

IndivisibleNOCO 2025 Voting Recommendation for Fort Collins Mayor

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.](#)

Fort Collins is fortunate to have four strong, values-driven candidates running for mayor. Of the seven individuals in the race, IndivisibleNOCO identified four as serious and viable contenders who reflect the priorities of our community: Tricia Canonico, Emily Francis, Adam Eggleston, and Shirley Peel. We rank them as follows:

1 and 2 - Tricia Canonico and Emily Francis

3 - Adam Eggleston

4 - Shirley Peel

We encourage voters to closely review the platforms and experience of **Tricia Canonico and Emily Francis**, whom we rank as our top two choices, though we leave the final order to your judgment after reviewing their materials. Both women have served with distinction on City Council and bring deep knowledge of the challenges facing Fort Collins. Their leadership styles and strengths differ, but each would be a compelling and capable mayor.

Emily Francis brings valuable experience to the mayoral role, having served as mayor pro tempore – a position that gave her direct insight into the responsibilities and demands of the office. We were particularly impressed by her thoughtful, well-researched proposals to improve quality of life and support local businesses in Fort Collins.

Tricia Canonico has represented Fort Collins on a range of city, state, and national committees, and she offers a bold, progressive, and achievable vision for the city's future and addressing housing, transportation, environmental and business issues. Her ability to clearly communicate that vision and advocate for Fort Collins on broader platforms sets her apart. We were especially struck by her innovative approach to pooling resources across Colorado municipalities to tackle shared challenges – such as enhancing quality of life and meeting state mandates on environmental and housing regulations.

We recommend ranking Adam Eggleston third. He has a strong record of community involvement, a progressive set of values, and a solid understanding of local issues. However, during our conversations, he did not demonstrate the same depth of insight into the city's more complex challenges as our top two candidates. That said, we believe he has the capacity to grow quickly into a more nuanced understanding.

Shirley Peel, a former City Council member, is now running as an independent after previously campaigning on a conservative platform. She is widely respected by her peers for her thoughtful

listening and openness to changing her views when presented with compelling evidence. **While we recommend ranking Ms. Peel, we place her fourth** among the viable candidates for two key reasons.

First, she was unable to provide a clear response to our question about defending the city against federal overreach – an issue the other candidates addressed with specific strategies. Second, while Ms. Peel has moderated some of her positions, she continues to hold certain conservative views that raise concerns for us about their alignment with Fort Collins' values. For example, she stated that both political parties have problems. While we agree that both parties have problems, we believe the nature and impact of those problems are not morally or practically equivalent.

IndivisibleNOCO does not recommend ranking any other candidate.