

MICHAEL BREZINSKI-GREEN BAY CITY COMMON COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

Key findings include:

First-time candidate: Brezinski has no prior experience holding elected office and is running for public office for the first time.

Nonpartisan but politically aligned: While the race is officially nonpartisan and Brezinski does not claim a formal party affiliation, his campaign positioning and endorsements place him closer to the city's moderate-to-conservative governing bloc.

Priorities: His platform prioritized public safety, infrastructure upkeep, and property tax stabilization.

Endorsed by outgoing alder Brian Johnson: Brezinski is backed by the departing District 9 alder, Johnson has previously been endorsed by local Green Bay Republicans and supported by outside independent expenditures, including the Wisconsin Conservation Voters Independent Expenditure Committee, creating potential vulnerability by association despite Brezinski himself not taking public partisan positions.

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

Michael Brezinski was raised in Oconto Falls, Wisconsin, in a working-class family. After high school he worked a series of hands-on jobs – logger, farmhand, armored car courier, and ATM technician – before settling into a technical career. He is now a Project Manager at GPRS, a Green Bay–based engineering services company specializing in ground-penetrating radar and 3D laser scanning for utilities and concrete (GPRS has local offices serving Green Bay and Brown County). Brezinski has lived in the Olde Norwood neighborhood of District 9 since 2007 with his wife Abby (they have been married 19 years) and their two daughters. He emphasizes community involvement and volunteerism in his life, and says he and Abby enjoy family time at local parks and events [[Michael Brezinski](#), accessed 1/21/2026].

Brezinski does not appear to have held any prior public office; this is his first political campaign. He portrays himself as a pragmatic, non-partisan problem-solver, saying “city government works best when it takes a practical approach free from political agendas, focused on serving the best interests of the community” [[Michael Brezinski](#), accessed 1/21/2026]. He does not publicly identify with any party, reflecting the nonpartisan nature of the city council. Outgoing District 9 Alderperson and Council President Brian Johnson (a moderate with business background) has endorsed Brezinski’s candidacy for the open seat, suggesting establishment local support. (Johnson told reporters: “I will support him on this and I think he’s going to do a great job”) [[Fox 11 News](#), 12/23/2025].

ON THE ISSUES

Safety and Crime

Brezinski Said He Would Work With “Residents And Police To Improve Street Lighting, Problem Properties, And Support Practical Crime-Prevention And Traffic Strategies That Actually Work.” “Everyone deserves to feel safe on their street. I will work with residents, police, and city departments to improve lighting, address problem properties, and support practical crime-prevention and traffic strategies that actually work.” [[Michael Brezinski](#), accessed, 1/21/2026]

Infrastructure

Brezinski Said “Rough Streets And Abandoned Properties Affect Safety And Property Values.” “Rough city street, cracked sidewalks, and abandoned properties aren’t minor inconveniences—they affect safety and property values. I will push for timely repairs and fair investment in our neighborhood’s infrastructure, and take a practical, realistic approach to redeveloping derelict and underutilized properties—bringing potential new investment and economic growth to the district.” [[Michael Brezinski](#), accessed, 1/21/2026]

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Flooding and Drainage

Brezinski Said He Would Advocate For Long-Term Solutions To Flooding And Poor Drainage. “Flooding and poor drainage are persistent issues that require real attention, not temporary fixes. I will advocate for long-term solutions, better maintenance, and clear communication when problems arise.” [[Michael Brezinski](#), accessed, 1/21/2026]

Taxes and Budget

Brezinski Said He Supported “Keeping Property Taxes Stable And Ensuring Responsible City Spending.” “Individual and families need predictability. I support responsible budgeting, protecting essential services while keeping property taxes stable and ensuring responsible city spending.” [[Michael Brezinski](#), accessed, 1/21/2026]

VULNERABILITIES & ADVERSE FINDINGS OF NOTE

Conservative Brian Johnson Endorsement

Green Bay District 9 Alder Brian Johnson Did Not Seek Re-Election. “Green Bay City Council President Brian Johnson has decided he will not be running for reelection. Johnson, who is also president and CEO of On Broadway, Inc., has served on the council since 2018. Johnson tells FOX 11 he’d like more time for his family and other interests as he found himself devoting about 30 hours per week to his city council role. He also says it's time for fresh ideas on the council. ‘Right now, I think I'll take some time, focus on me a little bit, focus on my daughters, my family, and we'll see what's next,’ Johnson told FOX 11. Johnson has been viewed as a potential candidate to run for Green Bay mayor in 2027, but he tells FOX 11 the possibility played no role in his decision to not run again.” [[Fox 11 News](#), 12/23/2025]

- **Fox 11 News: Brian Johnson Endorsed Green Bay District 9 Candidate Michael Brezinski.** “At least three people have declared their intentions to run for Johnson’s District 9 position. They include Michael Brezinski, Ben DeBaker, and Tarl Knight. Johnson beat Knight in the previous two elections. Johnson says he is endorsing Brezinski in the race. ‘It's not to say there aren't other qualified candidates in the race, but I've told Mike I would support him on this and I think he's going to do a great job,’ said Johnson.” [[Fox 11 News](#), 12/23/2025]
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Johnson Was Endorsed By Green Bay Republicans. “Local Republicans endorsed City Council candidates Jennifer Grant, Andy Nicholson, Bill Galvin, Robert Maccaux, Adrian Liddicoat, Chris Wery, Brian Johnson, Jeff Osborne, Melinda Eck and Bobby Lindsey.” [Green Bay Press Gazette, 3/29/24]

Johnson Was Supported By Wisconsin Conservation Voters Independent Expenditure Committee. “The Wisconsin Conservation Voters Independent Expenditure Committee spent \$49,800 during the filing period on mailers and online advertising that backed or endorsed Prestley, Proffitt, Johnson, Ridderbush, Delie, Hinkfuss and Hutchison.” [Green Bay Press Gazette, 3/29/24]

- **Johnson Received \$4,416.90.** [Green Bay Press Gazette, 3/29/24]

The Democratic Party Of Brown County Said Johnson Supported The “Big Lie” Of A Fraudulent Election. “The Democratic Party of Brown County is claiming two Green Bay City Council members seeking reelection support the idea that the 2020 presidential election was stolen, a theory peddled by former President Donald Trump and some of his supporters. The Democrats' local voters guide, unveiled Wednesday, includes two red-flag images next to the names of council members Brian Johnson and Mark Steuer, with one flag indicating they have ‘known affiliations with the Republican Party’ and the two flags suggesting they have demonstrated support of the so-called ‘Big Lie’ of a fraudulent election.” [[Green Bay Gazette Press](#), 3/18/2022]

- **Johnson Believed Biden Won By 21,000 Votes In Wisconsin’s Presidential Election.** “Both Johnson and Steuer believe that Joe Biden beat Donald Trump by nearly 21,000 votes in Wisconsin's presidential election. Recounts and court rulings confirmed Biden’s win. A legislative audit and a study by a conservative group found no evidence of significant fraud in Green Bay or anywhere.” [[Green Bay Gazette Press](#), 3/18/2022]
- **Johnson Said His Issues With Elections Was At The Local Level And Not Federal Level.** “Johnson said whatever issue he has with elections is isolated to local action, and is not a reflection of the federal level. On multiple platforms, he has stated his belief that Biden legitimately won the election, even in front of conservative audiences.” [[Green Bay Gazette Press](#), 3/18/2022]
- **Johnson Said He Didn’t Believe Malfeasance Occurred During the 2020 Elections.** “Johnson, at the time of his vote, said that he didn't believe malfeasance was at play in the 2020 elections. He told the City Council at the time that he abstained because he didn't want to perpetuate the "false comparisons" of the resolution, which he said turned council member votes either for or against the city of Green Bay, depending on how they voted.” [[Green Bay Gazette Press](#), 3/18/2022]

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