

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Get out and vote! On Election Day (October 20, 2025), voting stations are open between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Advance voting is from October 6 – 11.

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Ali Oonwala (*Independent*)

votealiward1.ca

Oonwala owns the Calgary franchise of Qamaria Yemeni Coffee. He is also a past VP of the Rocky Ridge Royal Oak Community Association. Oonwala says he will be “tough on crime,” pushing for “more police presence to keep our neighbourhoods safe.” He is also campaigning on opposing blanket rezoning and any property tax increases over the next four years.
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Kim Tyers (*Communities First party*)

kimtyers.com

Tyers has been a constituency manager and assistant for multiple local politicians, including former UCP minister Jason Luan and Conservative MP Michelle Rempel Garner. She ran in Ward 2 in 2021, placing second. Tyers says Calgarians are “overtaxed and underserved.” She is campaigning for “lower taxes, safe communities, strong services and common sense government.”

Cathy (Angel) Jacobs (*A Better Calgary Party*)
www.abettercalgaryparty.ca/candidates
 Jacobs is the owner of Angel's Cafe in Edworthy Park, which she started in 1998. She says she is running “to ensure that the voices of the people, not political elites, shape the policies of tomorrow.” Jacobs is calling for better support for small businesses, and also wants to restore trust in city council by increasing its transparency and accountability.

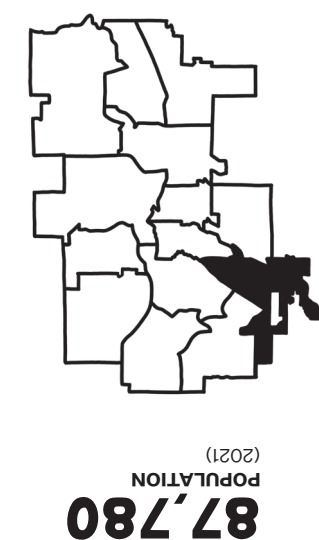
Joey Nowak (*The Calgary Party*)
joeynowak.ca
 Nowak is a senior manager of the Social Innovation Hub at Innovate Calgary, helping startups grow their impact and revenue. She is also the founder of breadX, a local micro-bakery with a focus on suburban Calgary. Nowak says she will make “evidence-based decisions” and is running to support people-focused growth, better transit options and thriving communities.

Dan Olesen (*Independent*)
danolesenforcalgary.ca
 Olesen is founder of Working For People Consulting, a career tutoring company. He's also an apprenticeship program lead at Bow Valley College. Olesen says he is running to bring people-first leadership to city hall, while supporting seniors, students and small businesses. He's calling for “mental health investment and safety upgrades at transit stations” to make Calgary safer.

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FOR RESIDENTS OF:

**BOWNESS
CRESTMONT
GREENWOOD/
GREENBRIAR
HASKAYNE
OSPREY HILL
ROCKY RIDGE
ROYAL OAK
SCENIC ACRES
SILVER SPRINGS
TUSCANY
VALLEY RIDGE
VARSITY**



Every four years Calgarians elect a new city council. On October 20, 2025, voters choose a mayor, city councillors and school board trustees. Calgary's electoral system is divided into 14 regions, or wards, across the city.

YOUR 6 CITY COUNCILOR CANDIDATES

Candidate bios by Kelsea Arnett and Jeremy Klaszus. Illustrations by Sam Hester.

Matthew Fritz (*Independent*)
matthewfritzcalgary.com
 Fritz is a research technician at the University of Calgary, where he supports labs doing genetic analysis. From 2000 to 2014 he sat on the provincial Calgary Cross constituency board when it was a Progressive Conservative riding. Fritz is running because of Calgary's growth, saying “we need stability from a representative who listens and responds to our residents.”

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