



Methodology:

Results are based on an online survey conducted from July 30 to August 1, 2026, among 401 likely voters in the City of Vancouver. The data has been statistically weighted according to Canadian census figures for age, gender and region in the City of Vancouver. The margin of error—which measures sample variability—is +/- 4.9 percentage points, nineteen times out of twenty.

All things considered, do you have a positive or negative opinion of each of the following municipal political parties? – “Very positive” and “Moderately positive” listed

Green Party of Vancouver – 51%
Vancouver Liberals – 48%
OneCity Vancouver – 44%
A Better City (ABC) – 42%
TEAM for a Livable Vancouver – 41%
Coalition of Progressive Electors (COPE) – 35%
Vote Vancouver – 34%

1/3 of the Vote Could Suffice in Vancouver's Mayoral Election

Few likely municipal voters held positive views on the recently abandoned Villages Plan.

Vancouver, BC [August 6, 2026] – Three candidates have emerged as challengers to Ken Sim in Vancouver's mayoral election, but many likely voters are still pondering their options, a new Research Co. poll has found.

The online survey of a representative sample of municipal likely voters measured favourability for local politicians, positive perceptions of political parties, voting behaviour in the mayoral and Council elections, and perceptions on the Villages Plan that was originally introduced by Mayor Ken Sim [in October 2023](#), but was ultimately rejected by City Council in a 10-1 vote [on July 28](#).

Just under two-in-five likely voters in Vancouver (39%) hold favourable views on current mayor Ken Sim of A Better City (ABC). The rating is slightly higher for former mayor Kennedy Stewart (40%) and Pete Fry of the Green Party of Vancouver (45%).

More than a third of likely voters in Vancouver (36%) hold favourable views on Colleen Hardwick of TEAM for a Livable Vancouver. Kareem Allam of the Vancouver Liberals is next on the list (33%), followed by Rebecca Bligh of Vote Vancouver (31%), William Azaroff of OneCity Vancouver (25%) and Stephanie Allen of the Coalition of Progressive Electors (COPE) (24%).

When likely voters are asked about their impression of municipal political parties, 42% hold a positive opinion of ABC. Three parties are ranked higher: OneCity (44%), the Liberals (48%) and the Greens (51%). The rating is lower for TEAM (41%), COPE (35%) and Vote Vancouver (34%).

Among decided voters in the mayoral race, incumbent Sim is first with 30 per cent, followed by Allam and Fry with 19% each, and Hardwick with 14%. Support is in single digits for Bligh (7%), Azaroff (5%), Allen (4%) and other candidates (3%).

“The presence of many credible mayoral candidates has made it difficult for likely voters in Vancouver to solidify their choice for mayor,” says Mario Canseco, President of Research Co. “More than a quarter of likely voters in Vancouver (26%) are undecided in the election, including 36% of those aged 55 and over.”

One-in-five likely voters (20%) think Allam is best positioned to defeat Sim in the October mayoral election, while 14% select Fry



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and 11% choose Hardwick. Almost two-in-five likely voters (39%) cannot pick a particular candidate as the favourite to defeat Sim.

In the election for City Council, 42% of likely voters say they would “definitely” or “probably” cast a ballot including candidates representing the Green Party. ABC is second on this question (40%), followed by TEAM and the Liberals (each with 35%), OneCity (34%), Vote Vancouver (32%) and COPE (26%).

Over the past year, only two-in-five likely voters (40%) had seen, read or heard anything about the Villages Plan.

When asked to gauge the proposal based on what they have seen, read, heard or experienced, fewer than one-in-five likely voters (18%) provided a positive assessment of the Villages Plan, while 47% expressed negative views and 35% were not sure.

A final question allowed respondents to the survey to read the overview of the Villages Plan. After being exposed directly to this information, positive views rose by six points to 26%, while negative opinions increased by 10 points to 57%.

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