraska. Supporters of sports betting promise to use the revenue generated from legalizing online sports betting to go toward property tax relief. However, the supporters of casino gambling, which became legal in Nebraska in 2020, also promised property tax relief from its revenue, but that has yet to be seen. A vote FOR would allow for the expansion of gambling in Nebraska through Internet-based platforms.

Initiative Measure 441 - Sports Wagering Statutes

Shall statutes be enacted that: (1) Allow persons located within Nebraska to place sports wagers through an Internet-based platform when offered by an authorized gaming operator conducting games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure in Nebraska or the operator's platform provider; and (2) Regulate such sports wagers?

*A vote "**FOR**" will enact statutes allowing persons located within Nebraska to place sports wagers through an Internet-based platform when offered by an authorized gaming operator conducting games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure in Nebraska or the operator's platform provider, and regulating such sports wagers.*
*A vote "**AGAINST**" means no such statutes will be enacted.*

NOTE: A vote **AGAINST** would keep online sports betting illegal and prevent the expansion of gambling in Nebraska. Supporters of sports betting promise to use the revenue generated from legalizing online sports betting to go toward property tax relief. However, the supporters of casino gambling, which became legal in Nebraska in 2020, also promised property tax relief from its revenue, but that has yet to be seen. A vote **FOR** would allow for the expansion of gambling in Nebraska through Internet-based platforms.

Initiative Measure 442 - Fairness for Girls

Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to provide: (1) Schools must expressly designate each athletic team or sport as one of the following based on biological sex: (a) Males, men, or boys; (b) females, women, or girls; or (c) coed or mixed; and (2) Athletic teams or sports designated for females, women, or girls shall not be open to students of the male sex? The amendment would apply to all athletic teams or sports sponsored by public schools or postsecondary educational institutions, and private schools or educational institutions whose athletic teams or sports compete against public schools or institutions.

*A vote "**FOR**" will amend the Nebraska Constitution to provide (1) Schools must expressly designate each athletic team or sport as one of the following based on biological sex: (a) Males, men, or boys; (b) females, women, or girls; or (c) coed or mixed; and (2) Athletic teams or sports designated for females, women, or girls shall not be open to students of the male sex. The amendment would apply to all athletic teams or sports sponsored by public schools or postsecondary educational institutions, and private schools or educational institutions whose athletic teams or sports compete against public schools or institutions.*
*A vote "**AGAINST**" means the Nebraska Constitution will not be amended in this manner.*

NOTE: A vote **FOR** creates constitutional protections for sex-separated athletics in Nebraska elementary schools, high schools, and colleges. This would prevent biological boys from competing in girls' sports.