



Your Vote, Your Voice



Voting is your right! Everyone's quality of life is impacted by elected leaders who make important decisions on behalf of their constituents – **that's you!**

Make sure your voice is heard for your community, your schools and your future. In a democracy, every voice matters.

Minneapolis will hold a municipal election on Tuesday, Nov. 2 for the positions of the mayor, city council, the Park and Recreation Board and the Board of Estimate and Taxation. The ballot will also include three proposed amendments to the city charter that, if approved, would replace the Minneapolis Police Department with a Department of Public Safety, restructure the powers of the mayor and city council, and authorize the city council to enact rent control.

Our neighborhoods and community are strengthened when we participate in local elections.

Learn more about how you can vote in the upcoming Minneapolis election.

Minneapolis, MN

MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATE:
Tuesday, November 2

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
Tuesday, November 2 (Same-day registration is available at your polling place or early voting site)

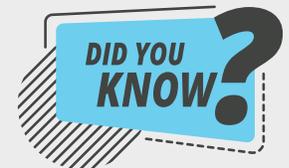
FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE:
Vote411.org/target

MAJOR OFFICES ON THE BALLOT:
Mayor, City Council, Park and Recreation Board, Board of Estimate and Taxation, Proposed Amendments to the City Charter

At Target, We Believe Your Vote Makes a Difference.

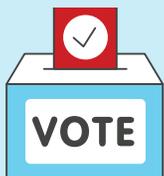
Since its founding, Target has proudly stood in support of democracy by encouraging and supporting our team members and guests to exercise their right to vote. Voting is essential for democracy to thrive. As Americans, we must all make our voices heard.

*In November 2017, **42.5%** of registered voters in Minneapolis voted in city elections, compared to **81.3%** in the November 2020 elections, which included local, state and congressional races as well as the U.S. president.*



Yes, Local Elections Matter! Here's Why.

Local elections have a direct and immediate impact on your daily life: The street where you live. The school your kids attend. The roads you drive to work.



Issues addressed at the local level include education, policing, public transit, access to clean water or green spaces, zoning laws and city planning. Local policies often set the precedent for laws on the state and national level. You can help your community by making your voice heard in the upcoming Birmingham election.

OCT / NOV 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
4	5	6	7	8	9
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Don't forget these voting deadlines

- ⦿ **VOTER PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**
Tuesday, Oct. 12 (you can also register at the polls or your early voting location on Election Day)
- ⦿ **EARLY VOTING (IN PERSON):**
Friday, Sept. 17 – Monday, Nov. 1
- ⦿ **REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS (BY MAIL AND BY HAND):**
Tuesday, October 19
- ⦿ **RETURN ABSENTEE BALLOTS (BY MAIL):**
Postmarked by Tuesday, Nov. 2
- ⦿ **RETURN ABSENTEE BALLOTS (BY HAND):**
Tuesday, Nov. 2 by 3:00 p.m. at the Elections and Voter Services Office
- ⦿ **ELECTION DAY:**
Tuesday, November 2 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Need to Register to Vote? It's Easy! Here's How.



REGISTER IN ADVANCE:

You need to register to vote if you have never voted, have moved or changed your name since you last voted, or if you have not voted at least once in the past four years. You can also [check to see if you're already registered](#). You can [register to vote online](#) or [on paper](#) using your Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota identification card number, or the last four numbers of your social security number. If you register in advance, you do not need to show a photo ID at the polls.

REGISTER WHEN YOU VOTE:

In Minnesota, you can opt for same-day registration at your polling place or early voting site.

To register, on Election Day, you must be able to provide proof of residence using a valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit, or ID, or an approved photo ID and document proving your place of residence, such as:

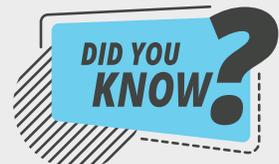
- ⦿ U.S. passport
- ⦿ U.S. military or veteran ID
- ⦿ Tribal ID with name, signature and photo
- ⦿ Minnesota university, college or technical college ID
- ⦿ Minnesota high school ID

Approved documents include bill or start-of-service statement with your name and address due or dated within 30 days of the election for:

- ⦿ Phone, TV or Internet
- ⦿ Sewer, electric, gas or water
- ⦿ Banking or credit card
- ⦿ Rent or mortgage
- ⦿ Residential lease or rent agreement valid through Election Day
- ⦿ Current student fee statement

Alternatively, a registered voter from your same precinct can vouch for your residence by signing a sworn oath confirming your address. More information about same-day registration can be found [here](#).

*In 2020, Minnesota set a modern-day voting record with nearly **80% of eligible voters participating**. Minnesota also led the nation in 2018 and 2016.*



Planning to Vote On Election Day?

Find your polling place here: Vote411.org/target. Polling places will be open in Minneapolis from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. on Tuesday, November 2.

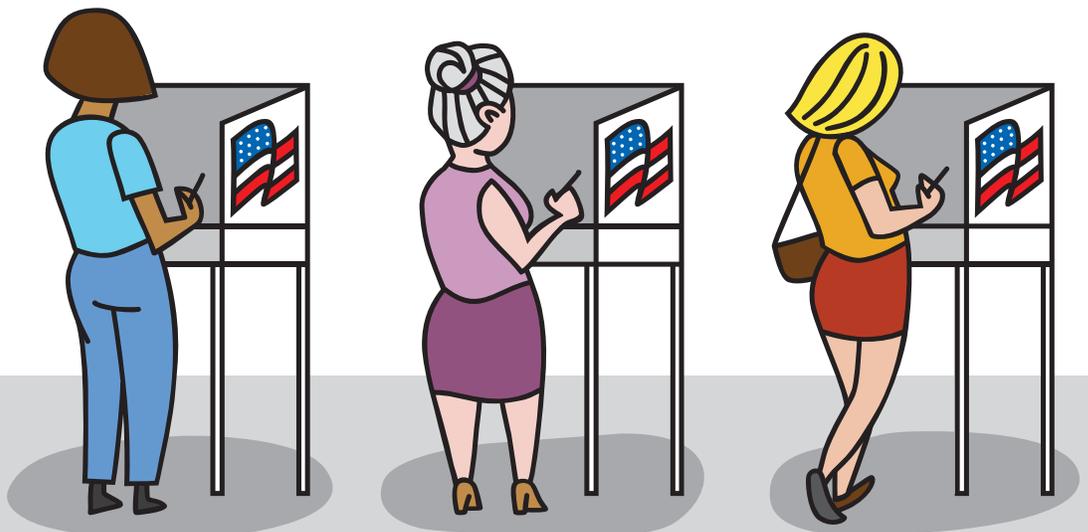
Know your voting rights!

- ⦿ If you are in line by 8:00 p.m. on Nov. 2, you will be able to vote.
- ⦿ You may register to vote at your polling place on Election Day with proper proof of residence.
- ⦿ You have a right to vote without being influenced at your polling location. Campaigning and campaign material (brochures, posters, signs, etc.) and campaign apparel (t-shirts, buttons, etc.) relating to a specific candidate, party or ballot measure are not allowed within 100 feet of the polling place.
- ⦿ You may ask any person to help you vote OTHER than an agent of your employer or union.
- ⦿ You may bring your children with you to the polls.
- ⦿ You may bring non-alcoholic beverages and snacks to the polls.
- ⦿ You have a right to vote without outside influence at the polls.
- ⦿ It is illegal for anyone to try to stop you from voting.
- ⦿ If you suspect election or voter fraud, contact the Minnesota Secretary of State's office at 1-877-600-VOTE (8683) or elections.dept@state.mn.us.
- ⦿ In the event of a mistake, or change, you may request a replacement ballot.
- ⦿ If you have previously been convicted of a felony, you may vote if any related sentences, parole, restitution, and other requirements have been completed by Election Day.
- ⦿ If you are under guardianship, you may vote unless a judge has specifically revoked your right.
- ⦿ You may submit a written complaint at your polling place if you are unhappy with any election procedures.
- ⦿ You may bring a sample ballot into the voting booth with you.
- ⦿ You may bring a copy of the State of Minnesota's [Voter's Bill of Rights](#) into your polling place and voting booth.

Minneapolis' Student Election Judge Program allows those as young as 16 to serve as election judges. It's a great way to learn about the democratic process!



You can build a personalized voter guide at Vote411.org/target



Information on Early and Absentee Voting

Emergency absentee voting

Early voting is available from Friday, Sept. 17 through Monday, Nov. 1 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Minneapolis Elections and Voter Services office (980 Hennepin Ave E., Minneapolis 55414). You do not need a reason to vote early.

Apply for an absentee ballot

You may choose to vote by absentee ballot from home. Unlike state and federal elections, voters cannot apply online for an absentee ballot for city elections. Instead, voters must download and mail in an absentee ballot application, which can be found [here](#).

How to return your absentee ballot application

Completed ballot applications can be returned in one of the following ways:

- ⦿ Email your completed ballot application to minneapolisabsentee@minneapolismn.gov.
- ⦿ Fax your application to (612) 673-2756.
- ⦿ Mail or deliver your application to Elections and Voter Services (980 Hennepin Ave E., Minneapolis, MN 55414).
- ⦿ If you are hospitalized, disabled, quarantined or medically incapacitated, an agent may deliver your application as well as a [“request for agent delivery” form](#) to the election office. You can learn more about agent delivery [here](#).
- ⦿ Alternatively, you may call 311 to have an application mailed to you or pick one up at the Elections and Voter Services office.

Requested ballots will be sent out to voters beginning Sept. 17. Want to make sure your ballot arrives at its destination? Track your ballot [here](#).

Absentee voting deadlines

An absentee ballot returned by mail must be postmarked by Election Day (Tuesday, Nov. 2). If hand-delivered, your completed ballot must be returned to the Elections and Voter Services office (980 Hennepin Ave E., Minneapolis, MN 55414) by 3:00 p.m. on Election Day.

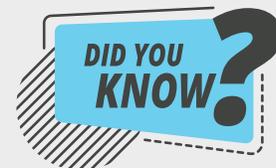
You may **NOT** drop off your absentee ballot at your polling location on Election Day.

If you have not submitted an absentee ballot application by Oct. 19, the City of Minneapolis recommends you vote early in-person or vote on Election Day at your polling place.

Download an absentee ballot application [here](#)

Track the status of your absentee ballot [here](#)

In 2020, over 1.9 million Minnesotans voted early, more than twice the number from 2016.



Target Proudly Supports Your Right to Vote

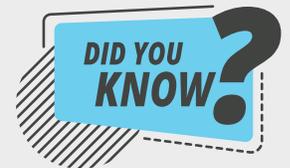
Get paid time off to vote!

Talk to your manager or HR leader at Target for information about paid time off to vote.

Don't have a ride to the polls? We provide discounted transportation. T

alk to your manager or HR leader at Target for information about discounted rides to the polls through Lyft (up to \$15 each way). *This offer is not intended to induce, nor is it conditioned on, the act of voting, refraining from voting, or voting for or against any particular candidate, political party or measure.*

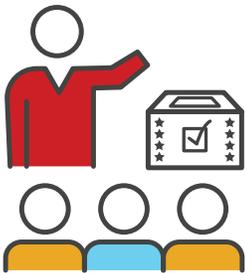
Target provides paid time off to vote and serve as an election judges. In 2020, Target recruited **more than 1,600 team members** to staff polling places across the country.



Get paid time off to serve as a election judge!

Election judges are everyday Americans who are paid to staff local polling places to carry out assigned Election Day procedures. Election workers are essential to the democratic process and ensure that the rights of every eligible voter are protected. Their work begins before Election Day – each election judge is required to undergo training. Serving as an election judge is an amazing opportunity to support the democratic process and deepen connections within your community. Target provides team members with paid time off to serve as an election judge. Check with your manager or HR leader for any applicable notice or other requirements.

Requirements to Serve as an Election Judge in Minneapolis



- ⦿ Must be eligible to vote in Minnesota.
- ⦿ Must be able to read, write and speak English.
- ⦿ Must complete mandatory training.
- ⦿ Must not be the spouse, parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, sibling or step-sibling of any election judge serving in the same precinct or of any candidate in the election.
- ⦿ Must not live, either permanently or temporarily, with any candidate on the ballot at that election.
- ⦿ Must not be a candidate in the election.

How to apply

Complete an [election judge application](#). If you plan to serve as an election judge, tell us! Email CitizensAtTarget@Target.com, so we can track your participation.

What is on the Minneapolis Ballot?

Minneapolis' 2021 municipal election includes the mayor, 13 city council seats, the Park and Recreation Board, the Board of Estimate and Taxation, and three proposed amendments to the city charter.

Mayor

LENGTH OF TERM:

Four years.

NUMBER OF TERMS ALLOWED:

No limit.

The mayor appoints all city department heads, police and fire chiefs, city coordinators, assessors and engineers. The mayor also proposes the annual budget to the City Council and approves or vetoes all City Council and Park Board actions. As a representative of the entire city, the mayor wields significant influence over community groups, businesses and among other local and state leaders.

The candidates for Minneapolis mayor are:

[Nate "Honey Badger" Atkins](#)

[AJ Awed](#)

[Troy Benjegerdes](#)

[Bob "Again" Carney Jr.](#)

[Clint Conner](#)

Christopher W. David

[Jacob Frey](#) (Incumbent)

[Mark Globus](#)

Marcus Harcus

[Paul E. Johnson](#)

[Kate Knuth](#)

Doug Nelson

[Sheila Nezhad](#)

[Jerrell Perry](#)

[Laverne Turner](#)

[Kevin "No Body" Ward](#)

[Mike Winter](#)

Websites provided in official candidate filings are included above. If no website was provided or the provided website was not functional at the time of publication, it has not been linked.

City Council

LENGTH OF TERM:

Four years.

NUMBER OF TERMS ALLOWED:

No limit.

Minneapolis's chief legislative body is composed of 13 seats, each representing a ward within the city. The council has the authority to pass city laws and direct daily operations. It is also responsible for managing the city's finances and regulating zoning and land use. Council members form a variety of committees which are each responsible for a specific branch of city policy, such as public health and safety, business and taxation. [Click here](#) to find your city council district.

Park and Recreation Board

LENGTH OF TERM:

Four years.

NUMBER OF TERMS ALLOWED:

No limit.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board oversees the maintenance and governance of the city's extensive public parks system, including 150+ miles of walking and biking paths, 49 recreational centers, 22 lakes, seven golf courses, and the Minneapolis Park Police. The board has nine members – one for each of the city's six park districts, and three at-large members. [Click here](#) to find your park district.

Board of Estimate and Taxation

LENGTH OF TERM:

Four years.

NUMBER OF TERMS ALLOWED:

No limit.

The Minneapolis Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) includes two elected members, the mayor, the president of the City Council, the chairman of the Ways and Means committee on the City Council, and the head of the Park and Recreation Board. The BET's chief responsibility is setting tax levies to fund essential city services like transportation and public safety, and selling bonds to fund capital improvements to infrastructure like state universities, parks and roadways. The BET is also the last body to review and approve the city's annual budget.

View a sample ballot at Vote411.org/target

City Charter Amendments

THERE ARE THREE CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS THAT WILL APPEAR ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. AS A VOTER, YOU WILL BE ASKED “YES” OR “NO.”

1. Government Structure: Executive Mayor – Legislative Council:

Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to adopt a change in its form of government to an Executive Mayor-Legislative Council structure to shift certain powers to the Mayor, consolidating administrative authority over all operating departments under the Mayor, and eliminating the Executive Committee?

2. Department of Public Safety:

Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to remove the Police Department and replace it with a Department of Public Safety that employs a comprehensive public health approach to the delivery of functions by the Department of Public Safety, with those specific functions to be determined by the Mayor and City Council by ordinance; which will not be subject to exclusive mayoral power over its establishment, maintenance, and command; and which could include licensed peace officers (police officers), if necessary, to fulfill its responsibilities for public safety, with the general nature of the amendments being briefly indicated in the explanatory note below, which is made a part of this ballot?

EXPLANATORY NOTE: This amendment would create a Department of Public Safety combin-

ing public safety functions through a comprehensive public health approach to be determined by the Mayor and Council. The department would be led by a Commissioner nominated by the Mayor and appointed by the Council. The Police Department, and its chief, would be removed from the City Charter. The Public Safety Department could include police officers, but the minimum funding requirement would be eliminated.

3. Authorizing City Council To Enact Rent Control Ordinance

Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to authorize the City Council to regulate rents on private residential property in the City of Minneapolis, with the general nature of the amendments being indicated in the explanatory note below, which is made a part of this ballot?

EXPLANATORY NOTE: This amendment would:

1. Authorize the City Council to regulate rents on private residential property in the City of Minneapolis by ordinance.
2. Provide that an ordinance regulating rents on private residential property could be enacted in two different and independent ways:
 - a. The City Council may enact the ordinance.
 - b. The City Council may refer the ordinance as a ballot question to be decided by the voters for approval at an election. If more than half of the votes cast on the ballot question are in favor of its adoption, the ordinance would take effect 30 days after the election, or at such other time as provided in the ordinance.

You can learn more about the three proposed charter amendments [here](#).

To pass, each amendment requires the approval of at least 51% of voters.

Other Voting Resources

View a sample ballot at

Vote411.org/target

Visit the [Minnesota Secretary of State website](#)

Election rules and notices may change. Please visit the [Minneapolis Elections and Voter Services](#) webpage for the latest information.

This voter guide was created by Target based on a variety of sources, including:

The City of Minneapolis, The Minnesota Secretary of State, The Star Tribune and other local news organizations