

# #BLM B-TOWN 2024 PRIMARY VOTERS GUIDE

## "AT THE POLLS" SHORT FORM

THIS SHORT FORM GUIDE IS BASED ON OUR QUESTIONNAIRE ASSESSMENT OF THE 2024 PRIMARY CANDIDATES THAT SUBMITTED ANSWERS & OUR OWN BLM BTOWN ASSESSMENTS OF EACH CANDIDATE

### US SENATE CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT

#### VALERIE MCCRAY - US SENATE INDIANA

Awareness: Mildly Agree  
Position: Mildly Agree  
Vision: Mildly Agree  
Voices at the Table: Strongly Agree  
Commitment & Effectiveness: Strongly Agree  
Passion & Compartment: Strongly Agree  
**Overall: Mildly Agree**

### STATE SENATE DIST. 40 - CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT

#### SHELLI YODER - STATE SENATOR

Awareness: Strongly Agree  
Position: Strongly Agree  
Vision: Strongly Agree  
Voices at the Table: Strongly Agree  
Commitment & Effectiveness: Strongly Agree  
Passion & Compartment: Strongly Agree  
**Overall: Strongly Agree**

### STATE HOUSE REP. 62 - CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT

#### THOMAS HORROCKS - STATE HOUSE REP.

Awareness: Agree  
Position: Agree  
Vision: Agree  
Voices at the Table: Neutral  
Commitment & Effectiveness: Agree  
Passion & Compartment: Mildly Agree  
**Overall: Agree**

### COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST. 2 - CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT

#### PETER IVERSEN - COMMISSIONER DIST. 2

Awareness: Agree  
Position: Mildly Agree  
Vision: Agree  
Voices at the Table: Mildly Agree  
Commitment & Effectiveness: Mildly Agree  
Passion & Compartment: Mildly Agree  
**Overall: Mildly Agree**

#### JULIE THOMAS - COMMISSIONER DIST. 2

Awareness: Disagree  
Position: Neutral  
Vision: Disagree  
Voices at the Table: Neutral  
Commitment & Effectiveness: Strongly Disagree  
Passion & Compartment: Disagree  
**Overall: Disagree**

### COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST. 3 - CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT

#### JODY MADEIRA - COMMISSIONER DIST. 3

Awareness: Mildly Agree  
Position: Agree  
Vision: Agree  
Voices at the Table: Agree  
Commitment & Effectiveness: Agree  
Passion & Compartment: Agree  
**Overall: Agree**

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## COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST. 3 - CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT CONTINUED

### STEVE VOLAN - COMMISSIONER DIST. 3

Awareness: Agree  
Position: Agree  
Vision: Agree  
Voices at the Table: Agree  
Commitment & Effectiveness: Neutral  
Passion & Comportment: Agree  
**Overall: Agree**

## COUNTY COUNCIL AT LARGE (PICK 3) - CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT

### MATT CALDIE - COUNTY COUNCIL AT LARGE

Awareness: Neutral  
Position: Agree  
Vision: Neutral  
Voices at the Table: Neutral  
Commitment & Effectiveness: Neutral  
Passion & Comportment: Agree  
**Overall: Neutral**

### TRENT DECKARD - COUNTY COUNCIL AT LARGE

Awareness: Mildly Agree  
Position: Mildly Agree  
Vision: Mildly Agree  
Voices at the Table: Mildly Agree  
Commitment & Effectiveness: Mildly Agree  
Passion & Comportment: Strongly Agree  
**Overall: Mildly Agree**

## COUNTY COUNCIL AT LARGE (PICK 3) - CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT - CONTINUED

### CHERYL MUNSON - COUNTY COUNCIL AT LARGE

Awareness: Strongly Disagree  
Position: Disagree  
Vision: Mildly Disagree  
Voices at the Table: Disagree  
Commitment & Effectiveness: Mildly Disagree  
Passion & Comportment: Neutral  
**Overall: Disagree**

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#### OUR GRADING RUBRIC IS:

**STRONGLY AGREE**  
**MILDLY AGREE**  
**AGREE**  
**NEUTRAL**  
**DISAGREE**  
**MILDLY DISAGREE**  
**STRONGLY DISAGREE**

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TO VIEW THE "LONG FORM" VERSION OF OUR VOTER'S GUIDE WITH THE COMPLETE ANSWERS FROM RESPONDING CANDIDATES. WE OFFER THIER OWN WORDS UNEDITED FOR YOU TO FORM YOUR OWN ASSESMENT FO THIER RESPONSED.

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## STATEMENTS ON NON-PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES & ADDITIONAL CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

### STATEMENTS ON NON-PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES

#### Non-Participating Candidates:

There are a few candidates who choose not to fill out our questionnaire. Regardless of the reason not submitting responses for this Voter's Guide shows disrespect to Bloomington voters. Further, since our organization supports and advocates for Black and other systematically marginalized people, candidates' refusals to provide answers for this Voter's Guide should remind us that the majority of the Bloomington political landscape is built to sustain anti-Black practices. It was made VERY clear the importance of this guide & those who we serve additionally we reminded them multiple times and gave them 7 full days to complete the questionnaire. We therefore render a **STRONGLY DISAGREE** assessment for each of the candidates who did not engage.

Those Candidates are: **Marc Carmichael, Jennifer McCormick, Tim Peck, D. Liam Dorris, Kurtis J Cummings, Matt Pierce, Christine Talley Haseman, Catherine B Stafford, Darcie L Fawcett, Brianne Gregory, Cathy Smith, Trohn Enright-Randolph, David Henry.**

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### PENNY GITHENS MONROE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

Strongly Disagree:

Penny Githens chose to not follow our directions around the questionnaire and instead wrote a statement couching it as a "wholistic" approach. We rejected this statement and marked her as unresponsive as she did not do what was asked of her. Our assessment is not based on a whim or by chance it is a well thought out, researched and curated collection of questions by Black leaders, educators and activists in our local community. Her statement says there is "no disrespect intended" but we believe that simply is not the case. The disdain for the length of our questionnaire and its format reflects as a disdain for a Black led organization and exemplifies white exceptionalism which is a white liberal form of white supremacy. She is implying that the work as prescribed by Black leaders is not the right work she should be doing that she knows better. This has been a running theme with Ms. Githens since we first encountered her.

"It is often the white liberals who believe that their progressive ideologies separate them from the racism of the extreme right. It is people with white privilege who believe that they are not an impediment to anti-racism who carry white exceptionalism like a badge of honor." quote from Layla Saad "Me and White Supremacy"

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