

★ **MAINSTREAM**  
**CANDIDATE RATINGS 2023**  
**NOVEMBER 7 GENERAL ELECTION**

Updated 10/27/2023

**JOHNSON COUNTY**

**JCCC Board of Trustees**

**VOTE FOR 3:**

Cindy Green (At-Large)	100%
Valerie K. Jennings (At-Large)	100%
Greg Mitchell (At-Large)	100%
Laura Smith-Everett (At-Large) (i)	100%
<del>Tera Wiggins (At-Large)</del>	<del>100%</del>
<i>Tera Wiggins withdrew from this race, but her name will still be on your ballot.</i>	

**WaterOne Board**

Gerald "Jerry" Cook (Dist. 1)	100%
Ullyses Wright (Dist. 2)	100%
Whitney Wilson (Dist. 6) (i)	100%
Jim McNair (Dist. 6)	100%
Mark Parkins (Dist. 7) (i)	100%
Renee Dinsmore (Dist. 7)	100%
Brian Glynn (At-Large)	45%

**SCHOOL BOARDS**

**USD 229 - Blue Valley**

Jan Kessinger (Dist. 1) (i)	100%
Patrick J. Hurley (Dist. 2) (i)	100%
Jodie Dietz (Dist. 3) (i)	100%
Clay Norkey (At-Large)	100%

**USD 232 - DeSoto**

Anh-Nguyet Nguyen (Dist. 7, At-Large)	100%
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**USD 233 - Olathe**

Stacey Yurkovich (Dist. 1) (i)	100%
Claire Reagan (Dist. 4)	100%
Will Babbit (Dist. 7, At-Large)	100%

**USD 231 - Gardner Edgerton**

Emma Jones (Dist. 1)	100%
Aleksandra Nokes (Dist. 2)	100%
Katie Williams (Dist. 3) (i)	100%
Heath Freeman (Dist. 7, At-Large)	95%

**USD 512 - Shawnee Mission**

Jessica Hembree (Dist. 3) (i)	100%
Jamie Borgman (Dist. 5) (i)	100%
David Westbrook (Dist. 7, At-Large)	100%

**CITY COUNCILS/MAYORS**

**Edgerton City Council**

Deb Lebakken (i)	95%
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**Fairway City Council**

Lee Story (Ward 1)	100%
James Hafner (Ward 3)	100%
Joseph Levin (Ward 3) (i)	100%
Jenna Brofsky (Ward 4) (i)	100%

**Gardner City Council**

Jonathan B Allee (At-Large)	80%
Heather Koelzer (At-Large)	100%
Tory Kristen Roberts (At-Large) (i)	100%
Mark Wiehn (At-Large) (i)	100%

**Key:**

- (I) **Present Incumbent**
- (U) Unexpired Term

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**CITY COUNCILS/MAYORS (CONT.)**

**Leawood City Council**

Steve Hentzen (Mayor)	95%
Marc Elkins (Mayor)	90%
Charles "Bob" Brettell (Ward 1)	100%
Alan Sunkel (Ward 1)	100%

**Lenexa City Council**

Joe Karlin (Mayor)	75%
Julie Sayers (Mayor)	100%
Courtney Eiterich (Ward 1) (i)	100%
Dan Roh (Ward 3) (i)	90%
Chelsea Williamson (Ward 3)	100%
Christopher Herron (Ward 4)	95%

**Merriam City Council**

Whitney M. Yadrich (Ward 2) (i)	100%
Bruce Kaldahl (Ward 3) (i)	75%
Staci Chivetta (Ward 4) (i)	100%

**Mission City Council**

Cheryl Ann Carpenter Davis (Ward 4)	100%
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**Olathe City Council**

LeEtta Felter (Mayor)	100%
Chad Carroll (Ward 1)	100%
Dean Vakas (Ward 2)	100%
Matthew Schoonover (At-Large)	100%

**Overland Park City Council**

Holly Grummert (Ward 1) (i)	100%
Jameia Haines (Ward 2)	100%
Drew Mistrin (Ward 2)	100%
Richard Borlaza (Ward 3)	100%
Faris Farassati (Ward 5) (i)	100%
Inas Younis (Ward 5)	100%
Chris Newlin (Ward 6)	100%

**Prairie Village City Council**

Inga Selders (Ward 2) (i)	100%
Bonnie Limbird (Ward 3) (i)	100%
[Rating Withdrawn] (Ward 3)	*
Ian Graves (Ward 6) (i)	100%

**Roeland Park City Council**

Michael Poppa (Mayor) (U) (i)	^
Jan Faidley (Ward 1) (i)	100%
Stephanie Marriott (Ward 1)	90%
Benjamin Dickens (Ward 2) (i)	100%
Haile Sims (Ward 2)	100%
Emily Hage (Ward 3)	100%

**Shawnee City Council**

Sierra Whitted (Ward 1)	100%
Jeanie Murphy (Ward 2)	100%
Laurel Burchfield (Ward 4)	100%

**Spring Hill City Council**

Doug D'Albini (At-Large)	95%
Chris W. Leaton (At-Large) (U)	75%

**Westwood City Council**

David E. Waters (Mayor) (i)	100%
Melinda Garcia (At-Large) (U)	95%

**Westwood Hills City Council**

Edward Gogol (At-Large) (i)	100%
Karen Sexton (At-Large) (i)	100%

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^ *Michael Poppa is the executive director at Mainstream. His rating is not published, but his individual candidate survey is available to view.*

# ★ MAINSTREAM CANDIDATE RATINGS 2023 NOVEMBER 7 GENERAL ELECTION

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**\* TL;DR: Lori Sharp, candidate for Prairie Village City Council Ward 3, is not a Mainstream Candidate. Her platform seeking to limit representation in government and overturn the will of voters is not consistent with Mainstream's values. Therefore, Ms. Sharp's self-reported rating and completed survey have been withdrawn from our site and candidate scorecard.**

Friends,

Mainstream is dedicated to creating a more representative and responsive government by empowering informed participation and meaningful action in the political process. One way we move our mission forward is by making available to the public nonpartisan voter education resources, including candidate ratings.

Because the candidate survey we use automatically calculates ratings from answers to the multiple choice questions (see below for process details), it may be possible for a candidate to provide answers to questions in such a way that could artificially inflate their rating percentage. When a final rating does not correlate with a candidate's public record or when evidence contradicts a candidate's response(s), **Mainstream reserves the right to withhold or withdraw the release of the candidate's final rating and/or completed survey.**

Unfortunately, we found this to be the case with a survey submitted by Lori Sharp, candidate for Prairie Village City Council in Ward 3. After consideration of Ms. Sharp's repeated public statements and actions in favor of limiting representation for residents in Prairie Village, it became apparent that to remain faithful to our mission and founding principles, we must withdraw her self-imposed rating and completed survey.

**Lori Sharp, candidate for Prairie Village City Council Ward 3, is not a Mainstream Candidate.** Her platform seeking to limit representation in government and overturn the will of voters is not consistent with Mainstream's values. Therefore, Ms. Sharp's self-reported rating and completed survey have been withdrawn from our site and candidate scorecard.

Mainstream was founded in 1993 by a bipartisan coalition of legislators, faith leaders, and community activists with the primary purpose of guarding against ideological extremism and protecting the separation of church and state. Today, we remain true to the tenets of democracy that have always been integral to our mission: encouraging active participation in civic life and ensuring fair, equitable representation in government. Looking to the future, we will continue to uphold these values as we work to realize a truly representative and responsive government in Kansas.

Sincerely,

Michael Poppa  
Executive Director  
[Mainstream Coalition](#)

We encourage you to learn more about the candidates on your ballot by reviewing the [full survey responses](#) and utilizing additional nonpartisan resources from our friends, including:

- [Game On For Kansas Schools](#)
- [KSBallot.org](#)
- [Vote411.org](#)