



**WOMEN WINNING**

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# 2018 Primary Election VOTER GUIDE

**Your vote matters in every election - primaries and the general.**

This is how we ensure pro-choice women have a seat at the tables of power. In 2018, women are running in record numbers and Women Winning has already made more than 80 endorsements! On Tuesday, August 14th - Primary Election Day - 14 of our endorsed candidates will be on the ballot.

**Use Women Winning's voter guide to make the best choice at the polls.**

## GET A PLAN

You can vote early in-person between now and August 13th. To find your *Early Voting* polling location, visit [www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-in-person/](http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-in-person/). You can also vote in-person on Primary Election Day, August 14th. To find your *Primary Election Day* polling location, visit [www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/election-day-voting/](http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/election-day-voting/).  
Note: *Early Voting* and *Primary Election Day* polling locations may differ - make sure you check and have a plan.

## GET INFORMED

Review this 2018 Primary Election Voter Guide to see which Women Winning-endorsed candidates will be on your ballot. Candidates for U.S. Senate, Governor, and Attorney General will appear on all Primary ballots, while candidates for other offices will appear only on ballots in the district in which they are running.

## GET OUT THE VOTE

Call, text, and email your family, friends, and neighbors to make sure they vote in the August 14th Primary Election! Tell them why you are voting and why you're supporting Women Winning-endorsed candidates.

Share this link so your people can find their polling location: [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us)



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**AMY KLOBUCHAR** U.S. Senate



In 2006, Amy Klobuchar became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate in Minnesota's history and is seeking her third term in office. Sen. Klobuchar has built a reputation of putting partisanship aside to help strengthen the economy and support families, workers, and businesses. Sen. Klobuchar serves on the Senate Agriculture Committee and is the Ranking Member on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights. In 2015, she was appointed to a leadership position as Chair of the Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee. Sen. Klobuchar also serves as Ranking Senate Member of the Joint Economic Committee and on the President's Export Council, where she helps give businesses the tools they need to create good jobs right here at home. In the Senate, she led a successful effort to pass bipartisan sex trafficking legislation and played a critical role in passing the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. Learn more at: [www.amyklobuchar.com](http://www.amyklobuchar.com)

**TINA SMITH** U.S. Senate



Tina Smith was sworn in as a United States Senator on January 3, 2018 and is running in a special election in November 2018. Prior to her appointment, Tina served as Minnesota's Lieutenant Governor where she focused on building an economy that works for all Minnesotans - championing issues including affordable and accessible health care, rural broadband internet access, expanding access to early learning, and supporting statewide job creation. She led the Destination Medical Center initiative and the Dayton administration's Better Government Initiative to make government work better for people - speeding up permitting times, making government documents and forms easier to understand, and saving taxpayer money through more efficient, more customer-friendly services. After the 35-W Bridge collapse in 2007, Tina worked with Minnesota's federal delegation to secure fast-track funding and rebuild the bridge in record time. Prior to that, she served in a leadership role at Minnesota Planned Parenthood, fighting for women's access to critical reproductive care. Learn more at: [www.tinaforminnesota.com](http://www.tinaforminnesota.com)

**ERIN MURPHY** Governor



Erin Murphy has served in the Minnesota House of Representatives in District 64A for the past decade and is running for governor in 2018. The daughter of a union auto worker, Erin grew up in Janesville, Wisconsin and started her career as a nurse in a small community. She moved to Minnesota to work as a surgical nurse on a transplant team at the University of Minnesota Hospital and later served as the Executive Director of the Minnesota Nurses Association. With her nursing practice rooted in advocacy, Erin knows a healthy state is one in which all Minnesotans have access to health care, public education, and economic opportunity. She fought for those values as Majority Leader, where she helped pass marriage equality, increase the minimum wage, and fund universal all-day, everyday kindergarten. Now, as a candidate for governor, Erin wants to continue the fight for health, equity, and economic justice in order build a bright future for every Minnesotan. Learn more at: [www.murphyformn.com](http://www.murphyformn.com)

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## Debra Hilstrom

### Attorney General



Debra Hilstrom has served in the Minnesota House of Representatives since 2001 and is running to be Minnesota's Attorney General. During her tenure in the state House, Debra has held various leadership roles such as the DFL Deputy Minority Leader and the Chair of the Public Safety and Judiciary committees. Prior to serving in the Legislature Debra served on the City Council in Brooklyn Center for six years. Outside of the Legislature Debra worked as an Assistant County Attorney for Anoka County, where she fought to protect the public and victims of crime from those who steal from vulnerable adults, commit domestic violence, and sell illegal firearms. She has argued criminal cases in front of the Minnesota Supreme Court, trained officers on how to investigate elder abuse, fraud, and financial exploitation, and educated prosecutors on how to bring justice to those victims. Learn more at: [www.debrahilstrommn.com](http://www.debrahilstrommn.com)

## Betty McCollum

### U.S. House of Representatives, District 4



Betty McCollum was first elected to Congress in 2000, making her the second woman from Minnesota to serve in Congress. Congresswoman McCollum is seeking her 10th term serving Minnesota's Fourth District. She sits on the House Appropriations Committee and is the Senior Democratic Whip. Throughout her service she has championed education, environmental protection, fiscal responsibility and increased healthcare access. Previous to her political career, Betty worked for 25 years in retail sales and management and as a social science teacher. During her career she has championed maternal and child health, poverty alleviation, HIV prevention and treatment efforts, and rights for women and girls. She has consistently protected women's reproductive freedom as well as LGBTQ civil rights.

Learn more at: <https://www.mccollumforcongress.com/>

## Ilhan Omar

### U.S. House of Representatives, District 5



State Rep. Ilhan Omar is a candidate for Congress in Minnesota's Fifth District. In 2016 she was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in District 60B, making her the highest ranking Somali-American, Muslim woman elected in the United States. She serves as the Assistant Minority Leader at the Minnesota Legislature with assignments to three committees: Civic Law and Data Practices Policy; Higher Education and Career Readiness Policy and Finance; State Government Finance. Representative Omar worked as a community educator at the University of Minnesota and has been a devoted progressive activist in the DFL party for years. She's advanced important issues including support for working families, educational access, environmental protection, and racial equity. Ilhan has been recognized for her advocacy and activism, and has won awards for her work on immigration issues, education, and advancing entrepreneurship. Earlier this year she was recognized by Governor Dayton with the MLK Service Award for her work on civil rights. Learn more at: <https://www.ilhanomar.com/>

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## Hodan Hassan

## MN House of Representatives, District 62A



Hodan Hassan is a first-time candidate running for the Minnesota House of Representatives in District 62A, one of the most diverse districts in the state. Hodan is a single mother, an immigrant, and an activist with a background in social work and mental health. She currently serves as the Executive Director of Pathways 2 Prosperity and works as a Mental Health Clinician with University of Minnesota affiliate Prairie Care. Hodan has worked as a Senior Clinical Social Worker for Hennepin County and as an affordable housing advocate for Project for Pride in Living in Ventura Village. Hodan has the knowledge and perspective to impact meaningful change and policy in how services in healthcare, education, childcare and housing are delivered to the communities of 62A.

Learn more at: [www.hodanforhouse.com](http://www.hodanforhouse.com)

## Mary Kunesh-Podein

## MN House of Representatives, District 41B



Representative Kunesh-Poden was first elected to the Minnesota State House, representing district 41B in 2016. She has been a teacher for over twenty years, is chair of the Park, Recreation and Environment Board in New Brighton, and building steward and member of the negotiations team for the Robbinsdale Federation of teachers Union. As a state representative, Mary is a champion for our communities in Saint Paul. She will continue to fight for policies that build on what we know works by investing in our public schools, strengthening family economic security, and advancing environmental sustainability.

Learn more at: [www.kunesh-podein.com](http://www.kunesh-podein.com)

## Tina Liebling

## MN House of Representatives, District 26A



In 2002, Tina ran for the Minnesota House of Representatives finishing second in a three-way race. She ran again in 2004 and won the first of her seven terms in the Minnesota House. She is the first person from Olmsted County elected to a Minnesota legislative seat from the DFL party. Many of Tina's House committee assignments have been in the health and human services area, but she has also served on Taxes, Civil Law, Public Safety, and Ways and Means. She chaired the House's Health and Human Services (HHS) Policy Committee from 2013-15. More recently she has been the DFL health care lead on the HHS Finance Committee (2015-17) and on the HHS Reform Committee (2017-). She is recognized by many observers for her expertise in the complicated areas of healthcare and human services.

Learn more at: [www.tinaliebling.com](http://www.tinaliebling.com)



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## **Cordelia Pierson**

MN House of Representatives, District 60B



Cordelia "Corde" Pierson is running to serve in the Minnesota State House for the open seat in Senate District 60B - the University of Minnesota and its six surrounding neighborhoods on the Mississippi River in Minneapolis. Running for the first time for this seat, Corde Pierson will bring valuable experience as a female scientist, lawyer, community leader, environmental advocate, and nonprofit executive director. Corde Pierson is passionate about eliminating the deep disparities in health, education, wages, housing, justice and environment in this district and statewide.

Learn more at: [www.cordeforhouse.com](http://www.cordeforhouse.com)

## **Angela Conley**

Hennepin County Commissioner, District 4



Angela Conley will bring to the Hennepin County Board a perspective on governance rooted in lived experiences. Angela Conley's lived experiences of food insecurity, housing insecurity and overcoming poverty, combined with nearly 20 years working for county and state government gives her a unique perspective to policy creation that does not currently exist on the board. Angela is educated in social work and public administration – another unique perspective that views governance through a social justice framework. In her current role within Health and Human Services, Angela has authored outcomes for contracted providers holding them accountable to reducing racial disparities in employment. Angela is no stranger to racial inequity; this is yet another lived experience she brings to the table. Angela is running for Hennepin County commissioner to bring these critical perspectives to the highest level of county leadership to best inform the path ahead.

Learn more at: [www.voteconley.com](http://www.voteconley.com)

## **Irene Fernando**

Hennepin County Commissioner, District 2



Irene Fernando, candidate for Hennepin County Commissioner in District 2, is running to bring unheard stories to the decision-making table. At the age of 17, Irene co-founded a youth leadership nonprofit which she led for 11-years, during which time 22,000 students participated in their programs. Her vision of increased visibility, transparency, and accountability of the Hennepin County Commission, will create new pathways for community engagement in local governance.

Learn more at: [www.voteirene.com](http://www.voteirene.com)



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## Mandy Meisner

Anoka County Commissioner, District 4



Mandy Meisner is a first time candidate running for the open Anoka County Commission seat in District 4. She is running to build civic and community resources to create a stronger Anoka County for everyone. Mandy represents the changing diversity of Anoka County and will work to promote a vibrant community that attracts young professionals and working families through promoting jobs, human services, and education.

Learn more at: [www.votemandy.com](http://www.votemandy.com)

## Mitra Jalali Nelson

Saint Paul City Council, Ward 4



Mitra Jalali Nelson is a lifelong Minnesotan, proud daughter of immigrants, organizer, former classroom teacher, and policy and outreach director to U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison. She is running to be a leader for the future of Saint Paul, and to achieve citywide progress that brings everyone with it. Mitra is running for the first time to bring a decade of experience in direct community work, organizing and policy to lead with urgency on the issues in our city's future, with a specific focus on police accountability and true public safety for all, increasing attainable and affordable housing, promoting transit and sustainability, and building community wealth.

Learn more at: [www.mitranelson.com](http://www.mitranelson.com)

*Mitra Jalali Nelson is running in a **Special Election** for the open Saint Paul City Council Seat in Ward 4. The winner of the August 14<sup>th</sup> Special Election will join the Council and will not be on the ballot in November.*

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AND ELECT PRO-CHOICE WOMEN FROM ALL POLITICAL PARTIES  
TO ALL LEVELS OF PUBLIC OFFICE IN MINNESOTA.**

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