

How to research political candidates



Find out who is on the ballot

Go to: mnvotes.org

Click on: What's On My Ballot?

- Find:**
- List of candidates on your ballot
 - Contact information for candidates

Contact candidates to ask questions about issues important to you.

Where to learn about candidates

Online – including campaign websites, candidate social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter, and websites that come up in searches. Be sure to evaluate websites carefully.

Candidate speeches

Candidate debates

Endorsements

Press reports from newspapers, television and radio. Libraries provide free physical and digital access to many newspapers.

Mailings sent to constituents

Ads on television and radio

Incumbent voting records on legislation while in office

Online resources for elected offices

FEDERAL

Representative, senator

Incumbent voting records on legislation:
www.govtrack.us/congress/votes

STATE

Governor, representative, senator, etc.

Incumbent voting records on legislation:
www.leg.state.mn.us/lrl/guides/guides?issue=ratings

COUNTY

Commissioner, sheri, attorney

Incumbent priorities and positions, meeting information, and county board actions:
www.hennepin.us/your-government#leadership

CITY AND TOWNSHIP

Mayor, city council

Incumbent and meeting information:
www.hennepin.us/your-government/overview/overview-of-hennepin-county

SCHOOL BOARD

Incumbent and meeting information:
the school system's board of education website

JUDGESHIP

Candidate information:
www.mnbar.org/public-resources/judicial-candidate-information