



Como Community Council District 10 Election Guide August 2021

Introduction

Each year, the Como Community Council holds elections so community members can elect officers and directors to the District 10 board. The procedures for nominations, elections, candidate eligibility, and voter eligibility are governed by the Bylaws of the District 10 Como Community Council. In July, a board member was elected to an officer seat. That leaves their previous seat open for the time remaining on that term. This special election will elect one new board the Sub-District 4 position; the newly elected candidate will serve until April 2023.

The complete Bylaws can be found on our website at: www.district10comopark.org/By_Laws.html

Elections

Because of restrictions placed on public gatherings during the coronavirus pandemic, the special election take place by mail ballot or by voting online, as requested by the individual community member. Voters can return their ballots at any time after August 9, 2021. **Ballots must be received** at the District 10 office no later than 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday August 17, 2021. Ballots received after that time will not be counted.

In the case of mail ballots, voters who do not think the Postal Service will deliver their ballot in time should personally return their ballot to the mailbox outside the District 10 office, 1224 Lexington Parkway. The mailbox is near the at the Historic Streetcar Station parking lot, off of Horton Ave. in Como Park.

Voters who choose a mail ballot should return all the color pieces of paper in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope.

Voting

Who can vote: All renters, homeowners, and other residents age 16 or older who live in District 10 are eligible to vote. So are authorized representatives from a business or nonprofit organization located physically in District 10.

Election integrity: As part of the absentee voting process, each community member must affirm that they are eligible to vote. Ballots that are not accompanied by the statement affirming eligibility will not be counted. These statements will be used only to cross-reference a voter's eligibility. To ensure the privacy of the ballot, statements will be separated from the actual ballot.

Who can vote for whom: Only community members who live in Sub-District 4 may vote for the Sub-District 4 seat. Sitting board members are always eligible to vote for any seat as well.

Below is the list of neighborhood residents who are on the 2021 ballot. These candidates submitted their names by the August 9 deadline. Community members are allowed to submit write-in candidates.

If you have questions about voting or the elections, contact the District 10 office at 651-644-2889 or district10@district10comopark.org.

Candidate Statements

Candidates submit their own statements for the positions they are seeking. Candidates have the option of also submitting a statement from a supporter.

All these statements are reprinted below, with only minimal editing for clarity and consistency. Candidates are listed first by the office they are seeking, then in alphabetical order.

Position: Sub-District 4 (vote for 1)

Matthew Keliher

Simon Ave.

My wife and I bought our house in the Como neighborhood in October of 2018, and we have loved living in this area. I manage an independent bookstore in Downtown St. Paul and I have a strong interest in continuing to serve the community. I believe I have strong communication and leadership skills that will benefit the district council. I hope to learn from community members about the issues and needs that are important to folks, and to work towards making sure the council fulfills the community's goals.