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## **Sioux Falls Nonprofit SoDak 350 Releases 2022 Green Voter Scorecard**

*Local environmental group scores state and local political candidates' stances on climate change, sustainability issues.*

**SIoux FALLS, South Dakota (Oct. 17, 2022):** SoDak 350, a nonpartisan environmental advocacy group, today released their 2022 Sioux Falls Green Voter Scorecard. The Scorecard assesses candidates running for state and county public office in the midterm election based on their expressed views on climate change, clean energy, and other environmental issues.

The Scorecard, available at <https://www.sodak350.org/voter-scorecard-2022>, aims to educate and inform voters to elect leaders committed to tackling the environmental challenges facing South Dakota.

Of the 23 candidates who participated in the assessment, 16 achieved favorable scores. These candidates view climate change as a serious threat to South Dakota and proposed a variety of solutions including consumer education, sustainable land management, and investments in wind and solar energy.

“The good news is that there is some common ground across political parties to work together,” said Mike Heisler, Co-founder and Chair of SoDak 350. “The take home: climate change matters and we all still have a great deal of work in front of us.”

To create the Scorecard, SoDak 350 sent a set of seven questions to candidates running for statewide executive office, legislative candidates in Sioux Falls' nine voting districts, and Minnehaha County candidates.

The questions asked candidates how they plan to approach environmental policy and investments in South Dakota, including in areas such as energy and agriculture. The answers from each responder were then scored by a panel of readers to result in an overall composite rating on a scale from 'Very Favorable' to 'Very Unfavorable'. An overview along with each candidate's detailed responses can be found at <https://www.sodak350.org/voter-scorecard-2022>.

### **About SoDak 350:**

**SoDak 350** is a nonpartisan grassroots movement working to mobilize South Dakotans to take action to address the climate crisis. Through education and community-building, volunteer-led teams are promoting local and state-level climate solutions and advancing a just transition to a sustainable future for South Dakota. SoDak 350 is an independent affiliate of the international environmental organization [350.org](https://www.350.org). Together, 350 is organizing around the world to build a future that's just, prosperous, equitable, and safe from the effects of the climate crisis. Learn more at <https://www.sodak350.org>

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