

Minnesota 50501 Caucus Guide

Welcome! You've just taken the first step towards the next level of electoral participation. Congratulations; this is exactly what Donald Trump and his allies DON'T want you to do. They want you apathetic, disengaged, and pacified, because they want to stay in power and continue to maintain their terror regime over our state and country for as long as possible.

We Minnesotans, with the nation's eyes on us, cannot bend the knee. We must weather this storm until we are able to get Donald Trump and his tyrannical administration off of Capitol Hill.

As you read this, ICE is abducting someone. It might be a mother, or a son, or a neighbor, or a friend, or a worker. And we are fighting back in so many forms, be it patrolling, whistling, dispatching, or attending actions. With this guide, we are offering you another way to fight back – by using our political power to defeat pro-ICE MAGA Republicans in our state.

Right now, the [legislature](#) is effectively locked down, as the State House is at a 67-67 tie. Due to the power-sharing agreement negotiated in the aftermath of this tie, state-level legislators have their hands tied in regards to passing any legislation to repel or oppose ICE's occupation. If we can regain control of our state legislature, Minnesota would be able to pass all sorts of bills mitigating the impact of the fascist occupation of our state. For example, we would be able to pass the [North STAR act](#), which would prohibit cooperation with ICE by local government entities statewide. We could pass a [masked policing ban](#), which would (in the vein of [California's SB627](#)) potentially cause a mass exodus of ICE. We could expand our legal framework, offer pro-bono immigration defense, and so much more.

If you want to put the next level of pressure on ICE, then it is imperative that you help the state choose the best legislators who will vote in favor of anti-ICE legislation and other much-needed legislation to defend our communities and keep us safe. Show up to your precinct caucus on February 3rd at 7:00 and come make your voice heard. Here's how:

Step One: Go to <https://pollfinder.sos.mn.gov/> and put in your address to find out where your caucus is.

Step Two: On February 3rd at 7:00, go to that caucus location.

Step Three: Vote for the delegates that represent what you believe in!

That's the basic structure. Now let's cover the nitty-gritty.

WHAT IS CAUCUSING?

A caucus is a meeting of the membership of a political party. Caucusing is the act of attending a caucus. The type of caucus we're interested in are called **precinct caucuses**. This is a type of

caucus where you and fellow members of your **precinct** (also known as a voting district) come together to make a few important decisions. This only takes about an hour, and will take place at a location near you. Here in Minnesota, these are the decisions we will make at a precinct caucus:

- We will elect precinct officers, who will act as organizing leaders for your precinct.
- We will elect delegates for the convention of your district (which is very important and will be explained in a moment here!)
- We will consider and vote on resolutions for the party platform.

While electing precinct officers is a relatively subjective process, let's address those other two responsibilities now.

WHAT IS A DELEGATE?

A delegate is someone selected as a representative to attend an event that will take place in a few months called the Organizing Unit (OU) Convention. This is the next level of a chain of conventions that eventually holds the responsibility of endorsing a candidate for the primary.

A delegate's primary responsibility, at any convention, is to vote in favor of their preferred candidate for the DFL endorsement in the primary. The person who receives this endorsement usually goes on to become the nominee in the general election (which is the one in November!) Thus, it is important to vote for delegates who you feel represent your interest. It's usually as simple as voting for someone who supports the same candidate(s) that you do. Delegates will be provided time to pitch themselves, so you will be able to decide based on that.

Boiled down: vote for the delegate who likes the same people you do!

WHAT IS A RESOLUTION?

A resolution is an alteration that is submitted to be applied to the official DFL platform. The time this is intended to be submitted will be made clear by your precinct chair. If you are interested in submitting a resolution, we've made some resolutions that you can use! Otherwise, you are encouraged to write your own!

If you prefer to write your own resolution, you will be given a blank resolution form at caucus night. You can fill this form out and bring it to the caucus the night-of:

<https://dfl.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/2026-MN-DFL-Resolution-Form.pdf>

Otherwise, feel free to bring any or all of these resolutions to your precinct caucus:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qdl-pqjP_uULWxP0dII0AdEqM4hty_F?usp=sharing

You will have to fill out a few details at the top in order to submit any of these resolutions.

WHO SHOULD I VOTE FOR?

That's the beautiful thing about democracy – it's up to you! If you want to know more about any of your candidates, we have a couple of resources for you.

First, you can check each candidate's website. Usually, candidates will have a platform that details what they stand for. For example, you can find Peggy Flanagan's platform at <https://peggyflanagan.com/priorities/>. Oftentimes this platform can be called something slightly different, like 'priorities', 'goals', 'agenda', or something similar. It will usually be on the top bar of the candidate's website.

Second, MN50501 will be putting out a Caucus Guide soon that will have all of our recommendations for candidates included. You'll probably be able to find that wherever you found this guide! We will be recommending candidates based on our platform, which you can find here: <https://mn50501.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/MN50501-Platform.pdf>

With that said, here are the major endorsements we have made:

For Senate: MN50501 recommends and endorses Peggy Flanagan.
For CD8: MN50501 recommends and endorses Cyle Cramer.
For CD1: MN50501 recommends and endorses Jake Johnson.

The remainder of our recommendations are just that – they do not constitute endorsements. These are only recommendations for candidates that will serve or are serving in the House of Representatives in Washington, DC.

For CD2 – Matt Little or Kaela Berg
For CD3 – Kelly Morrison
For CD4 – Betty McCollum
For CD5 – Ilhan Omar
For CD6 – Doug Chapin*
For CD7 – Erik Osberg or Heather Keeler

And our recommendation for a remaining statewide office:

For Attorney General – Keith Ellison

*In CD6, you might also attend the GOP caucus to advocate for Mike Foley, who is challenging Emmer in his own primary.

CAUCUS TRAINING

With just this set of instructions, you may feel confident enough to attend your caucus already! However, if you feel like you would like more information, more depth, or even just someone to bounce questions off of, you should try and attend a caucus training!

Recorded Training

The DFL hosted this caucus training on 1/7/2026. Definitely a good watch if you don't have the capacity to attend another training session. You will have to request access.

https://dfl.zoom.us/rec/share/k1rpJwWx_7HSi8zOZdLMZeiu8wgUy3V8ms-YX1_m5Lvi2sNKL3pIHI-HvuwYRMHT.scocMmMjQuqb4ITW

In-Person Trainings

Wednesday, January 21, 1:30 – 3:30pm CST – St. Louis Park Library
SD46 DFL – <https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/885597/>

Thursday, January 22, 6 – 7:30pm CST – Brookdale Library
DFL – <https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/878060/>

Friday, January 23, 9:30 – 11:30am CST – Hopkins Library
SD46 DFL – <https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/885592/>

Sunday, January 25th, 1:00-3:00 PM
Fellowship Social Action Team, Black Church Power Project, ISAIAH, Faith in Minnesota –
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpLcnz35FQeQUcM7T09hS8ZKCjSwWjxD_vsixiHxJvLkJVPw/viewform?pli=1

Wednesday, January 28, 6:00-7:00pm
Friends of the Boundary Waters – <https://www.friends-bwca.org/event/caucus-training-session/>

Online Trainings

RECOMMENDED!

Saturday, Jan 31, 2:00pm–3:00pm CST

Sunday, Feb 1, 4:00pm–5:00pm CST
Tuesday, Feb 3, 12:00pm–1:00pm CST
Peggy Flanagan for Minnesota – <https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/878564/>

MORE RESOURCES

Sample Agenda

This is a sample agenda. It will likely be identical or strongly resemble the agenda of your night at the precinct caucus.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/15ZEG-vyClju4XNblq1sc9Bz6AtcV0QkA/view>

DFL Constitution & Bylaws

In case you have a particular rule or procedure you would like to check (or you have an excessive amount of time on your hands and want some light reading), here's the DFL's Constitution and Bylaws:

<https://dfl.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/2024-06-05-DFL-Constitution-and-Bylaws-FINAL.pdf>



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