

# Minot Mayor 2025 Voter Guide

## WHEN?

Tuesday, August 5 \*\*NO EARLY VOTING\*\*  
7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

## WHERE?

Minot Municipal Auditorium  
Room 201

## WHAT DO I NEED?

North Dakota ID is required for voting. According to NDCC 16.1-05.07, the identification must include your name, CURRENT residential address and date of birth.

- North Dakota driver's license
- North Dakota non-driver's identification card
- Tribal government issued identification card
- Long term care identification certificate (provided by ND facility)

## WHAT IF I AM UNABLE TO UPDATE MY ID?

A supplemental document listing the new address may be provided. Documents that may be used are:

- A current utility bill
- A current bank statement
- A check issued by a federal, state, local or tribal government
- A paycheck

Mayor City of Minot Vote for no more than ONE name	
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# SOCIAL ISSUES

How do you plan to address the social challenges facing our city, such as homelessness, mental health support, community safety, and support for the LGBTQIA+ community?

**Josiah Roise** Did not respond to inquiry.

## Mark Jantzer

The Council had a lengthy discussion of the City's role in these issues some months back. The role of the City of Minot in addressing many social issues is to partner with the agencies and organizations both public and private, whose primary mission is to address those problems. To that end, the city supports the First District Health Unit, Commission on Aging, Domestic Violence Crisis Center, and from inclusion in the HUD Grant, the Broadway Circle Family Shelter. I certainly support all state and federal law and mandates guaranteeing equality and human rights. We also support agencies that support marginalized communities. Additionally, I expect the city to remove barriers from other organizations engaged in helping needy groups. The City Council has stated that if individuals or organizations find themselves in need of assistance from the City of Minot, we want to know about it. We/city government may not have the solution, but we can hopefully get them to those who do. I expect everyone in our community to be treated with respect and accorded dignity. Individuals should be free to live their lives provided they are law abiding. It is my goal as mayor to have a welcoming community for everyone.

## Paul Pitner

Tackling complex social challenges requires a balanced and inclusive approach. On issues like homelessness, mental health support, community safety, and support for the LGBTQIA+ community, it's essential to prioritize solutions that are both compassionate and effective.

We must work collaboratively with local organizations, health professionals, community leaders, and residents to develop evidence-based policies. This includes expanding access to mental health resources, ensuring safe and supportive housing options, strengthening community policing and outreach, and fostering an inclusive environment where all individuals—regardless of background or identity—feel safe and valued.

Our focus should be on long-term impact, accountability, and ensuring that every member of our community has the opportunity to thrive.

## Rob Fuller

The City of Minot cannot fix all social challenges alone — but we can be a responsible partner.

- On homelessness, I support a proactive approach that includes coordinating with local nonprofits, the faith community, and regional/state agencies to expand shelter availability, transitional housing, and job training access.
- Mental health is primarily a state and healthcare system responsibility, but we can ensure our first responders have proper crisis intervention training and support grant opportunities for community mental health providers.
- Community safety starts with law enforcement visibility, accountability, and a clean, safe public environment. I support fully staffing and equipping our police and fire departments.
- As for the LGBTQIA+ community, my role as mayor is to ensure that every resident—regardless of identity—is treated with fairness, dignity, and equal protection under the law. That means a City that is welcoming to all and a culture that doesn't tolerate discrimination.

# TAXES

What is your approach to managing local taxes? How do you intend to balance the need for public services with the financial burden on residents?

## Mark Jantzer

It is crucial that we focus on essential city services and prioritize spending accordingly. I am thinking of the services that residents count on every day, and where the City of Minot is literally “the only game in town” for example: fire and police protection, water treatment and distribution, sewage system and waste treatment, streets and roads, transit system, airport, flood protection, garbage/recycling/landfill. It takes money to operate all of these, and we have to be efficient and make every dollar count. The City of Minot is one of four taxing entities on property tax bills. We need to do our part to be efficient, realize there are “wants” we just can’t afford. It is important that we pass an adequate but responsible budget that sustains the services our citizens must have.

## Paul Pitner

My approach to managing local taxes focuses on responsible stewardship of public funds while making smart, strategic investments that prepare our city for the future. It’s not just about tightening budgets — it’s about ensuring we’re spending wisely today to avoid higher costs tomorrow.

We need to position our city to act proactively, not reactively. That means identifying opportunities for economic growth, infrastructure improvement, and innovation before challenges arise — and being ready to move when they do. By making thoughtful, targeted investments now, we can strengthen our local economy, attract new businesses, and improve quality of life without placing unnecessary strain on taxpayers later.

## Rob Fuller

I believe in fiscal discipline, period. I’m not interested in growing local government for the sake of it. My approach to taxes is simple:

- Keep property taxes in check.
- Scrutinize spending like it’s our own money (because it is).
- Prioritize essential services: public safety, infrastructure, and water/sewer systems come first.
- We must grow our tax base, not our rate. That means attracting responsible development, filling storefronts, and supporting small business growth to relieve pressure on homeowners.

## Josiah Roise

Did not respond to inquiry.

# SCHOOLS

What are your plans for improving the quality of education in our city? How will you support our schools and ensure that all children have access to excellent educational opportunities?

## Rob Fuller

Public schools are overseen by the Minot Public School Board and the state, not the mayor or city council. That said, the City can support schools by:

- Ensuring safe routes to schools, solid infrastructure, and traffic management.
- Partnering on school resource officers and safety initiatives.
- Encouraging programs that connect students with city government, trades, and career paths.
- I also believe in creating a city that young families want to move to—which means great neighborhoods, parks, and safety. That helps our schools thrive indirectly.

**Josiah Roise** Did not respond to inquiry.

## Mark Jantzer

The school system is the responsibility of Minot Public Schools, one of the other taxing entities, as well as several faith-based schools. It is important to me that the City of Minot be a strong and supportive partner as we and they work to see our children educated and the system working well. An example of this is support for the program of outreach police officers in the schools.

## Paul Pitner

While education policy and funding are primarily the responsibility of the school board — a separate taxing entity — as a city council member/mayoral candidate, I recognize that we serve the same people: the residents and families of Minot.

I believe we need to improve communication and coordination between the city and school board to better align our efforts and priorities. When our local government and school leadership work together, we can more effectively address the broader needs of our community — from safety and infrastructure to growth and opportunity.

One area where the city can directly support students is by ensuring our public transit system remains reliable, accessible, and responsive to the needs of our youth. Many students in Minot depend on transit to get to school, extracurricular activities, and jobs. A strong transit system is an essential link in this chain.

Additionally, the city plays a key role in planning safe routes to school and creating a city environment where families thrive. I'm committed to strengthening those connections and making sure that every child in Minot has the opportunity to succeed.

# PUBLIC SAFETY

What measures will you implement to enhance public safety and ensure the well-being of all residents?

**Josiah Roise** Did not respond to inquiry.

## Mark Jantzer

It is very important that we make the right hire to fill our Police Chief vacancy, since as a leader that position sets the tone of our police force. I am supportive of the new program of Community Service Officers to supplement our sworn officers. I want to see additional recruiting efforts to bring our police force up to full strength. Continued efforts to eliminate illegal drug trafficking, make more mental health and treatment services available, are all things I support and will advocate to improve.

## Paul Pitner

Enhancing public safety starts with strong, accountable leadership — and that begins at the top of our police department. Right now, we're in the process of selecting a new chief from three highly qualified candidates. I'm optimistic that we'll find the right leader who can foster a culture of professionalism, integrity, and mutual respect — both within the department and across the broader Minot community.

The right leadership will be key in building internal cohesiveness among officers, improving morale, and strengthening community trust. That trust is essential — public safety isn't just about enforcement; it's about relationships, communication, and collaboration with the people we serve.

Beyond leadership, we must continue to support our first responders with the tools, training, and resources they need to do their jobs effectively and safely — including mental health resources, community policing strategies, and initiatives that promote transparency and accountability.

We also need to work across departments and with local organizations to address the root causes of crime — including substance abuse, housing instability, and mental health challenges — so that public safety is not just reactive, but proactive and sustainable.

A safe Minot is a city where all residents feel protected, valued, and heard — and that's the vision I'll continue to work toward

## Rob Fuller

This is one of the core jobs of local government—and it's non-negotiable.

- I will back fully staffing our police and fire departments.
- I support data-driven policing, targeted patrols in problem areas, and community engagement that builds trust.
- Emergency response times matter—I'll work to ensure funding and planning match our growth.
- We also need to protect our cyber infrastructure and critical utilities. Safety isn't just boots on the ground anymore.



# CLIMATE CHANGE

How do you plan to address climate change and its impact on fires and farming in North Dakota?

## Mark Jantzer

I am in favor of preserving the environment in any way that makes sense. I have been a supporter of our recycling program from the beginning. We need to ask our staff to continually look for ways to reduce energy consumption and conserve resources. As to wildfires, Minot has mutual aid agreements and memoranda of understanding with surrounding communities including Minot AFB which we will honor in the event of wildfires. One of the reasons I love North Dakota and Minot is because of our agriculture. The City of Minot is highly dependent on producers and the economic impact they provide. It should never be taken for granted, and whatever we can do as a city government to support them should be attempted is feasible.

## Paul Pitner

As a city council member, I recognize that while global climate change is a complex issue, local governments have a real opportunity — and responsibility — to act where we can. Our role isn't just about sweeping policy change; it's about making smart, sustainable choices as opportunities arise.

In Minot, we've already taken steps in the right direction. For example, as we replace aging infrastructure like street lighting, we're upgrading to energy-efficient LED systems that reduce energy use and long-term costs. Similarly, when it comes to renewing our public transit fleet, we're committed to considering all options — including electric or hybrid vehicles — that align with both environmental goals and fiscal responsibility.

While we can't control the broader climate trends affecting wildfires or agriculture in North Dakota, we can position our city to be more resilient. That means planning smarter, building more efficiently, and supporting infrastructure that reduces our environmental footprint.

Climate responsibility at the local level isn't about grand gestures — it's about consistent, practical decisions that move us forward. And that's the approach I'll continue to support

## Rob Fuller

The City of Minot should stay grounded in local impact—not federal talking points.

We're already seeing effects of droughts, floods, and fire risk—so we need to be practical:

- Invest in flood control and resilient infrastructure.
- Encourage conservation, smart land use, and efficient water practices.
- Support agriculture by listening to farmers and ensuring policies don't choke their ability to operate.
- Let's focus on adaptation and readiness, not symbolic politics.

**Josiah Roise** Did not respond to inquiry.

# MAYORAL DUTIES

How do you plan to address climate change and its impact on fires and farming in North Dakota?

## Paul Pitner

To me, the role of mayor is first and foremost about leadership — not just in title, but in action. It's about being present, engaged, and willing to lead by example. I believe effective leadership means being in the trenches with the people you serve, showing up, listening, and doing the work alongside them.

This is something I've carried with me from both my experience as a business owner and as a coach. Whether it's managing a team or mentoring young athletes, my message has always been the same: I will never ask anything of you that I'm not willing to do myself.

The mayor sets the tone for the city — modeling transparency, work ethic, and integrity. It's not about having all the answers, but about building relationships, being a steady presence in the community, and uniting people around common goals.

At its core, being mayor means serving others with humility and purpose — and being ready to roll up your sleeves when it matters most.

## Rob Fuller

A mayor's job is part CEO, part convener, part bulldog.

- You set the tone and represent the people.
- You drive the agenda at City Council, but don't dictate it.
- You work with staff to execute policy, manage the budget, and represent Minot with pride—at home and beyond.
- Most of all, you listen, lead with clarity, and make the tough calls when no one else wants to.
- I'm not running to be a figurehead or a politician. I'm running to do the job—and do it well.

**Josiah Roise** Did not respond to inquiry.

## Mark Jantzer

I will first state the obvious: The mayor needs to do the business of the city required of the office, e.g. signing documents and contracts, chairing the City Council Meetings, making proclamations, and communicating information to the citizens. Additionally, the mayor is many times the face and voice representing the city, for example when testifying at the ND Legislature or when meeting with the US Congressional Delegation. The mayor is a leader. Being a good leader and trusted partner of federal, state and business leaders is very useful. The mayor also needs to remember that he/she represents all the citizens and provide balance and good sense when issues get contentious. The community needs a vision to be articulated so that consensus forms to move forward on things, and the mayor should provide it. And finally, the mayor needs to bring enthusiasm and energy to the job.