

Calgary Mayoral Candidates Comparison Matrix (2025) — Alphabetical Order

Candidate	Rezoning / Development	Densification	Community Input	Safety	Taxation / Spending (2025)	Party
Jeff Davison	Said he would repeal blanket rezoning. <i>Quote:</i> 'I would have voted against R-CG bylaw.'	Supports managed densification with safeguards.	Calls for more consultation and review of LAPs.	Platform: 'Safer Communities' — expand policing & frontline services.	2025: Highlighted \$221M mid-year surplus; warned of fiscal mismanagement.	Independent
Jeromy Farkas	Opposed blanket rezoning. <i>Quote:</i> 'Repeal blanket rezoning and replace with a community-informed strategy.'	Supports targeted density near transit, tied to infrastructure.	Supports plebiscites and codified community input.	Emphasized support for first responders and policing.	2025: <i>Respect For Every Dollar</i> plan — zero-based budgeting, lifecycle costing, plain-language reporting. Praised early budget release.	Independent
Jyoti Gondek (Incumbent)	Voted FOR blanket rezoning (May 14, 2024). <i>Quote:</i> defended as 'increasing housing options.'	Strongly pro-densification citywide; affordability via supply.	Relies on Local Area Plans; once statutory, little pause allowed.	Budgeted safety investments but balanced across services.	2025: Supported property tax increases as necessary for services. Full quote: 'To the people saying we could cut it further, I'd love for them to show me the math.'	Independent
Sonya Sharp	Voted AGAINST blanket rezoning; pledged repeal. <i>Quote:</i> called it 'a lazy shortcut.'	Case-by-case 'smart development' tied to infrastructure & character.	Promises to restore public hearings & plebiscites.	Pledged to hire 500 more police officers; stresses accountability.	2025: Voted against recommended tax increases (3.6% in 2025, 3.1% in 2026). Warned: '60% jump in assessments means a big hike.'	Communities First
Brian Thiessen	Calgary Party supports blanket rezoning; Thiessen aligned.	Supports affordability-focused growth near transit.	Emphasizes pragmatic consultation; ex-Police Commission Chair.	Focus on downtown safety & policing; infrastructure investments.	2025: Calgary Party demands 'a better deal for Calgary' and fair share of taxes.	Calgary Party

Footnotes: Council vote May 14, 2024 (Blanket Rezoning). Farkas — 'Respect For Every Dollar' (Sept 2025). Gondek — 2025 tax increases; full quote 'To the people saying we could cut it further, I'd love for them to show me the math.' Davison — 2025 surplus commentary. Sharp — voted against 2025/26 tax hikes; 60% assessment comment; Communities First. Thiessen — Calgary Party platform on tax fairness.