

KYLE BRETHAUER - WYOMING CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 (NP)

Key findings include:

- **Recently Appointed City Councilor:** Brethauer was appointed to the District 1 City Council seat in 2025. He has not yet stood for election.
- **Republican:** Brethauer is a Republican, having donated to Republican candidates for years and serving as a precinct delegate since 2014. He appears to have been more heavily involved in the party before the 2020 election, but also made a 2022 contribution to Republican Lindsay Kronemeyer's campaign for MI-HD-43. Kronemeyer supports voting reforms, like stronger voter ID laws and banning drop boxes, and that there has been fraud in recent elections.
- **Tagged Facebook Post Following Insurrection:** Brethauer was tagged in a questionable Facebook post relating to the 2020 election that insinuated the deep state was gaslighting Trump supporters. It is not clear why he was tagged in the post.

Wyoming is a working-class, majority-suburban city of ~77,452 in Kent County, contiguous with Grand Rapids. Kent County, historically Republican, has been competitive-to-blue at the top of the ticket lately. In 2024, Democrats carried the county for president (53-47). Harris won this seat 54-46 in 2024.

Democracy has been a salient local theme: Mayor Kent Vanderwood (a former councilmember) was charged in 2023 in Michigan's "fake electors" case and later publicly reacted when a judge dismissed charges against most defendants in September 2025 [[ABC 13](#), 10/24/2025].

BACKGROUND

Brethauer was appointed to fill the Ward 1 vacancy effective early 2025 and is listed by the city as the sitting Ward 1 council member [[Wyoming](#), 10/24/2025].

Brethauer is a Republican, having served as a Republican Precinct Delegate since 2014 [[Kent County](#), 10/24/2025]. Brethauer attacked Democrats for straight ticket voting before the 2016 election [[Facebook](#), 10/24/2025]. He also ran as a Republican for Kent County Commission, District 14 in 2016 and 2018, losing by a wide margin to the Democrat both times [Kent County, 10/24/2025]. It appears Brethauer was more active in the Republican party before 2020 [[Facebook](#), 10/24/2025].

Brethauer is an information-technology project/EDI (electronic data interchange) manager—recent roles include EDI/Project Manager positions with Lightwell Inc. and York Worldwide Technologies. He also attended Grand Rapids Community College from 2012-2014 [[LinkedIn](#), 10/24/2025].

ON THE ISSUES

Nothing found for first round vet

VULNERABILITIES & ADVERSE FINDINGS OF NOTE

TAGGED FACEBOOK POST

Brethauer was tagged in a [post](#) following January 6, 2021 that indicated the "deep state" were gaslighting Americans. Brethauer did not interact with the post.

DONATIONS TO REPUBLICAN

Brethauer donated to \$100 to Lindsay Kronemeyer's campaign for MI-HD-43 in 2022 [MI BOE, 10/24/2025]. Kronemeyer is quoted saying she supports voting reforms, like stronger voter ID laws and

banning drop boxes, and that there has been fraud in recent elections. Brethauer also donated to the Kent County Republican committee in August 2021.

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

[Personal Facebook 1](#)

[Personal Facebook 2](#)

[LinkedIn](#)