

This year there are 25 State Legislative seats up for election. There are 13 open seats due to term-limits. One incumbent senator is not seeking re-election and one appointed senator is not seeking election. Ten senators are running for election, three of those were appointed within the last two years due to vacated seats.

### **Nebraska Legislature Facts**

- One house legislature called a Unicameral (only one in the U.S.)
- 49 State Senators
- 4-year terms
- Term-limits: two, four-year consecutive terms
- Non-partisan elections
- 1/2 of the seats are up for election every second year
- Filing fee to become a candidate is \$120
- Salary: \$12,000 annually (unchanged since 1988) plus per diem
- Legislative session lasts 60 days in even-numbered years and 90 days in odd-numbered years (convenes on the first Wednesday following the first Monday in January each year)

Meilan Strategy Group is providing this Legislative Candidate Overview

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### **Filing Deadlines**

- October 7—First General campaign statement due
- October 28—Second General campaign statement due

#### **Important Dates**

- May 14, 2024—primary election
- November 5, 2024—general election
- January 8, 2025—first day of session

### **Election Voter Turnout in Nebraska**

- 40% (2020 Primary)
- 55% (2020 General)

## 2024 Primary Election Campaign Reporting Periods

- June 19—October 1
- October 2—October 21
  - October 22—December 31

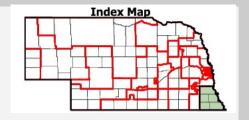






### District 1—Incumbent Julie Slama is not seeking re-election

• Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee and Richardson counties



### **Bob Hallstrom**

Advanced—34%

Republican

Residence: SyracuseBorn December 2, 1955

Occupation: Attorney and lobbyist

Spouse: LuRaeChildren: 4



### 2020 General Election

Julie Slama—68%

Janet Palmtag-32%

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$105,292

• Cash on Hand: \$103,192

## Advanced—45%

### **Dennis Schaardt**

Republican

Residence: SteinauerBorn January 25, 1966

Occupation: Small business owner

Spouse: KimChildren: 3



### Party Statistics LD 1

Republican—59%

Democrat—20%

Nonpartisan—19%

As of 10/1/2024

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

♦ Campaign Expenditures: \$21,135

Cash on Hand: \$43,077

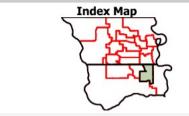






### District 3 (Currently Senator Carol Blood—term limited)

Western Bellevue and parts of Papillion and Sarpy County



### **Felix Ungerman**

Advanced—53%

◆ Republican

Residence: Bellevue ♦ Born February 24, 1969

◆ Occupation: Deputy Chief of Staff for Don

Bacon

◆ Spouse: Katina Children: 3



2020 General Election

Carol Blood—50%

Rick Holdcroft—49%

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024 Campaign Expenditures: \$234,211

Cash on Hand: \$10,611

### **Victor Rountree**

Advanced—47%

Democrat

♦ Residence: Bellevue ♦ Born June 16, 1959

• Occupation: Retired Air Force Sergeant and

**Pastor** 

♦ Spouse: Cheryl

Children: 3



Party Statistics LD 3

Republican—40%

Democrat-29%

Nonpartisan—28%

As of 10/1/2024

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

Campaign Expenditures: \$117,886

• Cash on Hand: \$84,388



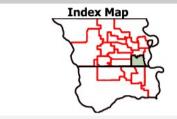






### **District 5 (Currently Senator Mike McDonnell—term limited)**

Parts of south and east Omaha, 72nd St. to I-480, Center down to Harrison



### Margo R. Juarez

Advanced—38% Democrat

Residence: Omaha Born April 30, 1958

♦ Occupation: Retired IRS employee

Children: 2

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$29,536

Cash on Hand: \$34,341



# 2020 General Election Mike McDonnell—63% Gilbert Ayala-37%

### **Gilbert Ayala**

Advanced—36%

Republican

Residence: Omaha Born January 11, 1970 Occupation: Retired

Childre 2



## Party Statistics LD 5

Republican—26%

Democrat—48%

Nonpartisan—27%

As of 10/1/2024

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

Campaign Expenditures: \$6,136

Cash on Hand: \$2,104



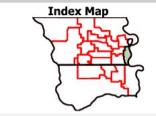






### **District 7 (Currently Senator Tony Vargas—term limited)**

◆ East Omaha, east of I-480 to the Missouri River (east to west), South of Cuming St to Douglas County line



### **Dunixi Guereca**

Advanced—34%

Democrat

Residence: OmahaBorn October 1, 1988

 Occupation: Executive Director of Stand for Schools

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$110,853

◆ Cash on Hand: \$50,939



2020 General Election

Tony Vargas—78%

Jorge Sotolongo—22%

### **Tim Pendrell**

Advanced—25%

◆ Democrat

Residence: OmahaBorn January 31, 1981

 Occupation: Committee Clerk in Nebraska Legislature

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$38,181

Cash on Hand: \$21,865



Party Statistics LD 7

Republican-20%

Democrat—48%

Nonpartisan—28%

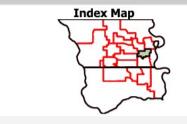






### **District 9**

• Central Omaha: South of Highway 6 and 64 to Center Street, east of 72nd Street to Highway 75



### **Senator John Cavanaugh**

♦ Democrat

Residence: Omaha

♦ Born October 6, 1980 Occupation: Attorney Spouse: Kathleen McGill

Children: 4

### Advanced—70%



2020 General Election

John Cavanaugh - 54%

Marque Snow-46%

# Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

Campaign Expenditures: \$79,928

Cash on Hand: \$68,987

### Julia Palzer

Republican

Residence: Omaha ♦ Born August 14, 1976 Occupation: Attorney

Spouse: Jeffrey Children: 3

## Advanced—30%



Party Statistics LD 9

Republican-22%

Democrat—48%

Nonpartisan—26%

As of 10/1/2024

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

Campaign Expenditures: \$96,141

Cash on Hand: \$11,744









### **District 11**

North Omaha, Fontanelle Boulevard east to Florence Boulevard.
 Belvedere Boulevard south to Cuming Street

# Senator Terrell McKinney

Advanced—45%

Democrat

Residence: OmahaBorn August 17, 1990

• Occupation: Land justice director

♦ Children: 1

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$76,164

• Cash on Hand: \$47,441



2020 General Election
Terrell McKinney—64%
Fred Conley—36%

Party Statistics LD 11

Republican-11%

Democrat-61%

Nonpartisan—24%

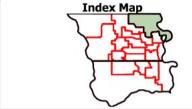






### District 13 (Currently Senator Justin Wayne—term limited)

Parts of North Omaha and Douglas County



### **Nick Batter**

Advanced—38% Nonpartisan

Residence: Omaha

♦ Age 38

Occupation: Corporate Counsel

Spouse: Jill ♦ Children: 3



### 2020 General Election

Justin Wayne—unopposed

## Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$107,509

Cash on Hand: \$66,218

### **Ashlei Spivey**

Advanced—24%

Democrat

Residence: Omaha ♦ Born August 15, 1987

Occupation: Executive director, nonprofit

Children: 2



### Party Statistics LD 13

Republican—25%

Democrat - 47%

Nonpartisan—24%

As of 10/1/2024

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

Campaign Expenditures: \$126,016

Cash on Hand: \$45,257









### District 15 (Currently Senator Lynne Walz—term limited)

Dodge county and part of Douglas county

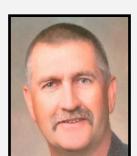
### **Dave Wordekemper**

Advanced—44%

◆ Republican

• Residence: Fremont ♦ Born January 24, 1966 Occupation: Firefighter

♦ Spouse: Barb Children: 2



### 2020 General Election

Lynne Walz—60%

David Rogers—40%

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024 ◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$80,492

♦ Cash on Hand: \$52,840

### **Roxie Kracl**

Advanced—25%

Republican

Residence: Fremont ♦ Born August 19, 1967

♦ Occupation: Director of Sales & Marketing

at Credit Bureau Services

♦ Children: 4

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$57,466

Cash on Hand: \$78,355



Party Statistics LD 15

Republican-54%

Democrat-22%

Nonpartisan—22%

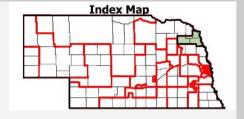






### District 17 (Currently Senator Joni Albrecht—term limited)

• Thurston, Wayne and parts of Dakota and Dixon counties



### Glen Meyer

Advanced—32%

◆ Republican

Residence: PenderBorn March 14, 1951

♦ Occupation: Farmer/Seed sales

♦ Spouse: Lorie Habrock

♦ Children: 3



### 2020 General Election

Joni Albrecht - 68%

Sheryl Lindau—32%

### ◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$57,342

Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

Cash on Hand: \$21,569

### Mike Albrecht

Advanced—41%

◆ Republican

Residence: ThurstonBorn March 31, 1949Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: JoniChildren: 6



## Party Statistics LD 17

Republican—45%

Democrat-32%

Nonpartisan—21%

As of 10/1/2024

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

♦ Campaign Expenditures: \$26,279

◆ Cash on Hand: \$4,871

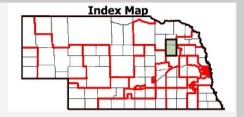






### District 19 (Rob Dover appointed July 2022)

♦ Madison County and part of Pierce County



### Senator Rob Dover

Advanced—36%

◆ Republican

• Residence: Norfolk

♦ Born December 21, 1958

♦ Occupation: Real Estate entrepreneur

Spouse: AnnChildren: 4



# 2020 General Election

Mike Flood—unopposed

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$140,181

• Cash on Hand: \$94,067

### Jeanne M. Reigle

Advanced—39%

◆ Republican

Residence: MadisonBorn August 22, 1958

• Occupation: Retired ag producer

Spouse: JohnChildren: 4



# Party Statistics LD 19

Republican—64%

Democrat—16%

Nonpartisan—18%

As of 10/1/2024

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$134,526

• Cash on Hand: \$41,077







**Index Map** 

### District 21 (Beau Ballard appointed January 2023)

• Northwest Lincoln and North Lancaster county, including the cities of Malcolm, Raymond, Davey and Waverly

Advanced—54%

### **Senator Beau Ballard**

Republican

• Residence: Lincoln ♦ Born May 5, 1994

Occupation: Business Owner

Spouse: Katie

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$172,451

♦ Cash on Hand: \$82,218



2020 General Election

Mike Hilgers-55%

Brodey Weber—45%

### **Seth Derner**

◆ Democrat

♦ Residence: Lincoln ♦ Born January 20, 1975

♦ Occupation: Business Owner

◆ Spouse: Carrie • Children: 2

### Advanced—30%

## Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$172,582

• Cash on Hand: \$84,510



Party Statistics LD 21

Republican—45%

Democrat—28%

Nonpartisan—24%

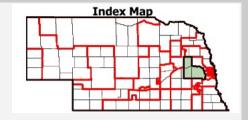






### **District 23 (Currently Senator Bruce Bostelman—term limited)**

◆ Colfax, Saunders and parts of Butler County



### Jared Storm

Advanced—35%

◆ Republican

Residence: David CityBorn March 27, 1971

 Occupation: Pilot, farmer, small business owner

• Spouse: Colleen

♦ Children: 6

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$74,807

• Cash on Hand: \$37,493



2020 General Election
Bruce Bostelman—62%

### **Dennis Fujan**

Advanced—25%

• Republican

Residence: PragueBorn January 23, 1947Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: PatChildren: 2

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$58,023

♦ Cash on Hand: \$16,422



Party Statistics LD 23

Republican-62%

Helen Raikes—38%

Democrat-20%

Nonpartisan—17%

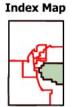






## District 25 (Carolyn Bosn appointed April 2023)

◆ Southeast Lincoln, east central Lancaster County



### **Senator Carolyn Bosn**

Republican

• Residence: Lincoln

♦ Born October 5, 1982

Occupation: AttorneySpouse: Reginald

♦ Children: 4

### Advanced—55%



2020 General Election

Suzanne Geist — 67%

Stephany Pleasant—33%

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

Campaign Expenditures: \$237,330

♦ Cash on Hand: \$57,728

## Nicki Behmer Popp Advanced—42%

♦ Nonpartisan

Residence: Lincoln
Born March 19, 1984
Occupation: REALTOR®

Spouse: JoshChildren: 2



# Party Statistics LD 25

Republican—49%

Democrat—28%

Nonpartisan—21%

As of 10/1/2024

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

♦ Campaign Expenditures: \$118,626

Cash on Hand: \$73,364



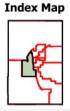






# **District 27 (Currently Senator Anna Wishart—term limited)**

Southwest Lancaster county and southwest Lincoln



### Jason Prokop

Advanced—56%

Democrat

• Residence: Lincoln ♦ Born January 24, 1982

♦ Occupation: Nonprofit director

♦ Spouse: Jennifer

♦ Children: 2



2020 General Election

Anna Wishart - 64%

Brenda Bickford—36%

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024 ♦ Campaign Expenditures: \$174,509

♦ Cash on Hand: \$4,976

### **Dawn Liphardt**

Advanced—44%

◆ Republican

♦ Residence: Lincoln ♦ Born July 7, 1966

♦ Occupation: Executive Director

of NEGOP

Spouse: Martin

Children: 2



Party Statistics LD 27

Republican—37%

Democrat-33%

Nonpartisan—26%

As of 10/1/2024

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$45,165

• Cash on Hand: \$42,357







### **District 29**

♦ South central Lincoln

## Senator Eliot Bostar Advanced—100%

Democrat

Residence: LincolnBorn May 5, 1987

♦ Occupation: Nonprofit executive

Spouse: CarrieChildren: 2

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

♦ Campaign Expenditures: \$127,505

• Cash on Hand: \$316,278



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2020 General Election

Eliot Bostar—55%

Jacob Campbell—45%

Party Statistics LD 29

Republican—34%

Democrat-39%

Nonpartisan—24%

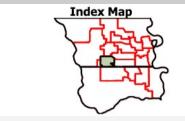






### **District 31**

• South central Douglas County: Center St. down to Harrison St. (north to south), 144th St. to 192nd St. (east to west)



### **Senator Kathleen Kauth**

◆ Republican

Residence: Omaha

♦ Born February 3, 1970

• Occupation: President of K. T. Beck

Enterprises

Spouse: Andrew

Children: 3



2020 General Election

Rich Pahls—53%

Tim Royers—47%

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$255,161

• Cash on Hand: \$30,131

### Advanced—41%

Mary Ann Folchert

◆ Democrat

• Residence: Omaha

♦ Born November 14, 1973

• Occupation: Former teacher and stay at

home momSpouse: DarenChildren: 3



2022 General Election

Kathleen Kauth—53%

Tim Royers—47%

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$125,377

• Cash on Hand: \$86,371

Party Statistics LD 31

Republican—45%

Democrat-27%

Nonpartisan—26%

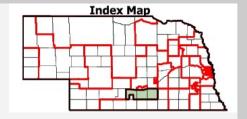






### **District 33 (Currently Senator Steve Halloran—term limited)**

♦ Adams, Kearney, and parts of Phelps County



### **Michelle Smith**

### Advanced—29%

◆ Democrat

• Residence: Hastings

Born October 14, 1984

Occupation: Mental health therapist

♦ Children: 1



# 2020 General Election Steve Halloran-unopposed

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$89,994

• Cash on Hand: \$19,609

### Dan Lonowski

Advanced—40%

◆ Republican

Residence: HastingsBorn June 27, 1962Occupation: Teacher

Spouse: JanetChildren: 5



### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$26,162

♦ Cash on Hand: \$23,622

Party Statistics LD 33

Republican—63%

Democrat—18%

Nonpartisan—18%

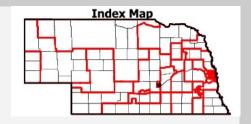






### **District 35**

• Parts of Hall County, including the city of Grand Island



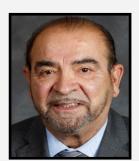
### Senator Ray Aguilar Advanced—49%

♦ Republican

Residence: Grand Island
Born October 24, 1947

♦ Occupation: Retired business owner

Spouse: SusanChildren: 9



2020 General Election

Ray Aguilar-54%

Dan Quick-46%

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

♦ Campaign Expenditures: \$125,087

Cash on Hand: \$151,019

### **Dan Quick**

Advanced—51%

◆ Democrat

Residence: Grand IslandBorn December 29, 1957

 Occupation: Former State Senator and retired welder

Spouse: AliceChildren: 3



Party Statistics LD 35

Republican—44%

Democrat-28%

Nonpartisan—25%

As of 10/1/2024

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

Campaign Expenditures: \$169,947

Cash on Hand: \$139,265

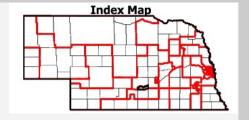






### **District 37 (Currently Senator John Lowe—term limited)**

Parts of Buffalo County, including the city of Kearney



### **Stan Clouse**

Advanced—58%

◆ Republican

♦ Residence: Kearney

• Born December 4, 1956

 Occupation: Account Manager at NPPD and Mayor of Kearney



### 2020 General Election

John Lowe—76%

Mercadies Damratowski— 24%

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$79,956

♦ Cash on Hand: \$57,322

# Lana Peister ◆ Republican

Advanced—33%

• Residence: Kearney

♦ Born September 22, 1979

♦ Occupation: Registered Nurse



## Party Statistics LD 37

Republican—56%

Democrat—19%

Nonpartisan—20%

As of 10/1/2024

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$42,466

♦ Cash on Hand: \$5,227





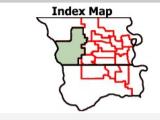


### **District 39** (Currently Senator Lou Ann Linehan—term limited)

Western part of Douglas County, including parts of West Omaha

Advanced—51%

Advanced—49%



### **Tony Sorrentino**

◆ Republican

Residence: OmahaBorn July 26, 1954

Occupation: Professor/Attorney

Spouse: KateChildren: 4



### 2020 General Election

Lou Ann Linehan — 56%

Allison Heimes—44%

# Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024 ◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$188,795

◆ Cash on Hand: \$13,958

### **Allison Heimes**

♦ Nonpartisan

Residence: ElkhornBorn October 29, 1990

Occupation: AttorneySpouse: Benjamin

Children: 3



### Party Statistics LD 39

Republican—54%

Democrat — 21%

Nonpartisan—24%

As of 10/1/2024

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$106,602

◆ Cash on Hand: \$6,583

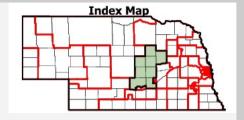






# **District 41** (Currently Senator Fred Meyer, appointed November 2023, will not seek election to full term)

 Boone, Greeley, Howard, Sherman, Valley, Wheeler and parts of Buffalo and Hall Counties



### **Ethan Clark**

### Advanced—39%

RepublicanResidence: Ord

Born December 2, 1991

• Occupation: Marketing/Communications

♦ Spouse: Elizabeth

♦ Children: 1



2020 General Election

Tom Briese—unopposed

Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

Campaign Expenditures: \$106,039

• Cash on Hand: \$28,767

Advanced—45%

### **Daniel McKeon**

Republican

Residence: AmherstBorn May 17, 1966

♦ Occupation: Small business owner

Spouse: TraciChildren: 4



## Party Statistics LD 41

Republican—70%

Democrat-16%

Nonpartisan—13%

As of 10/1/2024

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$40,790

◆ Cash on Hand: \$9,470

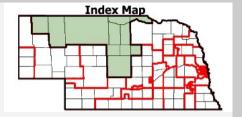






### District 43 (Currently Senator Tom Brewer—term limited)

♦ Blaine, Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Custer, Dawes, Garfield, Keya Paha, Loup, Rock, and Sheridan Counties



### **Tanya Storer**

Advanced—59%

Republican

Residence: WhitmanBorn January 20, 1969Occupation: Rancher

Spouse: EricChildren: 3



2020 General Election

Tom Brewer—58%

Tanya Storer—42%

## Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$125,069

• Cash on Hand: \$74,077

### **Tony Tangwall**

Advanced—41%

Republican

Residence: WhitneyBorn March 3, 1970

Occupation: Farmer and Pastor

Children: 3



## Party Statistics LD 43

Republican—76%

Democrat—11%

Nonpartisan—13%

As of 10/1/2024

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$42,980

• Cash on Hand: \$1,414





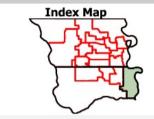


### **District 45**

Eastern Sarpy County, including Southeast Omaha and Bellevue

Advanced—59%

Advanced—41%



### **Senator Rita Sanders**

Republican

• Residence: Bellevue ♦ Born June 30, 1958

Occupation: Commercial Real Estate

Developer ♦ Spouse: Rick Children: 2



2020 General Election

Rita Sanders—54%

Susan Hester—46%

# Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

Campaign Expenditures: \$79,122

Cash on Hand: \$117,577

### Sarah Centineo

Democrat

Residence: Bellevue ♦ Born February 7, 1974

Occupation: Nurse and Attorney

♦ Spouse: Joseph Children: 2



### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$86,397

Cash on Hand: \$18,022

Party Statistics LD 45

Republican—39%

Democrat-29%

Nonpartisan—29%

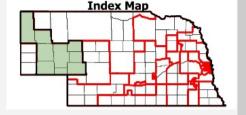






### **District 47 (Currently Senator Steve Erdman—term limited)**

 Arthur, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Deuel, Garden, Grant, Keith, Morrill, and Sioux Counties



### **Paul Strommen**

Advanced—77%

• Republican

♦ Residence: Sidney

♦ Born December 26, 1969

Occupation: Energy Executive

Spouse: Kendra



## 2020 General Election

Steve Erdman—Unopposed

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$70,685

• Cash on Hand: \$76,429

### **Larry Bolinger**

Advanced—23%

◆ Democrat

• Residence: Alliance

• Born December 19, 1968

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

♦ Campaign Expenditures: \$375

♦ Cash on Hand: \$0



Party Statistics LD 47

Republican—69%

Democrat-12%

Nonpartisan—17%







### **District 49**

North Central Sarpy County, including parts of Papillion and La Vista

### **Senator Jen Day**

Democrat

Advanced—43%

 Residence: La Vista ♦ Born July 28, 1981

• Occupation: Business Owner

♦ Spouse: Jonathan

Children: 2



2020 General Election

Jen Day-51%

Andrew La Grone—49%

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024 ◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$190,585

◆ Cash on Hand: \$160,562

### **Bob Andersen**

Advanced—35%

Republican

Residence: Omaha

♦ Born February 11, 1963

♦ Occupation: Retired Air Force

Spouse: Julie Children: 2



Party Statistics LD 49

Republican—45%

Democrat-25%

Nonpartisan—27%

As of 10/1/2024

### Campaign Finances as of October 1, 2024

◆ Campaign Expenditures: \$90,372

Cash on Hand: \$52,019