

Republican Candidates for Governor in the June 2, 2026 Primaries

EDDIE ANDREWS



Edgar Lee Andrews (born May 31, 1966) is a tech entrepreneur and minister who has served as a member of the Iowa House of Representatives for the 43rd district since 2021.

Andrews was born and raised in Iowa and lives in Johnston, Iowa. He attended the University of Iowa where he obtained a BA in electrical and computer engineering, began master's programs at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and Iowa State University, completed his ministerial training at the Purpose Institute, and has begun a master's in biblical languages at Shiloh University.

Andrews is married to Betty Andrews, his high school sweetheart. Together they raised two daughters, a niece, and adopted a son who died. Andrews founded #mentoromics, a now-private youth program that teaches free coding specifically for making entrepreneurs with STEM skills. He founded the Des Moines Spanish Conversation group two decades ago and co-pastored Iglesia Pentecostal del Nombre de Jesus for a decade.

In a news release announcing his candidacy, Andrew said, "Parents will have diverse schooling options to help every child thrive. Our communities will be safe, with well-resourced law enforcement. I will destroy the human trafficking industry in our state. I'll grow our economy by eliminating property taxes and reducing other taxes. I'll defend our freedoms and keep Iowa a place where faith, family, and hard work can thrive."

Source: [GOP candidates for Iowa governor voice their opposition to CO2 pipelines • Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)

RANDY FEENSTRA



Randall Lee Feenstra (born January 14, 1969) is a businessman serving as the U.S. representative for Iowa's 4th congressional district. Feenstra served in the Iowa Senate from the 2nd district from 2009 to 2021. He was the Sioux County treasurer from 2006 to 2008.

Feenstra is a Business professor at Dordt University. He received a B.S. from Dordt College and an M.A. in public administration from Iowa State University. In 2022, Feenstra received a Doctor of Philosophy in business from Northcentral University.

Feenstra is a 4th generation Iowan. He married his wife Lynette in 1996. They have four children. They live in Hull, Iowa. Randy is a true Christian conservative and has been a leading voice defending life, including fighting to defund Planned Parenthood, sponsoring a bill that defined life at conception and is a strong supporter of amending the Iowa Constitution to not grant the right to an abortion. He is a former Deacon and teaches Sunday school.

Randy is a Constitutional Conservative with a record of delivering results to defend our God-given liberties, like our 2nd Amendment. In the Iowa Senate, Randy supported the largest expansion of 2nd Amendment rights in Iowa history. He supported Iowa's stand your ground law, co-sponsored the constitutional carry bill and has helped stop the implementation of red flag laws in Iowa.

Feenstra supports the federal tax credits that could go to the developer of a proposed carbon pipeline, but Feenstra opposes the Iowa Utilities Commission's decision to give Summit Carbon Solutions authority to seize land from unwilling property owners along the pipeline route.

“I don’t believe eminent domain should be used,” Feenstra said during an interview with KILR. “I mean I absolutely said this all along, that the conversations must be between the landowner and the private company. They must come to an agreement, but you cannot use eminent domain. I’ve always said this and I’ve never wavered on this. This has always been my stance for the last two years.”

[Feenstra says Summit shouldn't use eminent domain for pipeline - Radio Iowa](#)

Feenstra has long argued that homegrown Iowa ethanol will help make the U.S. energy independent and that carbon capture would enhance Iowa’s ethanol industry and support Iowa’s corn growers.

ZACH LAHN



Zach Lahn (born Feb. 1986) is a sixth-generation Iowan living in Belle Plaine, Iowa and is a farmer, educator, and businessman. Lahn previously worked for Americans for Prosperity, a Libertarian conservative political advocacy group. He was raised in western Iowa, earned a pilot’s license and graduated from the University of Colorado, according to his campaign news release. Lahn is married with seven children and founded Homeplace Ventures, an Iowa-based company that focuses on agriculture, real estate, and technology investments. His wife, Annie, is the ex-wife of Charles Koch Jr. She's then, of course, the ex- daughter-in-law of billionaire Charles Koch. Lahn worked for the Koch family for years fundraising for them and leading a Koch-backed political advocacy group. He talks about how he and his wife started a school - but he did it with then not wife as he partnered with Charles and Annie Koch back in 2018. The school is called Wonder, a private Montessori-style preschool and grade school on the campus of Wichita State University.

Annie had 3 kids with Charles Koch before she divorced him after 10 years, in 2020. She then married his fundraiser and partner/co-financier, Zach Lahn.

Lahn said that he will work for priorities that benefit family farmers.

“I believe the soil beneath our feet is not a commodity for hedge funds or foreign governments. It is inheritance,” his campaign website stated. It continued, “Iowa land belongs in Iowa hands. We will expose every shell company, ban secret ownership, and tax absentee investors and use the funds to help young Iowa families begin their farming legacy.”

BRAD SHERMAN



Brad Sherman (born 1953?) is a pastor from Williamsburg, Iowa, who served one term in the Iowa House from January 2023 to January 2025.

Sherman said he's running on a platform of lowering property taxes, stopping human trafficking, protecting Iowa landowners from carbon capture pipelines, building a "culture of life" and improving education.

Sherman was also an early endorser of President Donald Trump ahead of the 2024 GOP presidential caucuses.

Sherman has been involved in pastoral leadership and church ministry in Iowa for four decades. He completed his ordination in 1979 and has worked with various anti-abortion organizations, according to his campaign website.

Sherman and his wife Carole have four children and 13 grandchildren. He was born in Missouri and moved to Iowa in 1981, currently residing in Williamsburg,

Political Stance: Sherman is known for his anti-establishment views, support for property tax reductions, opposition to carbon capture pipelines, and advocacy for a “culture of life”.

Beyond his religious work, he has experience in: Heavy equipment operation and mechanics; Commercial and residential construction; Real estate development; Nonprofit leadership.

ADAM STEEN



Adam Steen (born June 19, 1980) previously worked for Kim Reynolds as director of the Iowa Department of Administrative Services

Steen said he wants the Legislature to pass a “simple, clean” bill that bans the use of eminent domain for carbon capture pipelines.

Steen said there had been some speculation online about what type of candidate he would be.

“Let me tell you, from my own lips, who I am: I am the faith guy,” Steen said. “I’m a Jesus guy. I’m a Make America Great Again guy. I’m a common-sense policy, America first, people first guy.”

Source: [Former Iowa administrator Adam Steen announces GOP campaign for governor • Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)

Before leading DAS, Steen was the director of business development at Syverson Strege, a financial services firm, and had previously owned a management consulting firm called 25 Connections. He also was a minor league baseball relief pitcher in 2002, playing for the Philadelphia Phillies and Batavia Muckdogs.

Source: [Interview: Adam Steen for Iowa Governor - The Iowa Podcast](#)

Steen supports a Convention of States, Sherman and Andrews do not.

Steen said he agrees with Iowa GOP platform that abortion policy should be dictated at the state level, Sherman and Andrews said it should be handled federally.

There was a discussion about the Satanic Temple of Iowa display where Steen said he allowed it the first year because of policy and they would have lost a lawsuit and still had to allow the display. Sherman and Andrews said they would not have.

Steen has received the endorsement of Bob VanderPlaats and the Iowa Family Leader.

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