

MINNESOTA

Voters in Minnesota will elect a new governor as Governor Tim Walz (D) did not run for re-election as well as attorney general in November. All seats in the legislature are also on the ballot. While Democrats are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Mansion and the legislature, the attorney general race is expected to be competitive.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

Senator Amy Klobuchar

Senator Amy Klobuchar (D) was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 2006. She is currently the lead ranking member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry where she has helped to pass several bipartisan Farm Bills. Before running for public office, Klobuchar was a partner at the law firms of Dorsey & Whitney and Gray Plant Mooty and served as Hennepin County attorney from 1999 to 2006.

Her campaign priorities include **lowering costs, workforce development, the agriculture economy, government accountability, and outdoor recreation and conservation.**

Her healthcare plan includes promises to reduce premiums, promote a "One-Form" system for health insurance, expand state bulk purchasing of prescription drugs, convene a Minnesota employer purchasing coalition, increase mental health access across Minnesota, and launch the Minnesota Health Care Future to expand the health care workforce.

To lower **housing** costs, Klobuchar proposes launching a Rural Housing Loan Fund, a low-interest revolving pool to assist rural developers in covering the infrastructure costs in small towns. She also has pledged to **ban price-fixing algorithms** and simplify the path to home ownership by combining state down-payment assistance, local grants, and federal assistance into a single application.

Regarding workforce, she will expand community college and one-to-four-year degree pathways and strengthen registered apprenticeships. She also plans to launch a Minnesota "Future of Work" initiative with incentives, credentials, and public-private partnerships to assist businesses in training their employees in emerging fields.

She also calls to eliminate **fraud** and restore accountability to state government, highlighting proposals to improve permitting processes, modernize state IT systems, and conduct a top-to-bottom audit of state government.

The Cook Political Report and the Center for Politics Sabato's Crystal Ball have rated this race as Safe Democratic.

Trivia: Klobuchar was Minnesota's first elected female U.S. senator.