

JESSICA RADUNZEL - GREEN BAY CITY COMMON COUNCIL 4TH DISTRICT

Key findings include:

- **Wisconsin Native:** Radunzel is a Wisconsin native. She is a mom and a business owner. She attended and received a bachelor degree in communication from University of Wisconsin-River Falls. She also served as a flight attendant for United Airlines and has lived in other places, such as Minneapolis, Mexico, and Washington, D.C.
- **First Time Candidate:** It does not appear Radunzel has run for elected office before.
- **Sparse Campaign Infrastructure:** Radunzel recently created a campaign Facebook account on January 9, 2026. However, aside from a post announcing her candidacy and sharing her personal background, political leanings, issue stances, and other campaign messaging were not shared publicly.
- **Potential Alignment with Moderate/Conservative Bill Galvin:** While Radunzel's political leanings were not evident online, she is potentially aligned with former Green Bay District 4 incumbent, Bill Galvin. Galvin circulated nominating petitions for her 2026 candidacy. However, it should be noted an individual who donated to Democrats previously also circulated petitions for Radunzel.
- **Republican Andrew Branam Circulated Nomination Papers for Radunzel:** Green Bay resident Andrew Branam circulated nomination papers for Radunzel. Branam's Facebook likes include Candance Owens, failed election denier Green Bay mayoral candidate Chad Weiniger, and retiring Republican Green Bay Alder, Brian Johnson.
- **Did Not Collect Any Signatures for Nominating Petitions:** Radunzel did not circulate any of her nomination petitions. Green Bay residents Bill Galvin (Republican), Andrew Branam (Republican), and Democrat Justin Thie collected nominating petition signatures for Radunzel. Neither Radunzel nor her partner signed her nominating petitions.
- **Running Against Progressive Candidate:** Radunzel is running against Jon Shelton, the progressive candidate running for the District 4 position. Her late entrance into the race indicates that, while she may not be a Republican, she is unlikely to receive the support of local Democratic officials.

Brown County, Wisconsin, anchored by the city of Green Bay, has a population of about 268,740 residents according to the 2020 Census. The county is majority white 78.6%, with only 2.4% Black, 4.2% Asian, and 10.8% Hispanic, and a demographic mix of older residents, families, and working-class households [[Census](#), 9/17/2025].

Politically, Brown County sits at the center of northeastern Wisconsin's swing-state dynamics. Green Bay leans Democratic, while the surrounding suburbs and rural townships trend Republican, making the county highly competitive but slightly Republican-leaning overall. In presidential elections, Brown County has tilted narrowly Republican in recent cycles [[U.S News](#), 10/1/2024]. According to the Brown County Clerk and the Wisconsin Elections Commission, Donald Trump carried the county in 2020 with 52.7 percent of the vote to Joe Biden's 45.5 percent [[Brown County Clerk](#), 2/22/2024]. Four years later, in 2024, Trump again carried the county with 53.0 percent to Kamala Harris's 45.5 percent. Turnout rose modestly from about 145,000 ballots cast in 2020 to roughly 150,000 in 2024 [[Brown County](#)

[Clerk](#), 2/22/2024]. These results underscore Brown County’s role as a bellwether in Wisconsin politics, closely divided but consistently leaning Republican at the presidential level.

Beyond presidential contests, Brown County reflects broader democracy trends in Wisconsin. Local organizations such as *Project VOTE of Brown County* run turnout competitions among municipalities, with villages like Allouez and Wrightstown recording over 90 percent turnout in the November 2024 general election, and Glenmore and Allouez leading turnout in the April 2025 spring election [[Fox News 11](#), 11/14/2024]. Turnout is highly variable depending on the type of election—around 60 percent in spring contests and as low as 17 percent in the June 2025 primary [[The Aberdeen Insider](#), 6/4/2024].

The county has also been at the center of election integrity debates. In April 2025, a federal judge dismissed a lawsuit by two Brown County women challenging the security of Wisconsin’s MyVote online voter portal, ruling they lacked standing [[WBAY](#), 4/11/2025]. Additionally, the reinstatement of absentee ballot drop boxes by the Wisconsin Supreme Court in 2024 drew criticism from the Brown County Republican Party, which has emphasized election integrity measures, poll worker recruitment, and ballot security [[WPR](#), 4/5/2024].

Green Bay’s 4th City Council District skews Democratic, with an average partisan score of 57.77. Harris won this district in 2024 62-38.

BACKGROUND

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

According to her campaign Facebook, Radunzel is a mom and a business owner. She grew up in Wisconsin and has called Green Bay home for more than seven years. She completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, studying communications, and went on to live in Mexico, Houston, Washington D.C., Maryland, and eventually landed in Green Bay [[Facebook](#)]. Her [LinkedIn](#) states she is a flight attendant for United Airlines, although it also says she lives in Minneapolis and that she also works as an Assistant Store Leader for Kwik Trip in River Falls.

Radunzel hosted a [GoFundMe](#) for hurricane relief for Jamaica following Hurricane Melissa with her partner, [Recordo Neil](#). Neil is the owner and founder of Jam Rock, a live music, karaoke, and pool bar. Neil’s Facebook shares mostly news related to his bar and community events. He likes [Black Lives United - Green Bay](#), indicating he supports Black Lives Matter.

POLITICAL & CAMPAIGN BACKGROUND

Radunzel appears to be a first time candidate. Radunzel’s political leanings were not immediately known; she has not received any endorsements, her campaign materials were sparse, and she has not made any political contributions. Involvement of other local figures and details related to her filing provide some further context as to her candidacy and political leanings, but more information is needed:

1. **Late Entrant into Race:** Radunzel entered the race for District 4 very late, filing on the candidate filing deadline of January 6, 2026.
2. **Did Not Circulate Nomination Papers:** Radunzel did not circulate any of her own nomination papers. Radunzel and her partner did not sign her nominating petitions. Green Bay residents Bill Galvin (Republican), Andrew Branam (Republican), and Justin Thie (Democrat) collected nominating petition signatures for Radunzel.
3. **Running Against Progressive:** As one of her opponents, Jon Shelton, is part of a progressive slate running for Green Bay City Council, she likely will not receive support from local Democrats.

4. **Support from former Incumbent Bill Galvin:** Outgoing incumbent for District 4, Bill Galvin, collected signatures for Radunzel’s nomination [[Green Bay](#)], meaning she may share a similar pragmatic-moderate-conservative outlook to Galvin. However, it should be noted that, while Galvin received endorsements from both political parties in 2024, the Brown County Democratic Party endorsed two candidates and Galvin was *not* the preferred candidate. Further, Galvin’s responses to a 2023 phone bank survey indicated potentially anti-democratic leanings, although his identity could not be entirely confirmed. Further research on Galvin can be found [here](#).
5. **Democratic Donor Justin Thie Circulated Nomination Papers for Radunzel:** One of Radunzel’s nomination paper circulators was Justin Thie. Thie has made a handful of small contributions to Democrats over the years [[FEC](#)].
6. **Republican Andrew Branam Circulated Nomination Papers for Radunzel:** Green Bay resident Andrew Branam circulated nomination papers for Radunzel. Branam’s [Facebook likes](#) include Candance Owens, failed election denier Green Bay mayoral candidate Chad Weiniger, and retiring Republican Green Bay Alder, Brian Johnson.

ON THE ISSUES

No issue stances found

VULNERABILITIES & ADVERSE FINDINGS OF NOTE

No vulnerabilities found

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

[Campaign Facebook](#)

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