

## **GERALD (JERRY) MELLONE - BROOKFIELD CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6 (R)**

Key findings include:

- **Long-Time Alder:** Mellone is a long-time alder for District 6 in Brookfield, first winning the seat in 2006.
- **Conservative Republican:** Wisconsin municipal elections are non-partisan, but Mellone is a Republican. There is no evidence of support of far-right or Trump-aligned individuals. He contributed to Mitt Romney, Ron Johnson, George Bush, and other prominent national and Wisconsin Republicans. Some contributions to Wisconsin Republicans were to individuals who voted with election deniers, but they were also local politicians (e.g. State Senator for Brookfield).
- **Anti-Drop Box:** Mellone voted against the use of absentee ballot drop-boxes in August 2024. He voted against allowing people to use the city's utility bill drop box to deposit their absentee ballots. He also voted against allowing the City Clerk to accept absentee ballots by hand and the use of drop boxes generally.
- **Not Running for Reelection:** Mellone filed a notice of noncandidacy for the April 2026 Spring elections in December 2025.

Brookfield is a suburban city in Waukesha County in the Milwaukee metro area, generally characterized as a wealthier suburb in regional coverage. Brookfield had a population of 41,464 as of the 2020 census. Demographically, Brookfield is majority white with a notable Asian population share.

Brookfield has been one of the primary municipalities involved in the debate over absentee ballot drop boxes. Brookfield's City Council voted to ban the use of absentee ballot drop boxes in August 2024. A complaint was filed against the City of Brookfield with the Wisconsin Elections Commission in September 2024 alleging that the city refused to accept any absentee ballots at polling places and instead required them to be returned to the clerk's office with enough time for the clerk to bring the ballot to the correct polling place to be counted. The man who brought the complaint alleges that when he arrived at the polling place around 5 p.m. he was told he must bring his ballot to the clerk's office but that no one would be there to receive it because city staff was in a meeting [[Urban Milwaukee](#)]. Further, some Brookfield Republican politicians are election deniers, like Scott Fitzgerald (R), whose political base includes the Brookfield area, was among those who voted against certifying 2020 results for certain states on Jan. 6, 2021 [[Election Deniers](#)].

Trump won Brookfield in 2024 53-47. He also won District 6 by a narrow 51-49 in 2024.

### **BACKGROUND**

Mellone has served as alderman in Brookfield since his election in 2006 [[GM Today](#)] when he defeated the incumbent.

Mellone is a Republican; he has contributed to national figures such as Mitt Romney in 2012, George Bush in 2004, the Republican National Committee, and WI Senator Ron Johnson. He also contributed to Leah Vukmir's unsuccessful Senate campaign in 2018 [[FEC](#)]. He also has contributed to many Wisconsin Republican candidates and committees, including the Waukesha County Republican party, Brad Schimel, State Sen. Rob Hutton (Republican State Senator from Brookfield who voted against a second term as Elections Commission Administrator for Meagan Wolfe [[Campaign Finance WI](#)]).

## **ON THE ISSUES**

*Nothing found for first round vet*

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

### **BALLOT DROP-BOX OPPOSITION**

In August 2024, the Brookfield City Council voted to ban the use of absentee drop-boxes in the city [WPR]. The [minutes for the August meeting](#) show Mellone voting for the resolution that banned the use of the utility bill box as a drop-box for absentee ballots. Further, Mellone also voted against authorizing the City Clerk to receive absentee ballots in-person and against the use of drop boxes in Brookfield generally.

### **VOTED AGAINST WEAPONS BAN IN CITY BUILDINGS**

Mellone voted against a 2011 resolution to prohibit firearms and other dangerous weapons, except for those carried by law enforcement officers, from all city buildings. The measure passed with Mellone one of four alders voting against [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, published 11/3/2011].

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