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Iowans will elect a governor, attorney general, and treasurer in November. All 100 house seats and 25 out of the 50 senate seats will be on the ballot as well. The gubernatorial race is considered competitive. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the AG office, treasurer's office, and the legislature.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

Rob Sand

Iowa State Auditor Rob Sand was uncontested in the Democratic primary. First elected in 2018, Sand defeated an incumbent Republican becoming the first Democrat to hold the state auditor office since the 1960s. During his reelection bid in 2022, he was the only Democrat reelected statewide. Prior to serving as auditor, Sand began his public service career as an Assistant Iowa Attorney General and the state's chief public corruption prosecutor.

Sand has branded himself as bipartisan and has pledged to bring that same bipartisan approach to the governor's office. He has been critical of both parties for prioritizing political fundraising over addressing the concerns of everyday Iowans. Sand's campaign platform centers on **growing the economy, strengthening public education, and lowering costs.**

On **education**, Sand is calling for new investments and initiatives, including universal full-day pre-K and greater oversight of school vouchers.

He has released a [series of proposals](#) aimed at increasing **government accountability**, including banning stock trading by elected officials, restoring the full powers of the Auditor's Office, strengthening whistleblower protections, enforcing term limits, and requiring elected officials to pass cognitive and civics tests.

Sand's [Healthier Iowa for All](#) agenda includes increased funding for **water quality monitoring**, the establishment of a public notification system for water quality concerns, **farmer-led conservation programs**, tax credits for farmers who participate in conservation efforts, and expanded radon **testing**. His **healthcare** priorities within this agenda **include reversing the privatization of Medicaid**, increasing **oversight of pharmacy benefit managers** (PBMs), improving maternal health, and expanding access to telehealth services.

Sand will face businessman Zach Lahn in the general election in a race that has drawn attention as a potential opportunity for Democrats to reclaim the governor's office for the first time in over a decade. [Sabato's Crystal Ball](#) recently changed its rating to a toss-up, joining the [Cook Political Report's](#) rating.

Trivia: When he's not busy working, you can find Rob bowhunting, fishing, biking, or spending time with his family.