

IndivisibleNOCO 2025 Voting Recommendation for City Council District 3

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.](#)

IndivisibleNOCO recommends ranking Joshua Fudge as your first choice for City Council District 3, with Lance Smith as your second.

Joshua Fudge brings a strong combination of progressive values and deep experience in government budgeting—skills that will be essential as Fort Collins faces growing fiscal challenges, including reductions in federal funding. With over 20 years of experience in local government, including more than a decade at Larimer County, Mr. Fudge has worked extensively in budget management, strategic planning, process improvement, and performance measurement. These are critical tools for ensuring Fort Collins remains a thriving, well-managed community.

We ranked Mr. Fudge above Mr. Smith due to his extensive background in these key areas. That said, Lance Smith also has experience in local government and shares progressive values. We believe he would serve District 3 well and represent its interests effectively if elected.

We do not recommend ranking Stephen Yurash. He is running on a conservative platform that does not align with the progressive values of Fort Collins. During his campaign for HD51 against Yara Zokaie, Mr. Yurash employed racist dog-whistle rhetoric in an attempt to discredit Ms. Zokaie—behavior that is unacceptable and has no place in our community.