



2022 Primary Voter's Guide

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Dakota County Attorney (nonpartisan; represents all of Dakota County)								
Kathy Keena (website)	Incumbent unanimously appointed in 2021; 22 years in the Dakota County attorney's office	Declined to answer, "because this is a nonpartisan position and I believe those questions are more appropriately answered by legislative candidates."						Public safety, case backlog from pandemic
Elizabeth Lamin (website)	16 years as a frontline prosecutor; finalist for appointment in 2021; Assistant Ramsey County attorney	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Violent crime, specialty courts
Matt Little (website)	Former Lakeville mayor (4 years) and state senator (4 years); attorney	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sexual and domestic violence, gun violence, veterans' court
Jeff Sheridan (website)	35-year career as defense attorney; argued 16 cases before MN Supreme Court; appealed 2 cases to SCOTUS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Change focus of office to solve problems
Dakota County Commissioner District 2 (nonpartisan; represents West St. Paul, South St. Paul, and parts of Inver Grove Heights)								
Joe Atkins (website)	Current District 4 commissioner (since 2017), redistricted to District 2; 14 years as state representative; attorney	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Remaining debt free, public safety, public health, mental health
Jimmy Francis (website)	Current South St. Paul mayor (since 2017), works as employee benefits administrator	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Listening to residents, mental health, public safety
John Wheeler (no website)	Attorney, lives in West St. Paul, appeared in Kaposia parade with slogan "Why not?"	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Economical maintenance of infrastructure; healthy, safe environments



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Senate District 65 (DFL; represents roughly the northern half of West St. Paul, the West Side, downtown, Rondo, and more)								
Zuki Ellis (website)	Current Saint Paul Public Schools board member (since 2016); parent trainer with the National Parent Teacher Home Visits program	Did not respond to our questionnaire.						
Sheigh Freeberg (website)	Secretary-treasurer of UNITE HERE! Local 17, Minnesota's hospitality workers union; Democratic Socialist	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Affordable housing, fully funding education, universal healthcare
Sandy Pappas (website)	32-year incumbent; ranking minority member of Capital Investment committee; executive director of Forward Global Women;	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Bonding bill to support infrastructure, paid sick leave, pension plan for low-wage workers
House District 65B (DFL; represents roughly the northern half of West St. Paul, the West Side, downtown, and more)								
Anna Botz (website)	Photographer and small business owner; became a front-line grocery worker during the pandemic	Did not respond to our questionnaire.						
María Isa (website)	Community organizer; recording artist; youth worker; directs the mentorship program for the Twin Cities Mobile Jazz Project	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Community-centered leadership
Other Offices								
There are several statewide races on the primary ballot that we have not covered here, including governor, secretary of state, and attorney general.								



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