

Who's Who in Minnesota Politics?

Elections are one way we can make our voices heard about the decisions that affect us. By taking action during election season, we help decide who represents us and let them know what our communities need. If we all come together as Asian Minnesotans, we can make our voices count and help shape the future of our state.

**Election Day is
Tuesday,
November 3, 2020**



WHO CAN VOTE

To vote, you must be 18, a U.S. citizen, and have lived in Minnesota for at least 20 days. If you have been convicted of a felony, you are eligible to vote if you have completed your sentence, including probation, parole or supervised release.

Register at mnvotes.org. Regardless of your voting status, you can make a difference!

- Talk to others in your life who are voters and encourage them to vote.
- Share this guide with neighbors, families and friends.
- Volunteer with a campaign or organization to register, educate and turn out voters.

THIS YEAR, IN MINNESOTA, THERE ARE THREE MAIN WAYS TO VOTE:

VOTE EARLY BY MAIL

Anyone who can vote in Minnesota can apply to vote by mail at mnvotes.org. Your completed ballot must be postmarked on or before Nov. 3 and received no later than Nov. 10. You can also drop it off in person no later than 3 p.m. on Nov. 3 to the elections office that sent you your ballot.

VOTE EARLY IN PERSON

Early voting begins Friday, Sept. 18 and runs through Monday, Nov. 2. You can vote in person at your county elections office.

Wear a mask and practice safe social distancing!

VOTE ON ELECTION DAY

As long as you are in line by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3, you can vote. In Minnesota, you have a right to take time off work to vote without losing pay.

Visit pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us to find out where to vote in person on Election Day.

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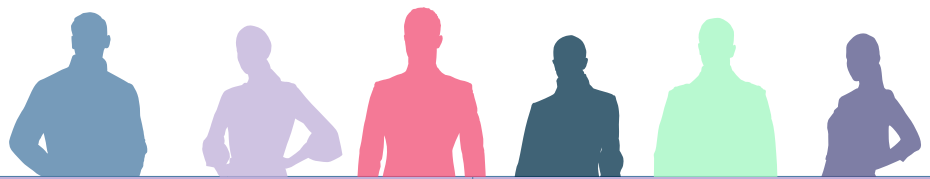
POSITION	RESPONSIBILITIES	WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU
<p>U.S. PRESIDENT The President of the United States is the head of the executive branch of the U.S. government. The president serves for four-year terms with a two-term (eight year) maximum.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs or vetoes laws passed by Congress. • Issues executive orders to direct the actions of federal agencies. • Serves as Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. armed forces. • Appoints federal Cabinet officials and judges, including Supreme Court justices. 	<p>Oversees federal agencies, including those that manage education, immigration, labor and social service programs.</p> <p>Nominates lifetime appointments of federal judges and Supreme Court justices, who rule on issues such as immigration, healthcare and civil rights.</p>
<p>US REPRESENTATIVE Congress is made up of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. The House has 435 voting Representatives, elected every 2 years. Minnesota has 8 Congressional Representatives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes and passes federal laws. • Approves how money gets allocated to federal programs. • Has the power to declare war. • Has the power to impeach the President, Vice President or other federal officers (House), and can vote to remove from office (Senate). • Approves or denies appointments of Cabinet members and Supreme Court justices (Senate only). 	<p>Expands or cuts funding for programs such as Head Start, Medicaid, military spending, childcare and domestic violence services.</p> <p>Creates federal laws, including those governing immigration, healthcare, education, criminal justice, and labor and environmental regulations.</p>
<p>US SENATOR Congress is made up of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. Each state has 2 Senators elected in staggered six-year terms.</p>		

STATE



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<p>STATE REPRESENTATIVE Minnesota is divided into 134 State House districts. Each district elects one representative. State representatives are elected every 2 years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes and passes state laws. • Shares budget-making responsibilities with the Governor. • Oversees process to redraw Congressional and state legislative district boundaries after the 2020 Census. 	<p>Expands or cuts state budget funding for education, social services and small businesses.</p> <p>Proposes and passes laws affecting issues of healthcare, housing, education, criminal justice and civil rights.</p>
<p>STATE SENATOR Minnesota is divided into 67 State Senate districts. Each district elects one senator. State Senators serve one two-year term and two four-year terms every ten years.</p>		<p>Redraws Congressional and state legislative district boundaries after the 2020 Census, which affects the political power of communities.</p>

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<p>SUPREME COURT JUSTICE Minnesota's Supreme Court is the highest court in Minnesota. There are 7 Supreme Court justices elected to six-year terms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hears certain criminal and civil appeals. Makes rules that govern Minnesota's state courts and lawyers. 	<p>Hears appeals that provide precedents for lower courts in Minnesota to follow.</p> <p>Reprimands, suspends or removes attorneys or judges who violated ethical standards.</p>
<p>COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE The Minnesota Court of Appeals is the error-correcting court. There are 19 Court of Appeals judges elected to six-year terms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviews decisions by trial courts, state agencies and local governments. 	<p>Reviews appeals, including appeals in eviction cases, decisions on unemployment benefits and denial of postconviction relief.</p> <p>Reviews some decisions of government agencies, like city councils and school boards.</p>

LOCAL



Depending on where you live, the local positions on your ballot will vary.

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<p>COUNTY COMMISSIONER Minnesota has 87 counties served by elected Boards of Commissioners. Commissioners are elected to four-year terms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine budgets for all county programs and services. Oversee all county programs and services. 	<p>Decides funding for county programs and services, including park maintenance, library systems, public safety and public health initiatives.</p> <p>Processes voter registration applications, manages voting equipment and compiles election results.</p>
<p>DISTRICT COURT JUDGE District court judges serve within ten geographic judicial districts. Each judge is elected for a six-year term.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decides cases in criminal, civil, and family courts. 	<p>Hears cases such as civil and family conflicts, landlord-tenant disputes, and police violence cases.</p>
<p>SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER Each school district in Minnesota has a locally elected school board. School boards are elected at-large or by district to four-year terms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopts policies to guide the school district. Hires and employs the district superintendent. Approves the annual budget. 	<p>Sets district policies on distance learning, curriculum and support for English Learners.</p> <p>Makes decisions about school safety, including contracts with local police.</p>



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