

IndivisibleNOCO 2025 Voting Recommendation for City Council District 1

This year, Fort Collins will use ranked voting to elect its mayor and city council members. You will rank your choices from most to least preferred candidate. You do not have to rank all the candidates. [Learn more about ranked voting in Fort Collins.](#)

Both Chris Conway and Daisy Montgomery stand out as strong candidates for Fort Collins City Council District 1. IndivisibleNOCO recommends ranking Chris Conway as your first choice and Daisy Montgomery as your second.

Chris Conway has demonstrated a deep commitment to our community, particularly in addressing one of Fort Collins' most urgent challenges: housing attainability. As the son of a local small business owner, he brings firsthand understanding of the pressures facing small businesses and offers practical, thoughtful solutions to support their long-term viability. Mr. Conway grew up in Fort Collins and returned after college to teach in our public schools. His roots in the community run deep, and his dedication is evident in the time and energy he has invested over the past year engaging with District 1 residents. When we spoke with him, he showed a strong command of the issues and had clearly done his homework.

Daisy Montgomery shares many of Mr. Conway's values and policy positions. While she did not demonstrate the same depth of understanding of city issues during our conversation, we are confident in her ability to learn quickly. We were especially impressed by her pragmatic approach to problem-solving and her skill in connecting with people across diverse backgrounds. Ms. Montgomery is also a passionate advocate for neurodivergent individuals and has spoken nationally on the topic, bringing important visibility and insight to this work.

While we support Councilwoman Gutowsky's stance on several issues—including her approach to addressing public nuisance behavior downtown—we fundamentally disagree with her position on a matter we consider critical to Fort Collins' future: housing policy.

Specifically, we oppose her resistance to the [land use code adopted by City Council](#) and then overturned after a [successful petition effort by Preserve Fort Collins](#). Although the City did a poor job communicating these changes to the public, we believe the reforms were a necessary step toward creating attainable housing, advancing climate goals, and reducing traffic congestion. The City is now delayed in addressing these critical challenges. Her opposition to these changes sets her apart from other progressive candidates and was a key factor in our decision not to recommend her for ranking.