

# 2020 Nonpartisan Voter Guide

## UP FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION: NOV 3

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The League of Women Voters Bloomington (LWVB) offers this Voter Guide as a resource to encourage Bloomington residents, who are citizens, to vote.



## TO VOTE IN MINNESOTA, YOU MUST BE:

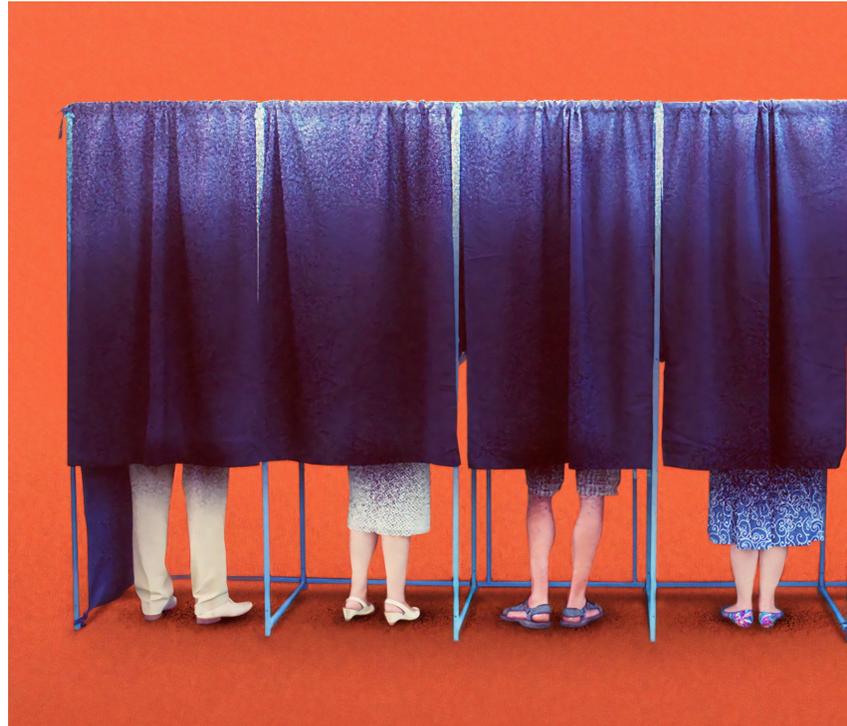
- A US Citizen
- At least 18 years old on Election Day
- A resident of MN for 20 days
- Cleared of all court orders taking away voter rights: Felony conviction, guardianship that revokes the right to vote, court finding of legal incompetence

## PRE-REGISTER TO VOTE:

- By mail – until October 13
- Online - until October 13
- Vote early, in person - until November 2  
Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800  
W. Old Shakopee Road

## REGISTER ON ELECTION DAY:

- Details are online at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org) or call Bloomington City Clerk's Office (952) 563-8729
- Plan to re-register if you have moved, changed your name, or have not voted within the last 4 years



## VOTING OPTIONS

### VOTE EARLY In Person

Go to Bloomington Civic Plaza (1800 W. Old Shakopee Road-- enter through the east entrance)

#### HOURS

- September 18 - November 2  
Monday - Friday: 8 am - 4:30 pm
- Saturday, October 31: 10 am - 3 pm
- Monday, November 2: 8 am - 5 pm

### VOTE ON ELECTION DAY: **Tuesday, November 3**

- Vote at your precinct 7 am - 8 pm

Find your precinct at Minnesota Secretary of State website: [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org)

### VOTE EARLY By Mail

- Apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to you
- Go to the Minnesota Secretary of State website [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org) and click on "other ways to vote" for detailed information

To be counted, absentee ballots must be **postmarked** by and received at Hennepin County Elections or Bloomington City Clerk's office by **Tuesday, Nov. 3.**



In person delivery to Hennepin County Elections or Bloomington City Clerk's Office must be done **by 3 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 3.**

Track the status of your ballot at [mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus.aspx](http://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus.aspx)



## Ways to Learn About the Candidates

### LWVB CANDIDATE VIDEOS

- Five-minute video presentations by candidates for the MN State Senate and the MN State House of Representatives

**Candidate video and forum can be viewed on the following sites:**

- <https://youtu.be/ZHd2h7d7U28>
- [www.blm.mn/voting](http://www.blm.mn/voting)
- [www.lwvmn.org/bloomington](http://www.lwvmn.org/bloomington)
- [www.facebook.com/lwvbloomingtonpage](https://www.facebook.com/lwvbloomingtonpage)

### LWVB CANDIDATE FORUMS

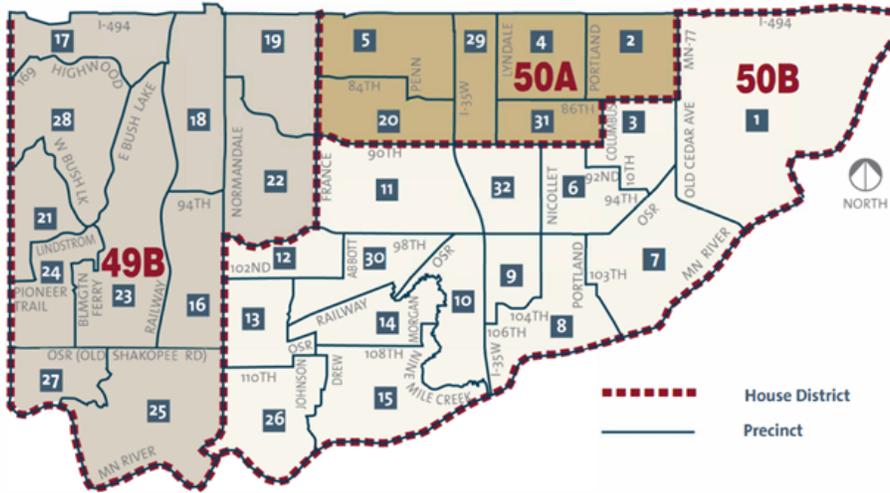
- Recorded without a public audience at Bloomington Civic Plaza on September 15
- Candidates for MN State Senate, Districts 49 & 50
- Candidates for MN House of Representatives, Districts 49B, 50A, 50B

Due to the changing pandemic landscape, please check the LWVB website for any viewing changes.

“Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education.”

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

## Bloomington's legislative districts and precincts



MN House Districts 50A and 50B are within MN Senate District 50.

MN House District 49B is within MN Senate District 49.

## STATE SENATE CANDIDATES (serve 2-year terms)

### SENATE DISTRICT 49

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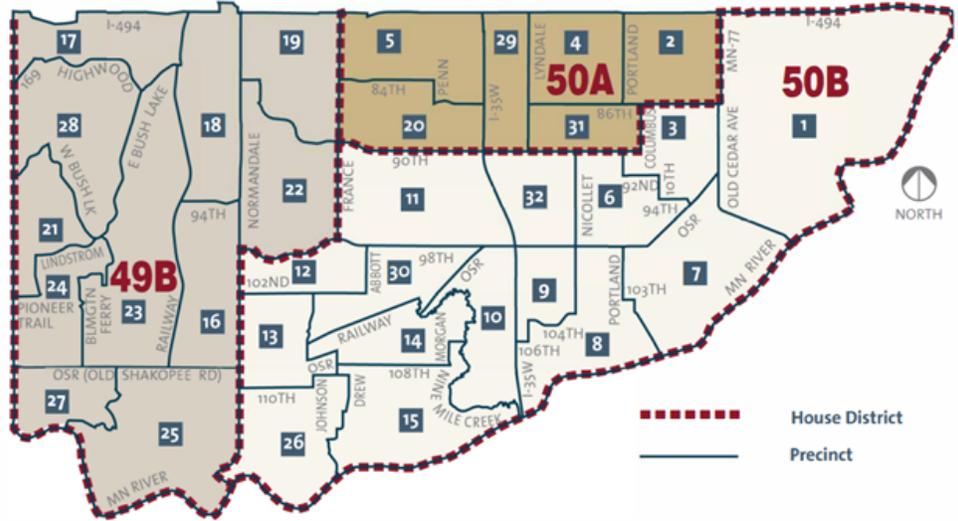
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# STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CANDIDATES

(serve 2-year terms)



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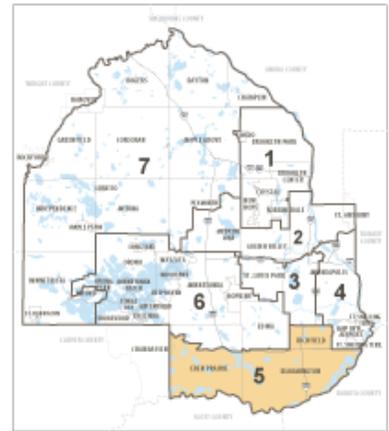
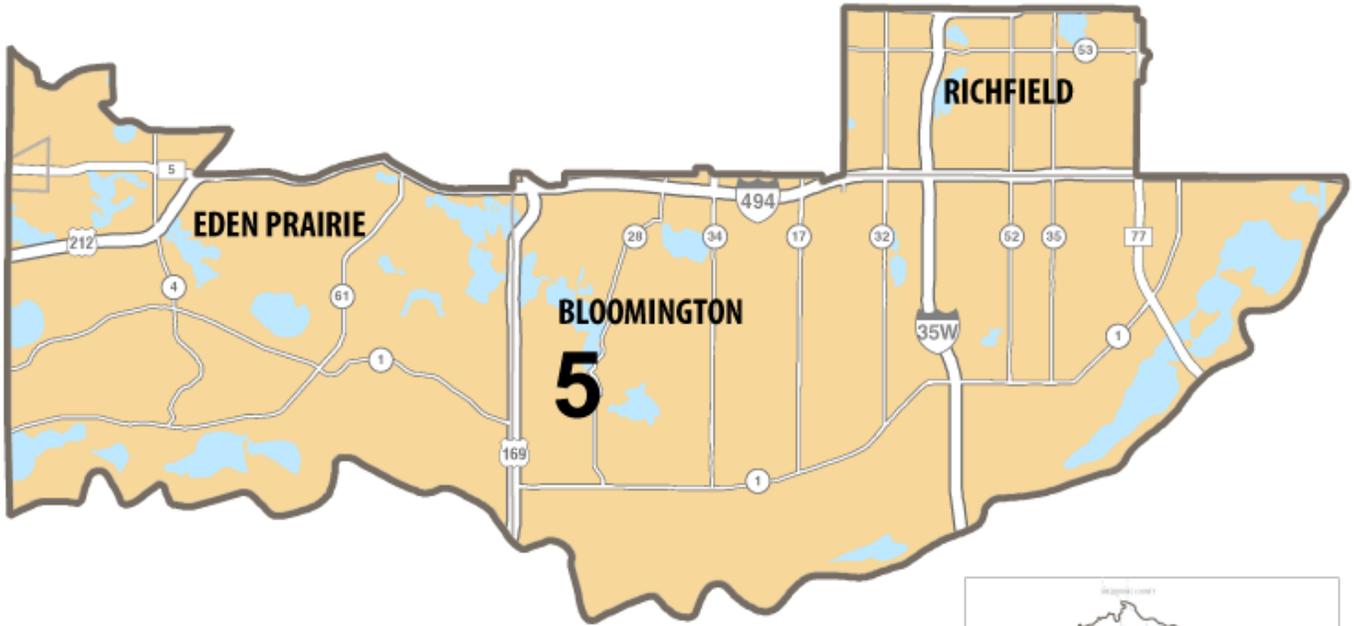
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COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5**  
(serve 4-year terms)

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# MN STATE COURTS

**Bloomington's General Election ballots will include candidates for:**

- **1** MN Supreme Court seat
- **4** MN Court of Appeals seats\*
- **25** 4th District Court seats in Hennepin County\*

**\*This year, all Appeals & District Court judges on the Bloomington ballot are running unopposed.**

Biographies of incumbent Appeals and District judges are on [mncourts.gov](http://mncourts.gov).

**Judges in all Minnesota Courts are elected, run as nonpartisan and serve 6-year terms.**

Names of judicial candidates are on [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org).



## **MN Supreme Court Candidates:**

**Michelle MacDonald**

 [macdonaldforjustice.com](http://macdonaldforjustice.com)

**Paul Thissen**

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# US Senate Candidates

(serve 6-year terms)

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# US House of Representatives, MN Congressional District 3 Candidates (serve 2-year terms)

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## CITY-ORGANIZED RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

For more info: [blm.mn/ballotFAQ](http://blm.mn/ballotFAQ)

### Ballot Questions for Bloomington

#### CITY QUESTION 1: ADD VOTER APPROVAL TO CITY-ORGANIZED COLLECTION PROCESS

*Should the Bloomington City Charter be amended to add: "Unless first approved by a majority of voters in a state general election, the City shall not replace the competitive market in solid waste collection with a system in which solid waste services are provided by government-chosen collectors or in government-designed districts. The adoption of this Charter amendment shall supersede any ordinances, ordinance amendments, or Charter amendments related to solid waste adopted by the City Council in 2015-2016."?*

If you vote **YES** it means you want to change the City Charter to require the voters, in an election, to decide if Bloomington should have City-organized solid waste collection.

If you vote **NO** it means you do not want to change the City Charter and you want to continue residential solid waste collection organized by the City.

#### CITY QUESTION 2: PREVENT CITY-ORGANIZED COLLECTION BY CONTRACT

*If City Question 1 above passes, should the Bloomington City Charter also be amended to add: "The council shall not enter into a contract with residential solid waste haulers for the exclusive rights to haul and collect residential solid waste services within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Bloomington."*

If you vote **YES** it means you want to stop the current City-organized trash, recycling, bulky waste, electronic waste, and yard waste collection services. You want to go back to residents selecting their own individual private trash haulers.

If you vote **NO** it means you want to continue the current City-organized trash, recycling, bulky waste, electronic waste, and yard waste collection services in the City of Bloomington.

A **"YES"** vote to both questions means you want to go back to the "Open Collection" where each resident will contract with the hauling companies that provide waste collection services in their neighborhood.

A **"NO"** vote to both questions means you want to keep the current "Organized Collection" system where waste collection services for any given neighborhood are provided by one hauling company.



# RANKED-CHOICE VOTING

For more info: [blm.mn/rcv](http://blm.mn/rcv)

Ballot Questions Continued . . .

**What is ranked-choice voting?** Sometimes referred to as “instant runoff voting” or “preferential voting,” ranked choice voting is a process that allows voters to rank their choices for each office.

## CITY QUESTION 3: ELECTING MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL BY RANKED-CHOICE VOTING

*Should the Bloomington City Charter be amended to elect the Mayor and City Council members by the Ranked Choice Voting method?*

**YES**

**No**



The League of Women Voters (LWV) is a non-partisan, political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League of Women Voters never endorses any candidate or political party.



The LWV's mission is to grow the vote, empower the vote, and protect the vote. Joining your local Bloomington League is a great way to become more informed about what is happening locally, at the state level, and nationally.



We strive for diversity and inclusion in our membership. All are welcome! Please contact us for more information.



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