

## **KENOSHA, WISCONSIN ALDERMAN ROCCO LAMACCHIA**

Rocco LaMacchia, Sr. is the alderman for the 5<sup>th</sup> District of the City of Kenosha, Wisconsin. LaMacchia was first elected in 2010 when he defeated the incumbent with 53% of the vote. LaMacchia has run unopposed every two-years since. He has announced plans to seek reelection in 2026. While Kenosha city elections are non-partisan, LaMacchia has posted online multiple policy and political ideologies that identify him as Republican. A professional biography of LaMacchia was not found and information on his employment outside of his public life was minimal. According to his son, LaMacchia worked “McDonald’s, Golden books, factory worker, skyscraper glass installer, electrician and Kidney dialysis Chemical tech.” LaMacchia was elected Kenosha Council president in 2022.

Key findings:

**LaMacchia praised police during riots and violent unrest that occurred in Kenosha in 2020.** In 2020, following the shooting of a Black resident by a white police officer, civil unrest in Kenosha led to protests and the killing of two people by Kyle Rittenhouse. During that time, LaMacchia praised the police, the sheriff, and the National Guard.

**LaMacchia was criticized for racist comments after the 2020 election.** Following the 2020 election, LaMacchia posted on Facebook saying, “When we riot, do we start at Best Buy or Target? I’ve never done this before.” The posts were panned as racist and including the attention of movie-star Mark Ruffalo. The actor shared another post by LaMacchia which read, “They wonder why so many African Americans are in prison.” In another post LaMacchia responded to a question “Where are all the white folks?” with “they’re working.” LaMacchia later apologized for the posts saying, “People are blowing this way out of proportion .... They are adding fuel to the fire and calling me racist because I stood up for (the Christopher Columbus statue).” The Kenosha mayor was critical of LaMacchia calling the comments “irresponsible, misguided, and counterproductive.”

**LaMacchia supported voter ID, in person voting, and questioned the legitimacy of the 2020 election in social media posts.** LaMacchia has a limited record on electoral issues during his time in public service, but supported early voting in 2016. In 2022, however, he said, “My opinion, we need to get rid of absentee voting. Either vote in person or you don’t vote at all. There’s too much cheating going on or looks like it’s cheating going on especially in Dane County Wisconsin.” LaMacchia suggested that Kamala Harris was “installed...like a toilet” in 2024. In 2020, LaMacchia posted multiple times on election day and the following days. Posts included LaMacchia asking, “How come we never find missing Republican ballots???” In another post LaMacchia wrote, “and if you believe there was no fraud I have a bridge to sell you.” During this time LaMacchia also expressed a desire for voter ID and in person voting. After the election on November 6 LaMacchia posted a photo on Facebook that read, “I am totally 100 ok with a re-vote. In person and with an ID!!”

## **BACKGROUND**

### PROFESSIONAL CAREER

**LaMacchia has a LinkedIn profile with minimal information.** Rocco LaMacchia Sr. has a LinkedIn profile that lists his only job as “Tech” at St. Catherine. No dates of employment are listed. No education is listed. [LinkedIn, accessed [11/10/25](#)]

**LaMacchia listed his profession as “Tech at St. Catherine’s Hospital.** [LinkedIn, accessed [11/10/25](#)]

- **LaMacchia’s Facebook page listed his employer as “United Hospital System.”** [Facebook, accessed [11/10/25](#)]

**LaMacchia’s son said his father worked “for McDonald’s, Golden books, factory worker, skyscraper glass installer, electrician and Kidney dialysis Chemical tech.”** According to an Instagram post by Rocco LaMacchia Jr, “Does your career define you? Not this man. He did whatever he has to do to provide for his family. He worded [sic] for McDonald’s, Golden books, factory worker, skyscraper<sup>[sic]</sup> glass installer, electrician and Kidney dialysis Chemical tech. All while being great dad who never missed an event. I am sure there is something that I am missing but today is your day, your last day of work. For the man that gave his all, you now get to enjoy retirement. Congratulations dad! We love you so much!” [Instagram, rocklamacc, [6/3/22](#)]

- **LaMacchia Jr posted that his dad retired in June 2022.** [Instagram, rocklamacc, [6/3/22](#)]

**2022: LaMacchia elected council president.** “Ald. Rocco LaMacchia was unanimously elected City Council president by his colleagues during the city’s organizational meeting Tuesday night. LaMacchia was elected after making a compromise with Ald. Jan Michalski. Michalski pulled his name from consideration for City Council president and nominated LaMacchia. Michalski was elected chair of the Public Safety and Welfare Committee.” [Kenosha News, [4/20/22](#)]

**2010: LaMacchia elected to council, reelected every two years since.** Rocco LaMacchia was first elected to the Kenosha Council in 2010. He has run unopposed every two years since in 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022, and 2024. [Kenosha County Election Results, [4/2/24](#); [4/5/22](#); [4/7/20](#); [4/3/18](#); [4/5/16](#); [4/1/14](#); [4/3/12](#); [4/6/10](#)]

### PHILOSOPHY

**LaMacchia said Tucker Carlson was his favorite show.** “And even though former President Donald Trump wasn’t in Wisconsin, he was top of mind. ‘He’s on Tucker (Carlson), my favorite show,’ said Rocco LaMacchia, of Kenosha. ‘So now I want to hear from the rest of them not what the other guy did wrong. I want them to tell me how to fix this country.’” [Superior Telegram (Wisconsin), 8/24/23]

**LaMacchia: “As for me and my house, we will: salute the flag, stand for the national anthem, kneel before the cross, and serve our lord. Can we hear an amen?”** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [11/2/20](#)]

**2022: LaMacchia said “vote red.”** [Facebook, [9/27/22](#)]

**LaMacchia was critical of lawmakers who skipped Trump's first inauguration.** On January 15, 2017, LaMacchia posted on Facebook, "He is our president elect give them respect of that if you don't like him in 4 years vote him out till then show some balls and show up." [Facebook, [1/15/17](#)]

**LaMacchia said woman who protested Wisconsin electoral votes in 2016 "belongs in a straight jacket."** [Facebook, [12/19/16](#)]

**LaMacchia said he was offered VIP seats to Trump rally.** In a Facebook post about a Trump rally, LaMacchia wrote on Facebook, "I was offered VIP seats but I can't go I have a council meeting Monday night have to take care of you people." [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [10/30/20](#)]

**LaMacchia shared Facebook post that claimed left-leaning media claimed the attempted assassination of Trump did not happen.** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [8/6/24](#)]

**LaMacchia to Biden in Facebook post; "FU."** LaMacchia posted on Facebook, "Biden says he wants unity after calling Trump a threat to democracy and a dictator. FU." [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [7/15/24](#)]

**LaMacchia posted on Facebook that women should "be quiet and listen to him."** LaMacchia posted a photo on Facebook that said, "Do women ever sit back and think 'my man sure does know alot [sic], maybe I should be quiet and listen to him.'" [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [7/11/24](#)]

**LaMacchia on Facebook: "Remember, I'm not heartless I just learned to use my heart less."** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [4/6/24](#)]

- *Note: this post was made four days after the 2024 city election.*

**LaMacchia called mailer by Democratic Party "lies."** On March 30, 2024, LaMacchia posted a photo of a mailer highlighting the record of Dave Bogdala as "lies." LaMacchia wrote, "More lies by the Democratic Party in the mail today." [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [3/30/24](#)]

**LaMacchia shared Facebook post that depicted Donald Trump as Captain America.** [Facebook, [11/6/24](#)]

**LaMacchia shared Facebook photo that said Tim Walz was fueled BLM riots, other issues.** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [8/7/24](#)]

**LaMacchia on Facebook: "trading Brandon for Harris is like crapping your pants and changing your shirt."** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [8/7/24](#)]

**LaMacchia shared Kenosha County Republican election guide for 2025.** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [2/7/25](#)]

**LaMacchia posted photo that said Democratic leaders should "sit down & be quiet until your arrest warrants are finalized."** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [2/6/25](#)]

**LaMacchia shared Kenosha Republican Party endorsements for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Kenosha School Board, and opposition to school tax increase.** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [2/17/25](#)]

**LaMacchia posted on November 5, 2020: “Just remember I made one pledge in my lifetime. And that’s to protect my family at no cost remember that.”** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [11/5/20](#)]

### Kenosha riots

**LaMacchia praised National Guard, police for role in Kenosha riots.** “Ald. Rocco La Macchia, chairman of the Public Safety and Welfare committee, thanked the mayor, county executive, police and sheriff’s departments and the National Guard, saying that they backed the city’s fire department with ‘every call they had.’ ‘My hats off to everybody,’ he said.” [The Journal Times (Racine, WI), 6/1/20]

- **Kyle Rittenhouse shot and killed two protestors in Kenosha.** “A 17-year-old accused of killing two protestors and injuring another with an AR-15-style rifle in Kenosha, Wisconsin, on Tuesday night has been charged as an adult with two counts of first degree homicide and one count of attempted homicide. The teen, Kyle Rittenhouse, also faces charges of recklessly endangering the safety of two other victims and possessing a weapon while under the age of 18. In a complaint released Thursday by the Kenosha County Clerk of Courts, investigators identified the deceased victims as Joseph Rosenbaum and Anthony Huber. A third victim who survived being shot is identified as Gaige Grosskreutz. The shootings happened amid the third night of demonstrations over the Sunday police shooting of Jacob Blake.” [CBS News, [8/30/20](#)]
- **ACLU: Law Enforcement Fueled Violence in Kenosha.** “Our findings reaffirm that law enforcement not only failed to protect protestors, but actively put them in harm’s way by enabling and encouraging predominantly white, right-wing armed civilians and militia groups that night. These actions escalated tensions, heightening rather than diffusing a situation that would ultimately turn deadly.” [ACLU, [12/21/21](#)]

**LaMacchia voted against motion to allow tribute to victims of Kyle Rittenhouse.** “The City of Kenosha Parks Commission voted 4-to-1 on Monday evening to table a vote on whether to approve a controversial request for a marker and tree in a public park in memory of Anthony M. Huber. Hannah Gittings submitted a request for a memorial at Anderson Park for Huber earlier this month. Huber was Gittings’s boyfriend when he was shot and killed by Kyle Rittenhouse after hitting Rittenhouse with a skateboard on Aug. 25, 2020, during civil unrest and chaos in Downtown Kenosha following the police shooting of Jacob Blake two days earlier. A Kenosha jury late last year found Rittenhouse had acted in self-defense when he shot Huber. Gittings, of Illinois, requested permission to purchase a flowering dogwood at the skate park, 8730 22nd Ave. According to Huber’s obituary, skateboarding was his favorite hobby. Aids. Eric Haugaard, Rollin Pizzala, Jan Michalski and Kelly Mackay voted to table the vote. Ald. Rocco LaMacchia voted for denial.” [The Journal Times (Racine, WI), 4/26/22]

### Police bodycams

**LaMacchia authored resolution on police body camera, admitted money was spent elsewhere.** “‘I know you can’t put money ahead of personal safety, but right now, all cities are in a crunch with budget,’ longtime Kenosha Alderman Rocco LaMacchia said. LaMacchia coauthored the body camera resolution three years ago, but admits the city has spent the money elsewhere. ‘Some money got pushed around for other things. We needed a new firehouse,’ said LaMacchia.” [FOX - 6 WITI (Milwaukee, Wisconsin), 8/26/20]

- **Funding for police body camera was delayed.** [FOX - 6 WITI (Milwaukee, Wisconsin), 8/26/20]
- **LaMacchia on police shooting of Jacob Blake: “If he had a body camera on him, we’d know the whole story.”** “Jacob Blake ‘If he had a body camera on him, we’d know the whole story,’ said LaMacchia.” [FOX - 6 WITI (Milwaukee, Wisconsin), 8/26/20]

### Accusations of racism on social media

**LaMacchia posted on Facebook after election of Joe Biden: “When we riot, do we start at Best Buy or Target? I’ve never done this before.”** “Shortly after the Associated Press called the presidential election in favor of Joe Biden, Rocco LaMacchia Sr., alderman for Kenosha’s 5th District, posted a comment on Facebook and Twitter that has drawn the criticism of civic leaders, residents and even Hollywood actor and Kenosha native Mark Ruffalo. Seeming to encourage rioting in Kenosha, the comment drew a response from Facebook that labeled it racially defamatory. The posting read, ‘When we riot, do we start at Best Buy or Target? I’ve never done this before.’” [The Journal Times (Racine, WI), 11/9/20]

- **LaMacchia said: “It was nothing ... What I posted was supposed to be something funny.”** “In a phone interview Monday, LaMacchia said his comment was ‘just a joke over the election’ and not intended to be taken seriously. ‘It was nothing ... What I posted was supposed to be something funny,’ he said. ‘It was like, ‘I’ve never done this (rioting) before, where do I start?’ Someone said we should start at Tenuta’s (Kenosha’s famous deli and market), another person said Bath and Body works.’” [The Journal Times (Racine, WI), 11/9/20]
- **Actor Mark Ruffalo shared LaMacchia racist social media posts.** “On his Twitter feed, Ruffalo asks, ‘What is wrong with this person?’ Ruffalo shared tweets from LaMacchia that included the following statement: ‘They wonder why so many African Americans are in prison.’ In another tweet, part of a conversation with someone with the handle Bill Barber, LaMacchia answers Barber’s question ‘Where are all the white folks?’ LaMacchia’s answer: ‘Working.’” [The Journal Times (Racine, WI), 11/9/20]
- **LaMacchia: “People are blowing this way out of proportion .... They are adding fuel to the fire and calling me racist because I stood up for (the Christopher Columbus statue).”** LaMacchia insists he is not a racist. ‘People are blowing this way out of proportion .... They are adding fuel to the fire and calling me racist because I stood up for (the Christopher Columbus statue).’” [The Journal Times (Racine, WI), 11/9/20]
- **LaMacchia claimed in 2020 that he was “done” with social media.** “LaMacchia says he is done with social media. ‘It was all a joke — people who really know me know I’m not racist. I am getting beat up over nothing.’ ‘Facebook is supposed to be a fun way to see your kids and grandkids — if I was going to doing something (like riot) would I put it on Facebook?’” [The Journal Times (Racine, WI), 11/9/20]

**Kenosha mayor called LaMacchia comments “irresponsible, misguided, and counterproductive.”** “Mayor John Antaramian responded Tuesday night to Ald. Rocco LaMacchia’s recent social media post that went viral and appeared to encourage rioting in Kenosha, drawing not only local but national attention to a city still in the process of healing from the aftermath of the police shooting of Jacob Blake. ‘I am aware of comments made by Fifth District Alderman Rocco LaMacchia on a recent Facebook post

and other questionable social media posts he has made in recent months. Frankly, I am very disappointed with him. The alderman's comments were irresponsible, misguided, and counterproductive to our city's efforts to heal and build a better Kenosha." [The Journal Times (Racine, WI), 11/10/20]

**LaMacchia apologized for posts.** "Alderman Rocco LaMacchia, in response to a comment he made on social media over the weekend that appeared to encourage rioting in Kenosha, and was flagged by social media giant Facebook as being racially defamatory, issued the following apology Tuesday night: 'I deeply apologize for the pain that I caused my fellow Kenoshans by making a statement on Facebook that was rife with implied racism. 'While the Facebook post was a very poor attempt at humor, I now understand that it simply was not funny. There is no humor in violent unrest that can lead to the loss of life and property and the intimidation of people. And I should have known better.'" [The Journal Times (Racine, WI), 11/10/20]

**LaMacchia said he would "learn and grow from my mistakes and better position myself to sincerely contribute to Kenosha's healing, unification, and growth."** "To that end, I will be meeting shortly with a variety of community leaders, my colleagues on the Kenosha Common Council, and African American faith leaders, to learn and grow from my mistakes and better position myself to sincerely contribute to Kenosha's healing, unification, and growth. Again, I deeply apologize for any hurt my comments caused. I take full ownership and am committed to being a better person and to learning from my mistakes.'" [The Journal Times (Racine, WI), 11/10/20]

## ELECTION AND VOTER ISSUES

**LaMacchia defended Musk political donations to state candidates in Wisconsin.** "I see the elections on Tuesday. So Musk is buying Wisconsin? Judge Susan Crawford gets 77% of her donations from out of state. Judge Schimel gets 15% out of state funds. Sounds like she's the one being bought!" [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [3/29/25](#)]

**2016: LaMacchia supported early voting.** In a Facebook post, LaMacchia wrote, "Early voting for Nov. 8 Election starts Oct. 3, please make sure you vote. Every vote counts." [Facebook, [9/17/16](#)]

**2022: "My opinion, we need to get rid of absentee voting."** In a Facebook post LaMacchia wrote, "My opinion, we need to get rid of absentee voting. Either vote in person or you don't vote at all. There's too much cheating going on or looks like it's cheating going on especially in Dane County Wisconsin." [Facebook, [4/3/25](#)]

### Electoral History

**2026: LaMacchia submitted paperwork to run for Alderperson City of Kenosha District 5.** [City of Kenosha, Declaration of Candidacy, [10/20/25](#)]

**2024: LaMacchia ran unopposed for District 5.** [Kenosha County Election Results, [4/2/24](#)]

**2022: LaMacchia ran unopposed for District 5.** [Kenosha County Election Results, [4/5/22](#)]

**2020: LaMacchia ran unopposed for District 5.** [Kenosha County Election Results, [4/7/20](#)]

**2018: LaMacchia ran unopposed for District 5.** [Kenosha County Election Results, [4/3/18](#)]

**2016: LaMacchia ran unopposed for District 5.** [Kenosha County Election Results, [4/5/16](#)]

**2014: LaMacchia ran unopposed for District 5.** [Kenosha County Election Results, [4/1/14](#)]

**2012: LaMacchia ran unopposed for District 5.** [Kenosha County Election Results, [4/3/12](#)]

**2010: LaMacchia defeated Kathy Carpenter for District 5 Alderman position.** In April 2010, Rocco LaMacchia defeated incumbent Kathy Carpenter. LaMacchia received 53% of the vote. [Kenosha County Election Results, [4/6/10](#)]

## **VULNERABILITIES AND ADVERSE FINDINGS OF NOTE**

### FINANCIAL AND TAX

**LaMacchia is listed as defendant in small claims case with hospital system for \$4,172.02.** Rocco and Mary LaMacchia are listed as dependents for a judgement of \$4,172.02 with Froedtert South, Inc. (fka United Hospital System, Inc.) filed in the Wisconsin court system on July 8, 2019. [Kenosha County Case Number 2019SC002342 Froedtert South, Inc. (fka United Hospital System, Inc.) vs. Rocco J LaMacchia et al, 7/8/19]

**LaMacchia is listed as a defendant in small claims case for \$374 with Acar Leasing Ltd.** [Kenosha County Case Number 2017SC000076 Acar Leasing Ltd. vs. Rocco J. La Macchia, 1/11/17]

**LaMacchia named in lawsuit in official capacity as Alderman over liquor license.** [Kenosha County Case Number 2012CV002464 William Koprovic vs. City of Kenosha et al, 12/6/12]

**LaMacchia listed as a defendant in small claims for \$269.50 judgment from credit union.** [Kenosha County Case Number 2009SC004302 AM Community Credit Union vs. Rocco J LaMacchia Sr, 10/19/09]

**LaMacchia and insurance company listed in Personal Injury/Automobile lawsuit.** In 2008, LaMacchia was listed as a defendant, along with American Family Mutual Ins Co, in a personal injury case filed in the Milwaukee County civil court. The case was dismissed in September 2009. [Milwaukee County Case Number 2008CV011007 Laura E Fagan vs. American Family Mutual Ins Co et al, 8/6/08]

### LEGAL

*No criminal cases were found in the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access database or LexisNexis SmartLinx Person Report.*

### SEX OFFENDER STATUS

**No adverse findings of note.** [Department of Justice, "Rocco LaMacchia," National Sex Offender Registry Search, accessed 10/31/25]

### SOCIAL MEDIA

LaMacchia maintained a Facebook profile ([HERE](#)), no Twitter profiles was found. An [Instagram profile](#) was found but contained only two pictures. [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) profiles were found for his son who

goes by the same name of Rocco LaMacchia. LaMacchia was an avid poster on his Facebook page posting multiple times per week, often multiple times per day. No posts were found from November 8, 2020, until March 11, 2022.

### Racist Posts

**LaMacchia posted photo of Melania Trump that read: “Jasmine Crocket I speak five languages while you struggle with English.** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [8/6/25](#)]

**LaMacchia posted on Facebook: “Stop thinking you’re going to be called for war. Half of you don’t even show up to work.”** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [6/24/25](#)]

### Posts on Violence

**LaMacchia threatened violence toward “rioters.”** “If rioters come to your area please remember, don’t be a litter bug. Pick up your brass.” [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [6/14/25](#)]

### Posts on 2024 Election

**LaMacchia posted photo on Facebook that suggested Kamala Harris was “installed...like a toilet.”** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [11/1/24](#)]

**LaMacchia posted on Facebook during 2024 election: “They call us garbage but at least we know which bathroom to use.”** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [11/1/24](#)]

**LaMacchia reposted a photo on Facebook critical of state of Wisconsin for not removing RFK Jr from presidential ballot while removing Joe Biden in favor of Kamala Harris.** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [10/25/24](#)]

**LaMacchia posted image that said, “The CIA will replace waterboarding with a video of Kamala reading her new book.”** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [8/1/25](#)]

### Posts on Democrats

**LaMacchia posted that Democrats were “torching Teslas and begging for MS-13 thugs to be brought back to America.”** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [3/18/25](#)]

### LGBTQ Issues

**LaMacchia posted meme on transgender athletes.** LaMacchia posted a meme with the text, “men used to lie about their age to go fight in wars. Now they lie about their gender to beat women in sports.” [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [6/1/25](#)]

### 2020 Election related posts

**November 8: “I found out it’s amazing that if you post your feelings you could be called racist sad have a great day everybody.”** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [11/8/20v](#)]

**November 6: Thank God!! Supreme Ct. just ordered you [sic] states to Comply. Immediately!** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [11/6/20](#)]

**November 6: “Just asking. We’re being told to accept the results by the same people who’ve spent 4 years not accepting the results...You cant make this shit up.”** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [11/6/20](#)]

**November 6: “How come we never find missing Republican ballots???”** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [11/6/20](#)]

**November 6: “And if you believe there was no fraud I have a bridge for sale.”** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [11/6/20](#)]

**November 6: LaMacchia shared a photo that read: “I am totally 100 ok with a re-vote. In person and with an ID!!”** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [11/6/25](#)]

**November 5: LaMacchia shared a photo that read: “You Know what would fix all of this? Voting in person with an ID.”** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [11/5/20](#)]

- **LaMacchia replied to his photo saying: “Oh wait the Democrats will never allow this they can’t win this way legally.”** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [11/5/20](#)]

**November 4: LaMacchia posted “and the cheating begins” in response to election related Facebook post.** LaMacchia commented on a photo that read “Wisconsin has more votes than people who are registered to vote.” [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [11/4/20](#)]

**November 3: LaMacchia shared photo that read “Did anyone stop to think that maybe Republicans may have mailed in, voted early, AND showed up in person?? Because they’re pissed OFF?? Think about that.”** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [11/3/20](#)]

**November 3: LaMacchia shared photo that read “So does the civil war start Tuesday night, or Wednesday morning? Trying to plan my week...also, do we stock up on TP for this one too?”** [Facebook, roccolamacchiasr, [11/3/20](#)]