

## **ERIC J HAUGAARD - KENOSHA CITY COMMON COUNCIL 1ST DISTRICT**

Key findings include:

- **Current role, tenure & latest election:** Incumbent 1st District alderperson for the City of Kenosha; Chair, Board of Park Commissioners and member, Public Safety & Welfare; documented on council since at least 2010) and re-elected on Apr. 2, 2024 with the current term running through spring 2026.
- **Conservative ties:** His endorsement of Mayor Bogdala ties him to the city’s more conservative bloc.

Kenosha is a mid-sized city on Lake Michigan with 98,000–100,000 residents, a median age near 38, and 42,000 households. The population is diversifying: 62.8% White (non-Hispanic), 10.3% Black (non-Hispanic), and 19.7% Hispanic/Latino, with smaller Asian and multiracial shares [[Census](#), 9/26/2025]. The city maintains an industrial base and increasingly functions as a commuter hub between Milwaukee and Chicago.

Politically, the City of Kenosha leans Democratic, while Kenosha County has trended more competitive/right. The county, long Democratic at the presidential level, shifted right in the Trump era and remains a battleground. At the local level, a GOP-backed majority captured the officially nonpartisan County Board in 2022 and subsequently repealed weapons restrictions in county buildings and adopted a “Second Amendment sanctuary” stance [[Kenosha County](#), 9/26/2025] [[Wisconsin Examiner](#), 4/2/2024]. The political climate has also featured election-denial rhetoric: in May 2022 a county supervisor hosted an “election integrity” event in Kenosha that local media described as promoting debunked 2020 claims; around the same period, then-Mayor John Antaramian was subpoenaed in Michael Gableman’s election investigation, which he criticized as a waste of public resources [[Wis Politics](#), 9/26/2025].

Federal context—2020 and 2024. In 2024, Donald Trump carried Kenosha County (official county results show Trump 52% to Biden 46% in the county), even as Joe Biden narrowly won Wisconsin statewide, underscoring the county’s rightward tilt relative to the state. In 2024, U.S. Rep. Bryan Steil won re-election in WI-01, which includes Kenosha, reflecting continued GOP strength in the district; statewide, Sen. Tammy Baldwin won re-election, demonstrating ongoing split-ticket dynamics [[WPR](#), 11/5/2024]. Kenosha County’s official 2024 results are posted by the clerk (including the Nov. 5 general), and the Wisconsin Elections Commission certified statewide 2024 results at the end of November [[Kenosha County](#), 9/26/2025].

### **BACKGROUND**

Eric J. Haugaard is the elected 1st District alderperson on the Kenosha Common Council, where the city lists him as Chairperson of the Board of Park Commissioners and a member of Public Safety & Welfare. He stood for re-election on April 2, 2024 in the nonpartisan spring municipal election, and the city’s 2024–26 roster reflects the Council’s two-year term cycle (placing the next term end in spring 2026). Haugaard has held the District 1 seat for multiple cycles—he appears in the city’s Comprehensive Plan 2035 (2010) as the sitting District 1 alder—indicating long-running service [[Kenosha County](#), 9/26/2025] [[Kenosha County](#), 9/26/2025]. Professionally, a self-reported LinkedIn profile lists him as Director of Product Technology at Cree Lighting in Kenosha, consistent with public posts referencing him in that role [[LinkedIn](#), 9/26/2025]. During the 2024 mayoral race, Mayor David Bogdala’s

campaign publicly highlighted an endorsement from Haugaard, positioning him within the current mayor's governing bloc [[Bogdala's Facebook](#), 3/29/2024].

Haugaard had contributed to Democratic Rep. Tod Ohnstad [[Wisconsin Campaign Finance](#), 9/26/2025]. Harris won this district 58-42.

## **ON THE ISSUES**

**Haugaard Co-Sponsored Pro-Parks Resolutions.** [[Kenosha City](#), 8/26/2024]

**Haugaard Was The Sole Sponsor For The Ordinance That Established Nature Areas in Kenosha.** [[Kenosha City](#), 9/26/2025]

## **VULNERABILITIES & ADVERSE FINDINGS OF NOTE**

### **Haugaard Conservative Ties**

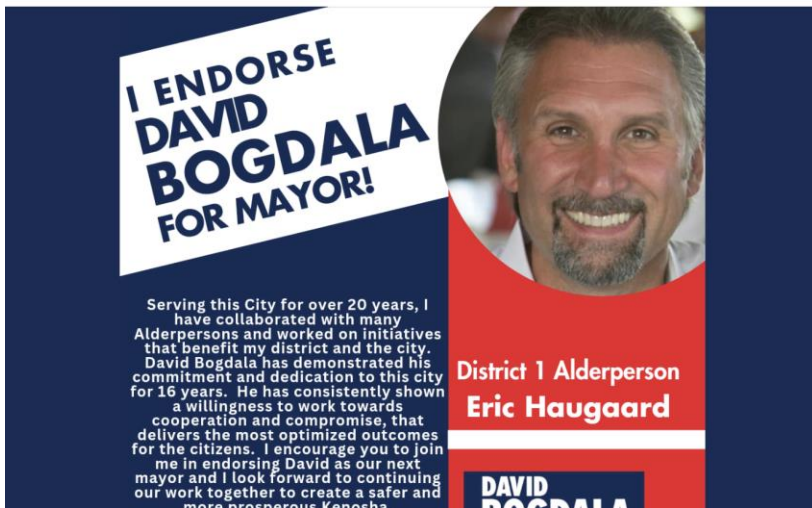
### **Haugaard Endorsed Right-Leaning Kenosha Mayor David Bogdala.**



**Bogdala for Mayor** is in Kenosha, WI. March 29, 2024 · 🌐

Honored to receive the endorsement of my friend and colleague, Eric Haugaard. I learned a great deal about finding common ground and solving legislative problems from him. He is devoted to his district and is always looking to help people. Your support means a great deal to me! Thank you, Eric!

☀️ Join us in our mission to build a stronger Kenosha together! Learn more about our campaign and how you can support us at [VoteBogdala.com](#). #KenoshaLeadership #VoteBogdala



[[Bogdala's Facebook](#), 3/29/2024]

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