

Why are you running for Waconia City Council or Mayor?

Jacob Coleman* - Candidate: Waconia City Council

Running for City Council in Waconia is an opportunity to contribute to the community that I care deeply about. My goal is to ensure that our local government is responsive, transparent, and focused on the needs of all residents. I am committed to maintaining Waconia's charm while fostering smart growth, improving infrastructure, and ensuring fiscal responsibility. By working collaboratively with residents, businesses, and other stakeholders, I aim to build a stronger, more vibrant Waconia that preserves our quality of life and prepares us for future challenges.

Jim Lohan - Candidate: Waconia City Council

As a transplant who calls Minnesota home, I have a passion for keeping the great parts of our community great and making it better as we move through 2025 and beyond. I believe the best place I can do this is locally. All of my children and grandchildren live in Waconia and Carver County. I running for City Council for them and all of us.

In addition, I bring a unique set of competencies that I believe will add to the Council. My business acumen and ability to grow profitably will behoove the council and city.

Simon Malinski - Candidate: Waconia City Council

I have always held a desire for civic duty. I am also a Waconia Firefighter and believe giving back to our communities. Local governments have been some of the best places for new ideas.

As a homeowner and parent, I want to keep this town a great place to raise a family. I have the experience in finance and community service necessary to be an effective city council member. I will work hard and make sure your voice is heard.

My "call to action" statement is that I believe in civic duty and want to continue the great work already done for our community.

Derek Siddons - Candidate: Waconia City Council

It's an honor to be considered for City Council as we move into the next generation of Waconia families and businesses. With substantial growth on the horizon, we will face critical decisions. I feel I am uniquely positioned as a resident for 15 years and as a business executive to help solidify future policies and growth initiatives. This is a very critical time for Waconia, and I'd be proud to help lead the discussion to ensure common sense prevails. It's imperative that we continue to enhance what our community offers to our residents while keeping the small town feel attractive for visitors and residents alike. Our unique landscape with our historic downtown, the lake, the land and opportunity for growth requires mindfulness and a very measured approach.

I'm proud to have raised our three kids here in our public schools. I'm proud of our local farmers, our teachers, our healthcare systems and our local businesses. As a coach, mentor, leader and dedicated business professional it would be my honor to serve alongside others to make sure every step we take is the right one for our future.

Tim Litfin - Candidate: Waconia Mayor

I am running for the position of Mayor of Waconia because I love this city and this area. My family has lived here for 31 years. Our three children were raised and educated here. I worked in this community for eleven plus years as the community education director. My wife, Yvonne, works in Waconia as a first-grade teacher at St. Joseph's Catholic School. We go to church here. We shop here. We volunteer here. We have great healthcare here. We have put down roots in Waconia and plan to stay. We both have worked to make positive changes happen in this city and in the public and private school systems since 1993.

Service to the community is in my blood. It is a core belief of mine, and it has been my entire life. Community matters. Period. That is how I have led my life. My resume speaks clearly to my passion for connecting and growing the community.

Waconia has given my family and I fantastic memories. We have much to be thankful and grateful for. I want to keep that dream alive for everyone that lives here now or will in the future. I want to serve you and will proudly represent you as the next Mayor of Waconia.

A leader needs to have many qualities and experiences and check many boxes. I am a great fit for the position of Mayor of Waconia because of my leadership experience, and of my history of making things happen and moving communities forward.

My diverse set of skills and qualities are what is needed to be the Mayor of Waconia. I encourage you to ask me about, or look at, my skills and achievements. I have the experience and the history that speaks to innovation, collaboration and connecting with people, groups, staff, agencies, councils, and boards to make positive things happen in a community.

Bottom line, I am ready to be the next Mayor of Waconia. Thank you for the opportunity.

Mayor Nicole Waldron*- Candidate: Waconia Mayor

I am running for re-election because it has been a privilege to serve as your mayor. I am excited to see the projects that we have worked so hard on come to fruition. I would be honored to continue working for and be part of the leadership of this great city.

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How Can I Vote in Waconia?

City of Waconia residents have multiple options for voting:

1. Vote by mail.
2. Vote at City Hall, 201 South Vine Street (City of Waconia Residents Only).
3. Go to the Taxpayer Services Department at Carver County Government Center, 600 E. 4th Street, Chaska, (ALL Carver County Residents).
4. Vote in person on Election Day on November 5, 2024.



Early and Absentee Voting at City Hall (Waconia residents only)

Early and absentee voting starts September 20 and goes through November 4. Waconia residents can vote at City Hall Monday - Thursday from 7:30 am - 4:30 pm, and Fridays from 7:30 am - 11:30 am. Extended hours include:

- Saturday, October 26 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 29 - 7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 2 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 3 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 4 - 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you are not a City of Waconia resident (but reside in Carver County) you can absentee vote at the Carver County Government Center in Chaska. Their hours are different than the hours listed above.

How Do I Vote by Mail?

To request a mail ballot, please visit the [Secretary of State's Website](#) or www.waconia.org/votebymail.

City of Waconia Polling Locations

The City of Waconia is no longer part of a Ward Boundary System. Your polling place may have changed in 2022. The City of Waconia is divided into three precincts, please view the polling places listed below. If you are unsure of the precinct in which you reside, please consult the [City of Waconia Precinct map](#) (link).
www.waconia.org/DocumentCenter/View/3042/WaconiaPrecincts

Precinct 1

Faith Lutheran Church
800 Waconia Parkway North
Waconia, MN 55387

Precinct 2

Trinity Lutheran Church
601 E. 2nd St.
Waconia, MN 55387

Precinct 3

Waconia Ice Arena
1250 Oak Avenue
Waconia, MN 55387

Questions? Call City Hall at 952-442-2184

Current Elected Officials

For a full listing of current city, county, state, and federal elected officials, visit www.DestinationWaconia.org/live/#government.

