

VOTERS' GUIDE 2026

MINNESOTA SENATE DISTRICT 40 (ELECT 1)

John Marty (DFL)
City Residence: Roseville — my wife, Connie, and I chose to make our home in Minnesota. After graduating from St. Olaf College, we moved to the Twin Cities. We love the community. My hope, in my personal life and work as senator, is to serve others, recognizing that our communities thrive when we work to help each other.
Occupation: State senator
List three most recent civic involvement roles:

- I am involved with numerous nonprofits, especially those working on environmental, human-services and refugee resettlement – volunteering, mentoring, advising, simply showing up to lend a hand, as so many people did, to protect our neighbors during the ICE surge.

political opposition. I have been fighting powerful corporate interests, often passing policies others dismissed without trying.

We need affordable healthcare for all, without exception. When Americans spend twice as much for healthcare as people elsewhere yet achieve worse outcomes, when 41% of people face medical debt, and when many cannot afford needed care, it is not acceptable to simply tinker with the costly, dysfunctional, bureaucratic system we have. I will continue doing everything I can to pass the proposed Minnesota Health Plan, delivering quality affordable care for every Minnesotan.

Q. What can the state do in the next five years to help Minnesota prosper?
A. Minnesota has prospered by investing in people — their health, their education, their housing — and giving them clean, safe communities in which to thrive. It is important for the state to focus its resources on these investments, recognizing the wisdom in the adage, “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

To succeed in this, Minnesota can save money by stopping subsidies for powerful corporate interests, ensuring that every dollar is wisely spent, insisting on efficiency in how money is spent and continuing to aggressively crack down on fraud against the state.

Wise investments can address multiple problems: Minnesota was losing population of college-age young people, with many heading

to schools in other states. In 2023, the state made Minnesota colleges more affordable. Not only did this enable more students to afford college, but it also actually reversed the out-migration of young Minnesotans.

Q. What are two challenges that the state faces and how might you solve them if elected?
A. Among Minnesota’s many challenges:

- Climate: The radical shift in climate has countless health, environmental and social impacts. It also has massive economic costs — homeowners insurance in Minnesota jumped a whopping 34% from more frequent and severe extreme weather. This will continue to worsen. I will continue working to shift Minnesota to a clean energy economy and ensure that our infrastructure is able to withstand storms of a severity we haven’t yet seen.
- Affordability: Minnesotans face growing challenges paying for housing, health, food and transportation. It is unacceptable to have people who cannot afford basic living expenses in the wealthiest country in the world. I will fight against corporate subsidies and work for fair, progressive tax policies; higher wages; and affordable housing. And I continue pushing to fix the dysfunctional healthcare system so all people get comprehensive care, not insurance plans that deny care.

Rachel Japuntich (R)
City of residence: Shoreview, with my husband and kids
Occupation: Engineering
List three most recent civic involvement roles:

- Ramsey County election judge
- Shoreview Economic Development Commission
- Shoreview Economic Development Authority

responsible, moderate and support term limits of elected officials.

Q. What can the state do in the next five years to help Minnesota prosper?
A. Minnesotans have shared desires: we want good educations for our children, to live in safe neighborhoods and to afford to live comfortably. I think we all can agree that these areas need improvement, though we may have different opinions on the approach. The current approach is not working, and it is time to try a different approach. I will bring a logical, data driven voice to the legislature. The state needs to get back to the basics and focus on education, public safety, and fiscal responsibility. It is our country’s 250th birthday this year; the whole point of voting in a democracy is to hold our elected leaders accountable when things are not working and vote them out.

Q. What are two challenges that the state faces and how might you solve them if elected?
A. Taxes and fraud need to be addressed. Taxes continue to increase in all areas: sales taxes, income taxes, tab fees and property taxes. Like subscriptions, they all add up to higher costs. Minnesota has always been a high tax state, but we are not getting the quality services we expect for it anymore. We all need to balance our checkbooks for our families, and we expect our state government to do the same. People work hard for their money, and they expect it is being spent wisely and not going to fraud. Fraud is not only stealing from tax payers, but it is also hurting the people the money was intended to go to in the first place. Fraud is unacceptable. These are nonpartisan issues, and we should be able to work together to make it work.

MINNESOTA HOUSE DISTRICT 40A (ELECT 1)

Aisha Elmquist (DFL)
City of residence: Arden Hills
Occupation: Consultant, with a background as a civil rights attorney and public servant
List three most recent civic involvement roles:

- Governing board member, National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care
- Former chair of a city lake improvement district board
- Former member of state task forces on guardianship, resident rights and quality of care

urgent than ever.

As a civil rights attorney and public servant, I’ve worked with Minnesotans navigating housing, elder care, mental health care and other systems that shape daily life. That work has shown me how policy affects people’s lives, and why people need systems that are fair, responsive and effective.

I’m running to bring that experience to the Capitol and make government work better for the people it serves.

Q. What can the state do in the next five years to help Minnesota prosper?
A. I was motivated to run because federal actions are threatening the human rights and essential services I have spent my career working to uphold. Minnesota needs to be a place where people know their rights are secure and essential services will be provided. State government cannot replace the federal government, but we can make choices about where we invest and the kind of state we want to be. Over the next five years, that means building more housing; keeping our public schools strong; maintaining access to health, disability and long-term care services; and preserving our fundamental rights. It also means making government easier to

navigate and providing oversight to ensure programs deliver the supports they were designed to provide.

If we make those choices well, Minnesota can remain a place where people feel secure, have opportunities and can build a good life for themselves and their families.

Q. What are two challenges that the state faces and how might you solve them if elected?
A. Two of the top issues I hear about at the doors and in other conversations with neighbors are affordability and the environment.

First, housing, childcare, healthcare and other basic costs are taking up too much of family budgets. I would work to expand housing and childcare options, lower healthcare costs, and support workers and good-paying jobs so families can build secure futures.

Second, people I talk with across this district care deeply about clean water and protecting our health and natural resources for future generations. I support permanently protecting the Boundary Waters from sulfide-ore copper mining, improving water quality, and encouraging new development that reduces pollution and energy costs through practices such as energy efficient design.

PAUL GARDNER
FOR
SHOREVIEW MAYOR

I humbly ask for your support and your vote for Shoreview Mayor!

- Member, Shoreview City Council, 2025-present
- Member, Shoreview Energy Action Team set up with Xcel Energy 2023-2024
- Shoreview Citizen of the Year 2021
- Shoreview Leadership Academy 2023
- Initiated and operated the recycling program at the Slice of Shoreview for 20 years starting in 2001

- State Legislator, Minnesota House of Representatives, 2007-2010
- Minnesota Water Steward and Water Conservation Advisor
- Shoreview Green Community Award Winner
- Retired Administrator, Minnesota Clean Water Council

I'm running for Shoreview Mayor because I want to preserve the things that make Shoreview a great place to live, find ways to make it better, and keep our neighborhoods safe and welcoming for all.

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MINNESOTA HOUSE DISTRICT 40A (ELECT 1)

Luis Vicente Withrow (R)

City of residence: Arden Hills
Occupation: Mounds View, though I am originally from Lowry Hill in Minneapolis. While there, I witnessed the DFL's incompetence in state governance — high taxes, choosing between dying public schools and expensive private schools, and small businesses shuttering from theft and crime. Like many others here, I moved to the north suburbs to take refuge and create a better life for myself and my family, but over the past year, I have noticed the subtle creep of those social ills.

List three most recent civic involvement roles:

- Minnesota Young Republicans
- Minneapolis Republican Party
- Abby Wolters for House



which killed one, crippled several others and injured me. The man responsible had nearly a dozen priors, which the DFL-backed District Attorneys neglected to prosecute effectively. The tragedy I suffered was completely avoidable.

Bad decisions made by our politicians affect ordinary people's lives. We as a state need new leadership. I am a moderate, drawing a line in the sand for common sense. I am pro-environmental protections, pro-consumer protections and support an end to all lobbying and foreign wars. I want my voice to not just be a balance against the DFL's recklessness, but also against establishment voices in the Minnesota Republican Party. I'm a truth teller; I don't shut up. That is why I know I would be a great representative.

Q. What can the state do in the next five years to help Minnesota prosper?
A. With 50 states in the nation, Minnesota must make itself a competitive destination for people to settle down. We must see an end to the DFL's long record of creating unfunded or underfunded programs and mandates, which have caused property taxes in Ramsey County to increase by an average of 20%. We must repeal the over-regulation which forces businesses and entrepreneurs to move out of state or overseas, but do so intelligently so that we don't damage

our environmental treasures. We must finally take seriously the billions in taxpayer fraud stolen under DFL leadership that was either not taken seriously and/or covered up until earlier this year and turn Minnesota from a national laughing stock to a shining city on a hill.

Q. What are two challenges that the state faces and how might you solve them if elected?
A. Minnesota faces one major challenge that encompasses all others: trust. People do not trust our state to keep our money safe from fraudsters, our justice system to put criminals away or our leadership to use our tax dollars intelligently. If the DFL-led government was making this happen, why would they only feel the need now, in 2026, to campaign on stopping it?

Trust is consistency; it is not earned in one moment or given at random. I am an open book and regularly listen to the concerns of all voters and residents, Left or Right, rather than simply talking at them. Throughout my campaign, I've been able to show people that my only goals are to bring tangible wins to our community and to make this state one we can all live in and be proud to call home. In November, I hope for your continued trust and confidence..

MINNESOTA HOUSE DISTRICT 40B (ELECT 1)

Allen Shen (R)

City of residence: Roseville; I was raised here and graduated from Mounds View High School. Afterwards, I served in the Minnesota National Guard and, later, in the Army Reserves. After graduating from the University of Minnesota, I worked overseas at the French company Chauvin-Arnoux Group. I moved back in 2018, and now, I am planning to be your next legislator to restore our state as the land of 10,000 lakes, not the land of 10,000 frauds.

Occupation: Marketing communications
List three most recent civic involvement roles:

- Served on the College Alumni Board at University of Minnesota
- Picking up garbage in the city of Roseville
- Feed my Starving Children



citizens who want to serve our state and make everything better. Politicians were never intended to make this job a career. Even in the state of Minnesota, we have elected officials who have held their seats for many decades. That should change. I felt a strong calling from God to step up to the plate and run for office after seeing a mod group led by Don Lemon who invaded my church in January. That's when I took a stance against that violation of FACE act. You do not come into a church on a Sunday to disrupt worshiping families and terrify children. That is not accepted in a free country and should not be tolerated by anyone who is for freedom of religion.

Q. What can the state do in the next five years to help Minnesota prosper?
A. Some people think we can tax the corporations (job creators) in the state to oblivion, and somehow those corporations will just comply. I blame our education system for not teaching high school and college students how taxes, interest and investment work. When corporate taxes are high, companies can easily move away. That's why Medtronic, a Minnesota-born company, moved its headquarters to Ireland.

How long has it been since we saw a huge company build a plant to bring manufacturing jobs here? When the time to

approve a plant construction in Iowa is around 90 days, but in Minnesota, it takes up to three years, companies can easily move their investment to other states.

Government should lower the costs for citizens and companies. If we pay less in property taxes, income taxes, car tabs and sales taxes, more money will enter our economy, making it more vibrant.

Q. What are two challenges that the state faces and how might you solve them if elected?
A. Fraud: Since this fraud was exposed, I noticed my car tab, property taxes and sales taxes surged, and there's a new tax on selected groceries, which we didn't have before. It's as if the state failed to stop the fraud, yet all of us are paying for it. That's not fair. We must restore all guardrails to hold people accountable, and the punishment for committing fraud must be severe enough to deter most people from doing so.

Voter ID: Currently in Minnesota, we don't need to show proof of citizenship or an ID to register to vote, and a voter can vouch for up to eight people. Many people suspect voter fraud in Minnesota. The best way to fix that is to require proof of citizenship and an ID to vote. If India can do it for their 1.4 billion citizens, I think we can too.

David Gottfried (DFL)

City of residence: Shoreview; I was raised in Roseville and visited Shoreview often growing up. I loved this area so much that when it came time for my wife, Haylee, and me to settle down, we decided to move here.

Occupation: Outside the legislature, I work at a law firm as a pro bono specialist, supporting the firm's pro bono program and increasing access to justice throughout the state and country. Prior to working at the firm, I received my master's degree in public policy from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

List three most recent civic involvement roles:

- State representative
- Shoreview Community Foundation board member
- Volunteer attorney with the Children's Law Center



Q. Why do you want to serve in the Minnesota Legislature?
A. One thing is for certain: people in this district care about their neighbors. So do I. I love my community — that is why I'm running for reelection. Whether it's seeking accountability for the harm done to us during Operation Metro Surge or protecting children from gun violence, it is a labor of love. I was honored to serve this community since March of last year, and it would be an honor to serve again. You have my word that I will work hard to earn that opportunity again.

Q. What can the state do in the next five years to help Minnesota prosper?
A. I believe in making Minnesota a place where everyone has the freedom to thrive — not just survive.

Our state cannot avoid the problems the federal government gave us. Their reckless war with Iran caused skyrocketing prices. The state must do what it can to protect and provide for its people.

We can lower the cost of housing by building more homes. We must prevent private equity firms from hoarding houses. We can move toward a healthcare system, not just a health insurance system. We do this by removing insurance companies

from our public health plans. We can reform property taxes so people on a fixed income can stay in their homes. Unfair practices make us pay high prices for the things we need in our daily lives. We must end the greatest cause of our high cost of living: corporate price gouging.

Q. What are two challenges that the state faces and how might you solve them if elected?
A. Trump refuses to give our state funds that help people survive. If his government does not fulfill its lawful obligations to Minnesota, then we must act. We can recover the funds they withhold by holding federal income taxes in escrow. Those taxes should be used to cover the budgetary shortfall. When the federal government abides by the Constitution once more, we can release that tax income.

Next, we pay too much for healthcare and don't see adequate outcomes. Our money goes to insurance companies instead of actual healthcare. We must rein in these companies by removing them from our public health plans. Connecticut did this, providing excellent care and saving billions of dollars. Minnesota can follow their lead and provide better care for far less money.

Allen Shen
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SHOREVIEW MAYOR (ELECT 1)

Josh Wing

City of residence: Shoreview

Occupation: Retail and technology executive

List three most recent civic involvement roles:

- Current member and treasurer — Shoreview Economic Development Authority
- Past member and chair — Shoreview Economic Development Commission

Q. Why do you want to serve on the City Council?
A. Shoreview has been my home for more than 20 years, and it has been a wonderful community for my family. Through my service on the Economic Development Commission and Economic Development Authority, I have also had the opportunity to see firsthand how thoughtful leadership and talented city staff have helped make Shoreview the community it is today.
I believe it is easy to sit on the sidelines and have opinions about what should be done. I would rather get involved and

contribute. I am running for mayor because I care about this community and want to help ensure Shoreview remains a great place to live, raise a family and operate a business. I hope to bring my experience, practical approach to problem solving and long-term perspective to the role while always listening to the people who call Shoreview home.

Q. What can the City Council do in the next five years to help the city prosper?
A. I want Shoreview to continue being a community where people are proud to live and businesses want to invest. We are fortunate to have great neighborhoods, strong city services, beautiful parks and trails, and talented city staff. We need to protect those things while recognizing that the next five years will bring change. For me, that means being thoughtful about how we spend taxpayer dollars; supporting our local businesses and commercial tax base; planning for changing housing needs; and preparing for challenges such as public safety, cybersecurity, infrastructure and the retirement of experienced city staff.
The mayor cannot accomplish these things alone. The role requires listening to residents, working collaboratively with

the City Council and staff, and building relationships with neighboring communities. I want us to plan ahead while preserving what people love about living in Shoreview.

Q. What are two challenges in your city and how might you solve them if elected?
A. Two challenges I believe deserve particular attention are the TCAAP redevelopment in Arden Hills and housing. Although TCAAP is outside Shoreview, its impact will not stop at the city boundary. Our residents will experience changes in traffic, roads, schools, public safety and other services. As mayor, I would make sure Shoreview residents and businesses have a strong voice as those decisions are made.
Housing is more personal. As I think about my own future in Shoreview, I see how few options exist for people who love this community but eventually want a smaller home. We have limited condominiums, one-level townhomes and other ownership options for people looking to downsize. I want us to create more choices while respecting our existing neighborhoods and the character of Shoreview. People who have spent decades here should have opportunities to stay here.

Paul Gardner

City of residence: Shoreview

Occupation: Retired/Shoreview City Council; My professional background includes two decades in the recycling sector, where I advocated for policy at the state and national level, and seven years as the administrator of the Minnesota Clean Water Council. The Clean Water Council recommends how to spend \$130 million annually from the state's Clean Water Fund.

List three most recent civic involvement roles:

- I was elected to the Shoreview City Council in 2024.
- From 2007 to 2010, I represented Shoreview as a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives.
- I have also served on the Ramsey Conservation District Board, and helped it merge with Ramsey County.

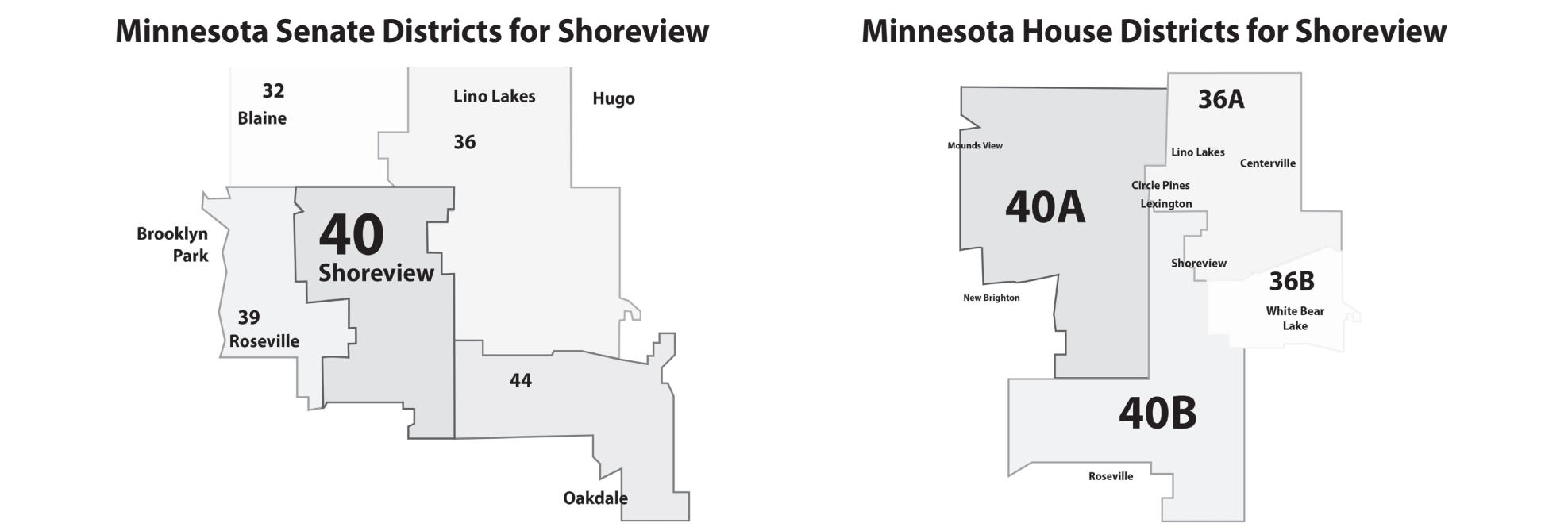
Q. Why do you want to serve on the City Council?
A. Our outstanding current mayor is retiring and she encouraged me to run. I would like to maintain Shoreview's reputation as a city that works efficiently to provide quality services. The city also must adapt to changing circumstances outside of our control that can drive up our costs. Minnesota's

labor force is shrinking as the baby boomers retire, and that is driving our public safety costs up. The cost of living is making home ownership more unaffordable and energy more expensive. We have lost a lot of trees to the emerald ash borer. I would like to help the city, its residents and businesses navigate solutions for these and other issues so that we can reduce financial risks and maintain quality. We must also maintain Shoreview's status as a welcoming community for all, commit to public safety, enhance our parks and trails, and help our businesses to thrive and expand.

Q. What can the City Council do in the next five years to help the city prosper?
A. Generally, the business climate is good, but it is always changing. Our recent business retention and expansion survey gave very high marks to our community development staff for their assistance. Businesses also say they really want to stay in Shoreview! We plan to add a customer relationship management (CRM) system to efficiently keep in touch with businesses to see what their needs are so we can keep them here. Shoreview continues to maintain its infrastructure and carefully apply tax increment financing for redevelopment opportunities that pose challenges.
Our residents love our amenities, including our parks, recreation programs and trails. However, they require investment to keep pace with high use. We have a park master

plan to refresh all our parks, but the speed at which we complete it depends on the cost.
We can also better publicize our city-supported home-improvement loan programs and first-time homebuyer assistance program.

Q. What are two challenges in your city and how might you solve them if elected?
A. The high costs of living and housing are deferring home ownership, or is eating up more of household budgets. To address this, we have programs from down payment assistance to home maintenance loans for household that qualify. Our progressive housing policy has created dozens of affordable rental housing units, and our energy action plan can save Shoreview consumers \$2.3 million by 2030.
The main upward pressure on our property taxes is due to higher public safety costs. The sheriff's department had among the lowest salaries in the metro, so higher pay is being phased in to retain and attract deputies. The Lake Johanna Fire Department is also hiring more full-time firefighters because it is hard to retain our pool of part-time firefighters to have 24/7 coverage in all three stations. We will need to find efficiencies throughout city government in the years to come to reduce growth in property taxes.



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SHOREVIEW CITY COUNCIL (ELECT 2)

Ashley Patel

City of residence: Shoreview

Occupation: Consultant, Healthcare Technology Implementation.

List three most recent civic involvement roles:

- My civic involvement in Shoreview began with the Citizen Leadership Academy, where I learned how city departments collaborate to keep Shoreview expertly run.
- Later, I served on the Human Rights Commission to advocate for residents and provide educational programming to ensure that people know their rights and are able to live with dignity.
- Most recently, my service as a Shoreview Community Foundation board member deepened my understanding of local needs and taught me about the dedicated organizations supporting our neighbors each day. These experiences collectively shaped my commitment to thoughtful local leadership.



Q. Why do you want to serve on the City Council?
A. I am running for Shoreview City Council because I care deeply about our community and want to give back through dedicated service. My goal is to build upon the strong

foundation already established in Shoreview by preserving fiscal responsibility while expanding the infrastructure and community networks necessary to meet our evolving needs. Local government is centered on the everyday experiences of our neighbors. As a City Council member, I will listen to families, seniors and local business owners, ensuring that our city grows thoughtfully and remains accessible, supportive and vibrant for every resident.

Q. What can the City Council do in the next five years to help the city prosper?
A. Over the next five years, the City Council can ensure Shoreview prospers by focusing on intentional economic growth, strengthening infrastructure, and proactively addressing community needs.
City Council must ensure housing affordability by expanding access to down-payment assistance and home maintenance loans, ensuring residents can afford to stay in Shoreview long-term. The city can also streamline zoning and permitting processes to welcome entrepreneurs and broaden the commercial tax base to offset property tax burdens for residents.
Another priority to help the city prosper is to expand bike and pedestrian trails, ensuring safe, connected mobility for all. Expanding trail infrastructure can keep the community strong by enabling neighbors to connect with one another and navigate the beautiful city we call home.

Finally, City Council should foster community trust through transparent communication. By engaging with residents, the council will ensure Shoreview remains safe, fiscally strong and vibrant for all.

Q. What are two challenges in your city and how might you solve them if elected?
A. Two challenges facing Shoreview are housing affordability and emergency medical response.
Rising housing and maintenance costs place a strain on residents wanting to stay in Shoreview long-term. To address this challenge, I will work to modernize zoning and permitting processes and build transparent partnerships with skilled builders and community members. This approach encourages mindful development, broadens the city’s tax base, and connects homeowners with resources to help manage living costs. Medical emergencies constitute a large number of emergency calls in Shoreview. To support this, I plan to work with the Lake Johanna Fire Department to ensure its funding remains secure. By engaging Ramsey County and state resources, we can help ensure the Fire Department has sufficient resources to meet the growing need and demand for their services. Additionally, maintaining Shoreview’s roadways will ensure emergency vehicles can navigate our community quickly and safely when critical care is needed.

John Doan

City of residence: Shoreview

Occupation: Transportation consultant

List three most recent civic involvement roles:

- Grants committee chair, Shoreview Community Foundation
- President, Ramsey County League of Local Governments
- Member, Shoreview Economic Development Authority



Serving on the council has been one of the greatest honors of my life. As a Navy veteran, civil engineer, Vietnamese immigrant and father, I bring a practical, collaborative approach to solving problems and planning for our future. During my first term, I championed environmental sustainability, expanded housing choices, invested in parks and trails, and worked to keep Shoreview financially strong. I believe listening first, leading honestly and cooperating thoughtfully will keep Shoreview a welcoming, vibrant community for generations.

Q. Why do you want to serve on the City Council?
A. I am motivated to continue serving on the Shoreview City Council because I deeply value the strong sense of community that makes us unique. Shoreview is a no-drama community, where residents show everyday kindness, stay engaged and

share a commitment to keeping our city thriving.
I am grateful for the opportunity to work with residents, city staff and fellow council members who bring diverse perspectives and a shared dedication to doing what is best for Shoreview. That collaborative spirit makes our city government effective, responsive and highly functioning.
Serving on the council has deepened my appreciation for the care and effort required to maintain Shoreview’s high quality of life. I value the chance to contribute to that work and help ensure our city remains a place where people feel connected, supported and proud to live. I look forward to continuing to build on this strong foundation.

Q. What can the City Council do in the next five years to help the city prosper?
A. Over the next five years, the City Council should continue to strengthen Shoreview’s economy while preserving the high quality of life that makes our city special. A key priority is growing our commercial tax base by attracting and retaining businesses that provide quality jobs and strengthen our local economy. The successful redevelopment of the former Deluxe campus into a thriving business center — now home to Fairview Pharmacy, Binks, and PAR Systems — demonstrates how thoughtful partnerships can transform underused properties into economic assets while preserving parking for the Slice of Shoreview.
We should continue advancing redevelopment opportunities, including transforming the Shoreview Mall, through our

town center plan, into a vibrant mixed-use destination. By supporting businesses, encouraging investment and planning for the future, Shoreview can continue to prosper while remaining the wonderful community we love.

Q. What are two challenges in your city and how might you solve them if elected?
A. Two of Shoreview’s biggest challenges are maintaining high-quality city services while keeping taxes affordable and preserving the natural beauty that makes our community unique.
First, we must continue delivering excellent services without placing unnecessary burdens on taxpayers. I support Shoreview’s affordable excellence strategy, which emphasizes innovation, long-term planning and efficient use of resources, giving residents the greatest value for every tax dollar. By investing wisely, pursuing partnerships and carefully managing city finances, we can maintain exceptional services while protecting affordability.
Second, we must preserve Shoreview’s parks, lakes, wetlands and open spaces as our community continues to evolve. Thoughtful land-use planning, environmental stewardship and continued investment in our park system will protect these assets for future generations. We can support responsible growth while ensuring Shoreview remains a city where families enjoy clean lakes, beautiful trails, abundant green space and the outstanding quality of life that defines our community.

CANDIDATE CHRISTINE THOMPSON DID NOT RESPOND

How to vote early

By mail

To vote by mail, apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to you. You do not need to be registered to apply. For your ballot to count, remember this important information:

- Read the instructions that come with your ballot carefully.

- You will need a witness when you vote and complete your ballot. The witness can be either a registered Minnesota voter or a notary.
- Return the ballot and forms right away after you finish. Your ballot will not count if it is received after Election Day.

In person

All voters have at least one location where they can vote early in person with an absentee ballot. Depending on where you live, there may be additional locations.

- You can vote in person at your county election office.
- In addition, you may be able to vote at your city office. Contact the clerk for more information.

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- The last Saturday before Election Day (10 a.m. — 3 p.m.)

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