

# #BLM B-TOWN 2023 PRIMARY VOTERS GUIDE

## "AT THE POLLS" SHORT FORM

ASSESSMENT GUIDE: PLEASE USE THESE GRADES FOR THE CRITERIA ABOVE.

STRONGLY AGREE, MILDLY AGREE, AGREE, NEUTRAL, DISAGREE, MILDLY DISAGREE, STRONGLY DISAGREE

### MAYORAL CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT

#### DON GIFFIN - MAYORAL CANDIDATE

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

#### SUSAN SANDBERG - MAYORAL CANDIDATE

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

#### KERRY THOMSON - MAYORAL CANDIDATE

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

### CITY CLERK ASSESSMENT

#### NICOLE BOLDEN - CITY CLERK CANDIDATE

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

### CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE SEAT ASSESSMENT

#### ISAK ASARE - CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

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

#### MATT FLAHERTY - CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

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

#### ANDY RUFF - CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

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

#### JONAS SCHRODT - CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

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

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## CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE SEAT ASSESSMENT CONTINUED

### RYNE SHADDAY- CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

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

## CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT CANDIDATES

### JOE LEE - CITY COUNCIL DIST. 1

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

### ISABEL PIEDMONT-SMITH - CITY COUNCIL DIST. 1

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

### KATE ROSENBERGER - CITY COUNCIL DIST. 2

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

## CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT CANDIDATES CONTINUED

### RON SMITH - CITY COUNCIL DIST. 3

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

### HOPI STOSBERG - CITY COUNCIL DIST. 3

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

### CONNER WRIGHT - CITY COUNCIL DIST. 3

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

### SHRUTI RANA - CITY COUNCIL DIST. 5

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

THIS SHORT FORM GUIDE IS BASED PARTLY ON OUR  
QUESTIONNAIRE ASSESSMENT OF THE 2023 PRIMARY  
CANDIDATES THAT SUBMITTED ANSWERS.



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## CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT CANDIDATES

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### JENNY OLMES STEVENS - CITY COUNCIL DIST. 5

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

### DAVID WOLFE BENDER - CITY COUNCIL DIST. 6

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

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

### 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: **Dave Rollo Dist. 4, Lois Sabo-Skelton Dist. At-Large, Sue Sgambelluri Dist. 2 & Stephen Volan Dist. At-Large**

### Additional Candidates Statement:

#### Susan Sandberg - Mayoral Candidate

Susan Sandberg's responses highlight her own positionality as a cis-woman and her historical commitment to cis-women's issues in Bloomington. Her responses suggest less familiarity with how injustice impacts BIPOC members of the community or the intersectionality of those injustices.

#### Kerry Thomson - Mayoral Candidate

Kerry Thomson provided very little details and seemed to have zero understanding or knowledge of BLM as a larger social movement of the work BLM Btown has done within our own community. It appears as though she didn't even read our website "about" section nor google our organization to read articles.

#### Dave Rollo - City Council Dist. 4 Candidate

Rollo has repeatedly blocked progressive measures put forward by progressives in city council and backed by progressive organizations in Bloomington. Most forcefully his support of the military assault vehicle for police where he invoked MLK in his support to BLM activists on the anniversary of MLK's death.

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