



Title: 2023 Election Summary and Legislative Update

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Summary:

At the December 14, 2023, Operations and Programs Committee (OPC) meeting, Outreach staff will provide a summary of the outcomes of 2023 municipal elections within the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD or District) and provide a legislative update with assistance from MCWD's government relations consultant, Joel Carlson.

Purpose:

To ensure the Board and staff are tracking broad trends and specific changes among key audiences of the District, Outreach has developed an election snapshot that provides a high-level scan of election results within the District.

Election Snapshot:

Several municipalities within the watershed district held elections in 2023, including the Cities of Hopkins, Golden Valley, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, and St. Louis Park. Across the Twin Cities area, voter turnout was lower than in past years. Key issues across the watershed were public safety, housing, and sustainability.

See Attachment 1 for the results of each of the municipal elections held within the watershed.

December 14, 2023, Operations and Programs Committee Meeting:

At the December 14, 2023, OPC meeting, staff will summarize this 2023 election snapshot and cover the following:

- Purpose of the election snapshot within the context of MCWD's mission, strategy and outreach
- Approach and methods used to develop the Fall 2023 Election Snapshot
- Summary of municipal results
- Overview of recent and upcoming policymaker engagement
- Update on the legislative session

Supporting Documents:

Attachment 1: Municipal Election Details

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Legend:

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| | Up for election |
| | Incumbent won |
| | Seat turned over |

*Incumbent did not seek re-election for that seat.

| City | Pre-Election | | | Post- 2023 November Elections | | |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | Title | District/Ward | Name | Title | District/Ward | Name |
| Minneapolis | Mayor | | Jacob Frey | Mayor | | Jacob Frey |
| | Council Member | 1 | Elliot Payne | Council Member | 1 | Elliot Payne |
| | Council Member | 2 | Robin Wonsley | Council Member | 2 | Robin Wonsley |
| | Council Member | 3 | Michael Rainville | Council Member | 3 | Michael Rainville |
| | Council Member | 4 | LaTrisha Vetaw | Council Member | 4 | LaTrisha Vetaw |
| | Council Member | 5 | Jeremiah Ellison | Council Member | 5 | Jeremiah Ellison |
| | Council Member | 6 | Jamal Osman | Council Member | 6 | Jamal Osman |
| | Council Member | 7 | Lisa Goodman* | Council Member | 7 | Katie Cashman |
| | Council Member | 8 | Andrea Jenkins | Council Member | 8 | Andrea Jenkins |
| | Council Member | 9 | Jason Chavez | Council Member | 9 | Jason Chavez |
| | Council Member | 10 | Aisha Chughtai | Council Member | 10 | Aisha Chughtai |
| | Council Member | 11 | Emily Koski | Council Member | 11 | Emily Koski |
| | Council Member | 12 | Andrew Johnson* | Council Member | 12 | Aurin Chowdhury |
| | Council Member | 13 | Linea Palmisano | Council Member | 13 | Linea Palmisano |

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|---------|----------------|--|----------------|----------------|--|----------------|
| Hopkins | Mayor | | Patrick Hanlon | Mayor | | Patrick Hanlon |
| | Council Member | | Brian Hunke | Council Member | | Brian Hunke |
| | Council Member | | Alan Beck | Council Member | | Ben Goodlund |
| | Council Member | | Heidi Garrido | Council Member | | Heidi Garrido |
| | Council Member | | Gerard Balan | Council Member | | Gerard Balan |

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| Golden Valley | Mayor | | Shep Harris* | Mayor | | Roslyn Harmon |
| | Council Member | | Sophia Ginis | Council Member | | Sophia Ginis |
| | Council Member | | Maurice Harris | Council Member | | Maurice Harris |
| | Council Member | | Denise La Mere-Anderson | Council Member | | Denise La Mere-Anderson |
| | Council Member | | Gillian Rosenquist | Council Member | | Gillian Rosenquist |

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| Minnetonka | Mayor | | Brad Weirsum | Mayor | | Brad Weirsum |
| | Council Member | At Large A | Deb Calvert | Council Member | At Large A | Deb Calvert |
| | Council Member | At Large B | Kimberly Wilburn | Council Member | At Large B | Kimberly Wilburn |
| | Council Member | 1 | Brian Kirk* | Council Member | 1 | Patsy Foster-Bolton |
| | Council Member | 2 | Rebecca Schack | Council Member | 2 | Rebecca Schack |
| | Council Member | 3 | Bradley Schaeppi* | Council Member | 3 | Paula Ramaley |
| | Council Member | 4 | Kissy Coakley | Council Member | 4 | Kissy Coakley |

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| | <i>Title</i> | <i>District/Ward</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Title</i> | <i>District/Ward</i> | <i>Name</i> |
| St. Louis Park | Mayor | | Jake Spano* | Mayor | | Nadia Mohamed |
| | Council Member | At large A | Yolanda Farris | Council Member | At large A | Yolanda Farris |
| | Council Member | At Large B | Nadia Mohamed* | Council Member | At Large B | Paul Baudhuin |
| | Council Member | 1 | Margaret Rog | Council Member | 1 | Margaret Rog |
| | Council Member | 2 | Lynette Dumalag | Council Member | 2 | Lynette Dumalag |
| | Council Member | 3 | Sue Budd | Council Member | 3 | Sue Budd |
| | Council Member | 4 | Tim Brausen | Council Member | 4 | Tim Brausen |