

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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☒ **Nathaniel Schmidt** (*Independent*)
nathanielschmidt.ca
Schmidt is an independent defence lawyer originally from Vancouver Island, B.C., and a board member with the Alberta Wilderness Association. Before becoming a lawyer, he was a freelance musician for over a decade. Schmidt says he is running to improve affordability, housing access, and downtown revitalization—and to strengthen local government.

☒ **Cornelia Wiebe** (*Communities First party*)
corneliawiebe.ca
Wiebe has owned Leo Boutique, a clothing store on 17th Avenue S.W., since she co-founded the business in 1997. She ran in Ward 8 in 2021, placing fifth. Wiebe is calling for “a compassionate yet firm approach to addressing addiction and homelessness—one that focuses on recovery rather than reliance.” She also wants to repeal blanket rezoning if elected.

Kent Hehr (*Independent*)
kenthehr.ca
Hehr is a former MLA and MP. He was Calgary-Buffalo MLA from 2008 to 2015 for the provincial Liberals. In 2015, he was elected in Calgary Centre for the federal Liberals and served until 2019, holding two cabinet positions. Hehr resigned from cabinet in 2018 amid sexual harassment allegations from his time as MLA. Hehr says he will champion innovative housing and sustainable growth.

Miguel Cortines (*Independent*)
miguelcortines.ca
Cortines is an entrepreneur who founded the Casa Mexico Foundation, which promotes Mexican culture in Calgary. He is also president and CEO of Innova International, which works with Canadian companies interested in operating in Latin America. Cortines is campaigning for better public services, responsible growth, community engagement and a vibrant economy.

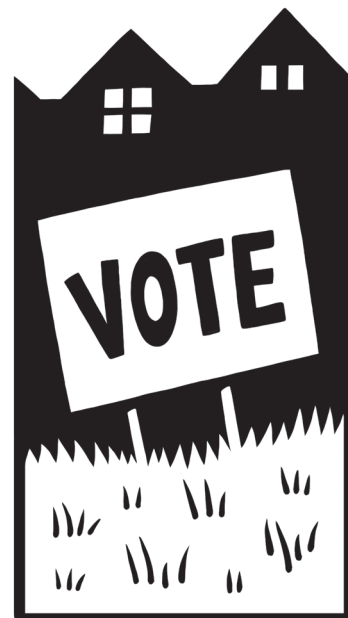
Josie Kirkpatrick (*Independent*)
votejosieward8.ca
Kirkpatrick is a realtor and also works as a band teacher with the Calgary Catholic School District. She opposes blanket rezoning, saying it gives “developers a green light to charge top dollar and increase rent.” Kirkpatrick is also campaigning on cleaning up parks, improving safety on transit and bringing a fiscally conservative approach to city budgeting.



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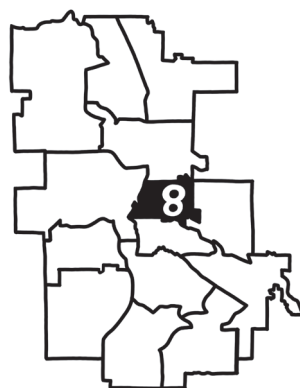
FOR RESIDENTS OF:

ALTADORE
BANKVIEW
BELTLINE
BRITANNIA
CLIFF BUNGALOW
CURRIE BARRACKS
ELBOW PARK
ELBOYA
ERLTON
GARRISON WOODS
KILLARNEY/GLENGARRY
LINCOLN PARK
LOWER MOUNT ROYAL
MISSION
PARKHILL
RICHMOND
RIDEAU PARK
ROSSCARROCK
ROXBORO
RUTLAND PARK
SCARBORO
SCARBORO/SUNALTA WEST
SHAGANAPPI
SOUTH CALGARY
SUNALTA
UPPER MOUNT ROYAL



YOUR 6 CITY COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

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



POPULATION
(2021)
95,800

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.

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Gary Bobrovitz (*Independent*)
garybobrovitz.ca

Bobrovitz ran in Ward 8 in 2021, placing second behind Courtney Walcott. For 40 years he worked as a TV reporter for Global News, where he covered city hall. After working as a journalist, he became a communications and government relations consultant. Bobrovitz says his priorities are improving public safety, reducing homelessness and supporting local businesses.

