



Inver Grove Heights City Council
Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 8:00 AM
8150 Barbara Ave, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

AGENDA

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS: Individuals may submit written public comments in advance of the meeting by emailing comments to Rebecca Kiernan (rkiernan@ighmn.gov). Comments received prior to **12:00 p.m.** on Thursday, August 13, 2026, will be provided to the Council at or before the August 13, 2026 meeting. To watch remotely, individuals may go to www.townsquare.tv/webstreaming or watch from Cable TV Live on the Second and Fourth Mondays of the month at 6 p.m. on Channel 14/799 HD.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Regular Business**
 - A. Canvass Results of the 2026 State Primary Election for Inver Grove Heights City Council
5. **Adjourn**

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Request for Council Action

SUBJECT: **Canvass Results of the 2026 State Primary Election for Inver Grove Heights City Council**

MEETING DATE: August 13, 2026

ITEM TYPE: Regular Business

CONTACT: Rebecca Kiernan, City Clerk, 651.450.2513

ACTION REQUESTED

The Council is asked to adopt the attached Resolution, canvassing the votes cast at the August 11, 2026, State Primary Election of the City of Inver Grove Heights and declaring Candidate Results.

BACKGROUND

During every even-year election cycle, if there are enough candidate filings to trigger a primary for a city office, the City Council must meet after the primary is held to formally declare the candidates for city office that will be moved forward to the General Election on November 3, 2026.

This year there were seven candidates who filed for the office of City Council member. A primary election was held to narrow the field to four candidates. These four advancing candidates will appear on the ballot at the November 3 General election and two will be elected to seats on the City Council.

Vote totals for each of the candidates on the primary ballot are attached, along with information about voter turn-out.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATION

The City Clerk recommends adoption fo the attached Resolution, canvassing the votes cast at the August 11, 2026 State Primary Election of the City of Inver Grove Heights and declaring candidate results.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution Canvassing the 2026 Primary Results
2. Official Canvass Abstract - IGH Primary
3. Memo to Council
4. SOS Online results from August 11, 2026 Primary
5. 2026 Primary Canvass RLK

**CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__

**RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE VOTES CAST AT THE AUGUST 11, 2026
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION OF THE CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS
AND DECLARING CANDIDATE RESULTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Inver Grove Heights held the State Primary Election on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 wherein the following votes were cast:

See Attached

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS, MINNESOTA that the following persons are declared as receiving the four (4) highest vote tallies for the position of Councilmember and those names are to be placed on the November 3, 2026, Municipal General Election ballot:

Councilmember	1. Mary T'Kach	4 Year Term ending December 31, 2030
	2. Tony Scales	4 Year Term ending December 31, 2030
	3. Matt Mills	4 Year Term ending December 31, 2030
	4. Kevin Sethre	4 Year Term ending December 31, 2030

Total Ballots Cast: 7,464

Total Cast on Election Day: 5,660

Total Absentee Ballots

(mail & in person): 611

Total Early Voting: 1,193

Total New Registrations

(on Election Day): 166

Registered Voters at 7AM: 25,104

Total Voter Turn Out: 30%

Passed this 13th day of August 2026.

Brenda Dietrich, Mayor

Ayes:

Nays:

ATTEST:

Rebecca Kiernan, City Clerk

Abstract of Votes Cast
In the Precincts of the City of Inver Grove Heights
State of Minnesota
at the State Primary
Held Tuesday, August 11, 2026

as compiled from the official returns.

Summary of Totals
City of Inver Grove Heights
Tuesday, August 11, 2026 State Primary

Number of persons registered as of 7 a.m.	24923
Number of persons registered on Election Day	198
Number of accepted regular, military, and overseas absentee ballots and mail ballots	1807
Number of federal office only absentee ballots	2
Number of presidential absentee ballots	0
Total number of persons voting	7464

Summary of Totals
City of Inver Grove Heights
Tuesday, August 11, 2026 State Primary

KEY TO PARTY ABBREVIATIONS

NP - Nonpartisan

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Council Member (Inver Grove Heights) (Elect 2)

NP
Mary T'Kach
3770

NP
Stephanie Lee Shepherd
Sandbeck
664

NP
Kevin Sethre
1057

NP
Tia Salscheider
924

NP
Tony Scales
2610

NP
Craig Kromrey
655

NP
Matt Mills
1850

Detail of Election Results
City of Inver Grove Heights
Tuesday, August 11, 2026 State Primary

Precinct	Persons Registered as of 7 A.M.	Persons Registered on Election Day	Total Number of Persons Voting
19 2710 : INVER GROVE HTS P-01	1594	21	552
19 2720 : INVER GROVE HTS P-02	2095	27	599
19 2730 : INVER GROVE HTS P-03	1604	6	533
19 2740 : INVER GROVE HTS P-04	2864	22	950
19 2750 : INVER GROVE HTS P-05	2408	9	850
19 2760 : INVER GROVE HTS P-06	2856	20	873
19 2770 : INVER GROVE HTS P-07	2574	9	684
19 2780 : INVER GROVE HTS P-08	2535	21	778
19 2790 : INVER GROVE HTS P-09	1767	32	343
19 2800 : INVER GROVE HTS P-10	1708	9	525
19 2810 : INVER GROVE HTS P-11	1329	12	366
19 2820 : INVER GROVE HTS P-12	1589	10	415
City of Inver Grove Heights Total:	24923	198	7464

Detail of Election Results
City of Inver Grove Heights
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Office Title: Council Member (Inver Grove Heights) (Elect 2)

Precinct	NP Mary T'Kach	NP Stephanie Lee Shepherd Sandbeck	NP Kevin Sethre	NP Tia Salscheider	NP Tony Scales
19 2710 : INVER GROVE HTS P-01	278	49	62	75	192
19 2720 : INVER GROVE HTS P-02	272	45	65	63	262
19 2730 : INVER GROVE HTS P-03	277	47	77	75	221
19 2740 : INVER GROVE HTS P-04	507	75	154	99	346
19 2750 : INVER GROVE HTS P-05	461	65	120	101	314
19 2760 : INVER GROVE HTS P-06	430	86	162	94	299
19 2770 : INVER GROVE HTS P-07	341	60	167	90	238
19 2780 : INVER GROVE HTS P-08	388	64	100	97	272
19 2790 : INVER GROVE HTS P-09	160	46	32	55	79
19 2800 : INVER GROVE HTS P-10	255	71	58	59	168
19 2810 : INVER GROVE HTS P-11	194	23	25	59	109
19 2820 : INVER GROVE HTS P-12	207	33	35	57	110
Total:	3770	664	1057	924	2610

Precinct	NP Craig Kromrey	NP Matt Mills
19 2710 : INVER GROVE HTS P-01	58	130
19 2720 : INVER GROVE HTS P-02	38	143
19 2730 : INVER GROVE HTS P-03	51	118
19 2740 : INVER GROVE HTS P-04	67	213
19 2750 : INVER GROVE HTS P-05	87	227
19 2760 : INVER GROVE HTS P-06	97	198
19 2770 : INVER GROVE HTS P-07	61	135

Detail of Election Results
City of Inver Grove Heights
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Office Title: Council Member (Inver Grove Heights) (Elect 2)

Precinct	NP Craig Kromrey	NP Matt Mills
19 2780 : INVER GROVE HTS P-08	80	195
19 2790 : INVER GROVE HTS P-09	26	109
19 2800 : INVER GROVE HTS P-10	48	154
19 2810 : INVER GROVE HTS P-11	13	117
19 2820 : INVER GROVE HTS P-12	29	111
Total:	655	1850

We certify that we have herein specified the names of the candidates receiving votes and the number of votes received by each candidate, and have specified the number of votes for and against any question voted on, at the State Primary held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026.

As appears by the returns of the election precincts voting in this election, duly returned to, filed, opened, and canvassed, and now remaining on file in the office of the City of Inver Grove Heights Clerk. Witness our official signature at City of Inver Grove Heights in Dakota County this 13th day of August, 2026.

Member of canvassing board

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State of Minnesota
City of Inver Grove Heights

I, Rebecca Kiernan, Clerk of the City of Inver Grove Heights do hereby certify the within and foregoing 6 pages to be a full and correct copy of the original abstract and return of the votes cast in the City of Inver Grove Heights State Primary held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026.

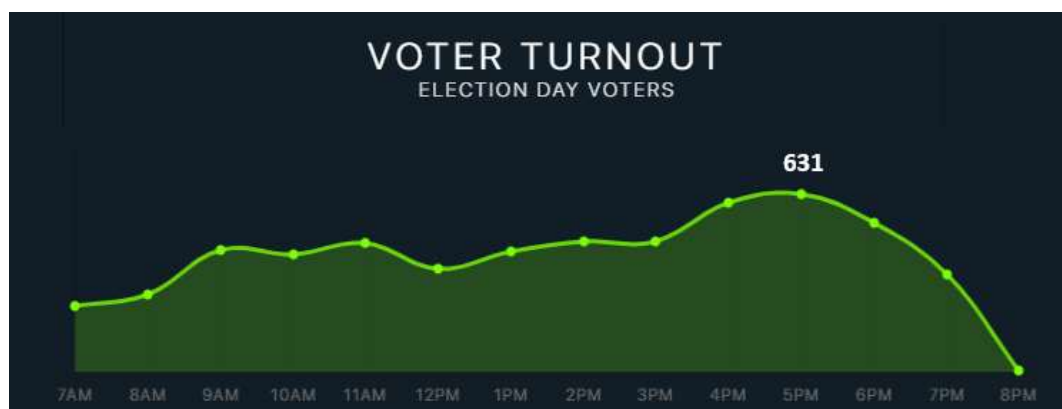
Witness my hand and official seal of office this _____ day of _____, 2026.

TO: Ellen Hiniker, City Council
FROM: Rebecca Kiernan
SUBJECT: 2026 State Primary Update
DATE: August 12, 2026

The purpose of this memo is to provide the Interim City Administrator and City Council an update regarding 2026 Elections and the completion of the 2026 State Primary.

Highlights

- The 2026 State Primary has concluded. Inver Grove Heights had 30% voter turnout with a total of 7,464 ballots cast.
 - 611 voted via Absentee (i.e., mail and in person).
 - 1,193 voted via Early Voting.
 - 5,660 voted in their precinct on Election Day.
- Election Day voting was steady 9AM to 3PM with an average of 433 voters per hour. Voter traffic peaked at 631 voters in the 5PM hour, and then sharply declined in the last hour of voting.

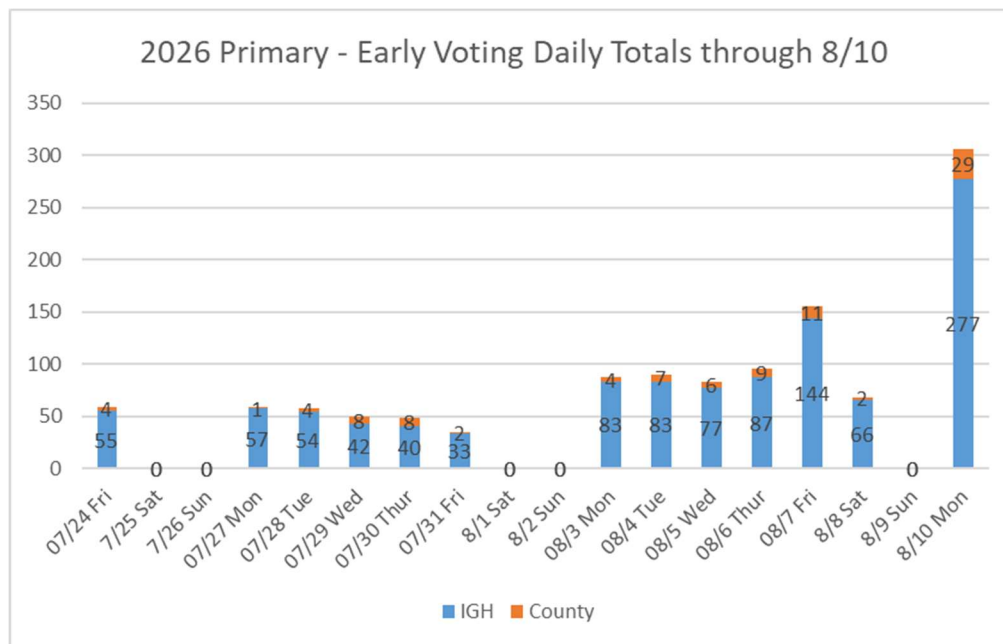


- Compared to 2020, 2022 and 2024 Primaries, Early Voting participation for the 2026 Primary was much higher than previous Primaries. The following table provides historical Primary early voting totals¹ as compared to 2026.

¹ These number are accurate for comparison, but should not be used for audit purposes.

Early/Absentee Method	2020 Primary (Presidential Year)		2022 Primary		2024 Primary (Presidential Year)		2026 Primary	
	Total Sent	Accepted/Counted	Total Sent	Accepted/Counted	Total Sent	Accepted/Counted	Total Sent	Accepted / Counted
Mail-out	3579	2420	453	270	714	335	1184	537
In Person	125	122	163	158	44	44	57	57
Health Care Facility	34	31	9	5	41	33	6	6
Agent Delivery	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Direct Ballot	222	222	178	178	139	139	-	-
Early Voting	-	-	-	-	-	-	1193	1193
TOTAL	3960	2795	803	611	938	551²	2446	1799

- **Early Voting for the 2026 State Primary was significantly higher previous Primaries.** Blue shows administered at City Hall. Orange shows administered by Dakota County. Days marked "0" are days the Election office was closed.



- **The new tabulator and XV-Express Vote equipment worked perfectly.** We experienced some minor damage to two head phone jacks due to Election Judges not being careful with the new equipment. Additional training will be provided prior to the 2026 General Election.
- In addition to part time engagement of the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk, this election was administered by the following part-time staff.

² The election dashboard showed 553 voting early, however system reports showed 551 voting early. We assume the other two are "safe at home" voters where voting information is not viewable or reportable by the City.

Location	Role	Quantity
Election Office	Election Specialists	2
Election Office	Absentee Ballot Specialists	4
Precinct	Head Judges	18
Precinct	Election Judges	108

- Election administration activities for the 2026 Primary are complete.

Event	Date	Time	Status
Set up Election Office	July 13		Complete
Test Tabulator and XV-Express Vote equipment	By 7/23		Complete
Recruit Election Judges	By 7/15		Complete
Train Election Judges	7/15 7/16 7/17	5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Complete Complete Complete
Conduct Health Care Facility Outreach • Good Samaritan • Woodlyn Heights	7/21 Declined participation	1:30 p.m.	Complete Complete
Complete Public Accuracy Test	7/23	1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Complete
Train Head Judge	7/23	2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Complete
Conduct Early Voting at IGH City Hall	July 24 to August 10	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Complete
Conduct Early Voting extended hours at IGH City Hall	8/8 (Saturday) 8/10 (Monday)	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Complete Complete
Prepare for Election Day (precinct and equipment logistics, supplies, election judge assignments, etc.)	By 8/9		Complete
Update and secure PollPads for Election Day	By 8/9		Complete
Administer Election Day • Polls open • ED operational support	8/11 8/11	7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Complete
Deliver required items to Dakota County	8/12	Afternoon	Complete

- **The 2026 General Election is Tuesday, November 3.**
 - Absentee Voting³ begins September 18 (46 days before Election Day).
 - Early Voting at City Hall begins October 16 (18 days before Election Day).

³ Administered for Inver Grove Heights by Dakota County.

Precincts Reporting in Municipality: 100% 12 of 12

Last Updated: 08/12/26 12:37 PM

Voters Registered at 7AM: 24,923

Results for Selected Contests in 31076 - Inver Grove Heights

Council Member (Inver Grove Heights) (Elect 2)		Results By Precinct			12 precincts in contest. 12 of 12 precincts reported in municipality.		
Nonpartisan	Candidate	Totals	Percent	Graph			
	Mary T'Kach	3,770	32.70%				
	Stephanie Lee Shepherd Sandbeck	664	5.76%				
	Kevin Sethre	1,057	9.17%				
	Tia Salscheider	924	8.01%				
	Tony Scales	2,610	22.64%				
	Craig Kromrey	655	5.68%				
	Matt Mills	1,850	16.05%				

OFFICIAL RESULTS

City of Inver Grove Heights

2026 State Primary

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Council Member Race

VOTE FOR 2

Results from:

Absentee + Early Voting - Includes 3 Service Centers, Mail in Ballots (UOCAVA + SAH) + IGH Early Voting													Precinct Results												Total Votes
	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	P-6	P-7	P-8	P-9	P-10	P-11	P-12	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	P-6	P-7	P-8	P-9	P-10	P-11	P-12	
Mary T'Kach	70	68	96	189	151	86	78	144	37	76	52	53	208	204	181	318	310	344	263	244	123	179	142	154	3,770
Tony Scales	52	60	60	132	101	69	57	99	19	51	21	31	140	202	161	214	213	230	181	173	60	117	88	79	2,610
Matt Mills	22	34	25	71	67	33	25	59	20	35	34	24	108	109	93	142	160	165	110	136	89	119	83	87	1,850
Kevin Sethre	11	9	16	37	27	29	19	16	5	21	2	4	51	56	61	117	93	133	148	84	27	37	23	31	1,057
Tia Salscheider	15	4	10	23	24	10	9	23	12	14	5	11	60	59	65	76	77	84	81	74	43	45	54	46	924
Stephanie Lee Shepherd Sandbeck	9	9	8	25	16	11	10	17	14	15	5	5	40	36	39	50	49	75	50	47	32	56	18	28	664
Craig Kromrey	9	3	15	12	15	13	9	17	6	12	0	4	49	35	36	55	72	84	52	63	20	36	13	25	655
Over Votes	Unknown												0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Under Votes	Unknown												206	251	158	362	242	327	237	245	134	175	163	198	
Total Votes	188	187	230	489	401	251	207	375	113	224	119	132	862	952	794	1336	1218	1444	1122	1066	528	764	584	648	11,530
Ballots Cast Unknown													431	476	397	668	609	722	561	533	264	382	292	324	

Further Breakdown of Mail Ballot vs Early Voting

		IGH Early Voting											
		P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	P-6	P-7	P-8	P-9	P-10	P-11	P-12
Mary T'Kach		49	44	71	129	107	63	47	67	12	49	31	34
Tony Scales		38	40	36	88	70	50	33	49	7	39	8	22
Matt Mills		14	19	21	48	47	24	13	22	5	24	21	14
Kevin Sethre		6	5	13	32	18	19	17	11	2	13	1	2
Tia Salscheider		12	1	7	15	17	7	4	6	4	10	5	7
Stephanie Lee Shepherd Sandbeck		5	5	4	14	13	7	7	6	2	7	5	3
Craig Kromrey		6	3	13	10	10	10	7	4	3	10	0	3
Over Votes		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Under Votes		20	35	35	48	50	28	24	29	7	32	15	27
Total Votes		150	152	200	384	332	208	152	194	42	184	86	112
Ballots Cast		75	76	100	192	166	104	76	97	21	92	43	56

	Absentee + Early Voting - Includes 3 Service Centers, Mail in Ballots (UOCAVA + SAH)											
	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	P-6	P-7	P-8	P-9	P-10	P-11	P-12
Mary T'Kach	21	24	25	60	44	23	31	77	25	27	21	19
Tony Scales	14	40	36	88	70	50	33	49	7	39	8	22
Matt Mills	8	19	21	48	47	24	13	22	5	24	21	14
Kevin Sethre	5	5	13	32	18	19	17	11	2	13	1	2
Tia Salscheider	3	1	7	15	17	7	4	6	4	10	5	7
Stephanie Lee Shepherd Sandbeck	4	5	4	14	13	7	7	6	2	7	5	3
Craig Kromrey	6	3	13	10	10	10	7	4	3	10	0	3
Over Votes	unknown											
Under Votes	unknown											
Total Votes	61	97	119	267	219	140	112	175	48	130	61	70
Ballots Cast	unknown											