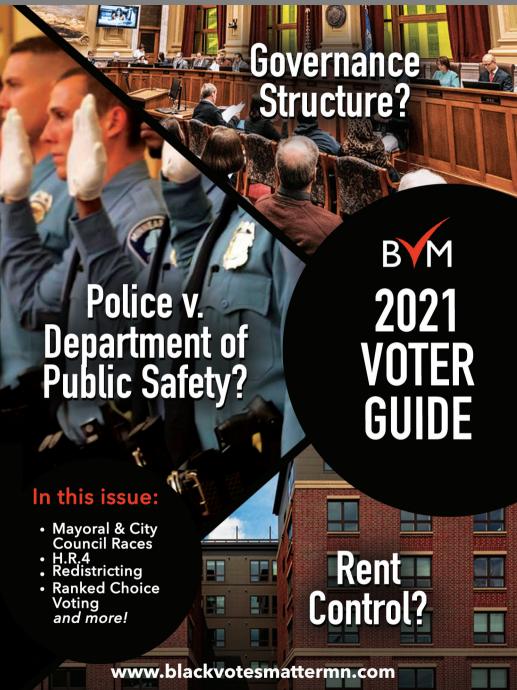
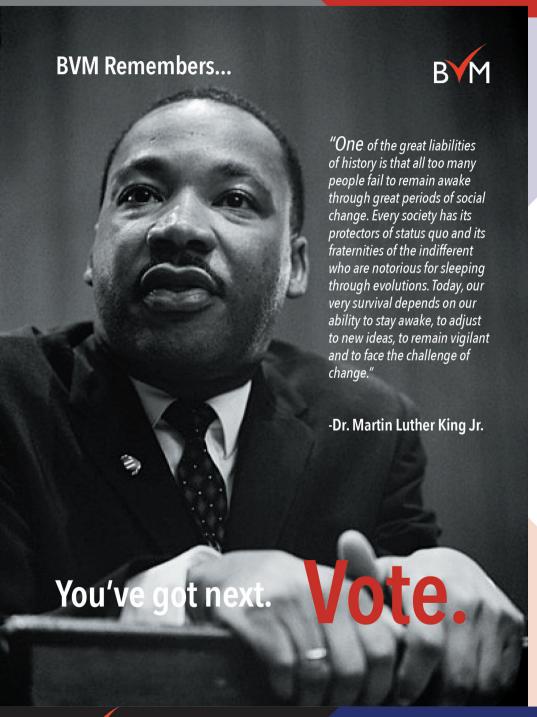
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Election 2021: Everything you Need to Know to VOTE!

Election 2021 is an important municipal election. Minneapolis voters will be voting on three referendum questions related to the future of the City Council Governance Structure, Public Safety, and the potential for a Rent Control Ordinance; mayor, city council, board of estimate and taxation representation, and park board commissioners. Voters in St. Paul will vote on a referendum question related to a Rent Control Ordinance, mayor, and school board members. Cities across Minnesota are voting on mayoral and/or city council seats. Voter turnout is projected to be unprecedented, with voters at the polls, voting in-person via absentee ballot before the election, or mailing in their absentee ballot. Here's what you need to know to prepare...

Early voting started September 17th, 2021. All voters can vote early by absentee ballot in Minnesota. No excuse or reason is needed. Voters can cast a ballot in person via absentee ballot in advance of Election Day or at their polling place on Election Day.

Register to Vote

To vote in the United States, you must be a US citizen and 18 years old on, or by, Election Day. In Minnesota, voters must be a Minnesota resident for 20 days. Ex-offenders who have completed all parts of a felony conviction are eligible to vote.

Election Day Voter Registration

In Minnesota you can register to vote and VOTE, on election day. You can also register to vote online and by mail. Not sure if you're registered or not? Check your status online at: https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/

3 Ways to Vote, Choose One!

Early voting opens 46 days before an election. Early voting began September 17, 2021, and will be available through 5 p.m., Monday, November 1st, 2021. Visit our website for early voting locations near you.

Vote Early by Mail

You can vote early via absentee ballot by requesting one be mailed to you. Your completed ballot must be received by Election Day.

Vote Early In-Person

Select early voting locations are open now. Visit www.blackvotesmattermn.com to see which city and county offices are available. You will be required to wear a mask and abide by all COVID-19 safety protocols.

Vote on Election Day
Election Day is Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021. Polls are open 7am-8pm. Due to COVID-19, voters are asked to social distance in-line and wear face masks. Check if your polling location is operative as locations may have changed.

https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/election-day-voting/where-do-i-vote/
Curbside voting will be available for anyone who cannot enter a polling place, for any reason, including health reasons. Remember...This year's Minneapolis ballot has three referendum questions and St. Paul's ballot has one. Complete both sides of your ballot!

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Letter from The Publisher

Yes Or No? That is the question.

On May 25th, 2020, the world held its breath for 8 minutes and 46 seconds as we watched, in horror, the life force of a Black Man slowly seep out of him. Not since 9/11 has the world come to a halt. But this was different. Was it restlessness from being quarantined for over 2 months? Was it the finalstraw that broke a community heavy from the weight of policing that's kept its knee on the necks of Black and Brown people throughout its entire 150 year history? Or was it that America was seeing, for the 'first time', the raw, unfiltered, diabolical act of watching someone sworn to 'protect and serve' wilfully take the life of another human being? Is it all of the above? Either way, the world seemed to **finally** believe Black people. Finally, everyone understood: we have a problem.

The murder of Jamar Clark by MPD in 2015 prompted the creation of Black Votes Matter MN. As the Hennepin County Attorney cited statute after statute to support his decision not to bring charges against the officers who killed Clark, it was clear an entirely different approach was necessary. The laws either had to change, or existing laws had to be enforced. Something's got to give. The world wants change...but is it **ready** for change?

On November 2nd, 2021, Minneapolis voters will decide between 2 ballot amendments, and a third proposal for rent control. If we're being honest, persistent systemic barriers, policies and people have hindered wellintentioned leaders from making the fundamental changes we all know are desperately needed. Not just with law enforcement, but with housing, the workplace, education and healthcare.

The proposals - no matter where you stand on the issues - force a conversation longoverdue. This is your 'come to Jesus' moment. Do you want change - and all that comes with it? Or do you want more of the same? Will maintaining the status guo bring about change? Change sounds sexy, but true change is more than cool hashtags. It's uncomfortable, scary, even. It involves work. Even harder when you haven't seen it before.

Elections can drive change, or they can keep things the same. Local elections have local impact. But know this: the outcome of this election will affect you and your family for years to come. As a voter, you must be clear about the implications of your decision, doing so in good faith. As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, said, 'we must accept the challenge of change'. But let's be clear: both measures will require work after the Election. George Floyd fought for dear life for 8 minutes and 46 seconds. It will take you less time to decide the future of our community in the polling booth, VOTE November 2nd.

Anika Robbins Founder, Black Votes Matter MN



The Issues...and why you should VOTE!

Affordable Housing

An estimated 8 million Americans were experiencing homelessness - before COVID-19. In Minnesota, 10,000 families and individuals - mostly African Americans and Youth - are unsheltered on any given night. A growing number of Seniors also experience homelessness. Low affordable housing stock, discrimination, and growing income disparities exacerbate the issue. Since Covid-19, Hennepin County has received over 332,000 unemployment insurance claims, and Ramsey County has received over 143,000 claims. Despite eviction moratoriums, currently being phased out, thousands will still face evictions. In the past two years Minneapolis and St. Paul have seen unprecedented numbers of homeless encampments pop up all over the city. This increase in numbers and visibility has shown up at city parks and in residential neighborhoods, galvanizing residents and elected officials into action. More deeply affordable housing, subsidies and rent control measures are needed. On November 2nd, Minneapolis and St. Paul voters will decide on the possibility of a rent control ordinance being enacted.

Affordable Healthcare

Over 30 million Americans are uinsured. Disprportionatly low-income Latinos, Persons under age 35, and undocumneted families are least likely to be insured. Currently, multiple groups pay for healthcare including private health insurance companies, employers, and the government, through programs like Medicare and Medicaid. Single-payer systems, similar to models in Canada and the UK, mean taxes would cover health expenses for all. High premium and prescription drug costs are also a factor.

Police & Criminal Justice Reform

70% of America's jails and juvenile detention centers are disproportionately filled with African American males. Discriminatory policing, sentencing and the bail bond system has left Black families broken and bankrupted. For example, since the 1980s, sentencing policies of the War on Drugs era that were rooted in racial discrimination resulted in staggering growth in incarceration for drug offenses, disproportionately impacting Black communities across the country. According to The Sentencing Project, in 2019, over 2 million people were incarcerated in the U.S. In Minnesota, in 2019, over 16,000 people were incarcerated, or 176 per 100,000 Minnesotans. In 2019, Black men were six times as likely to be incarcerated as white men in the country and 11 times as likely in Minnesota. According to the Innocence Project, approximately 10% - 230,000 people - are wrongfully convicted of crimes. In many states, for those convicted of felonies, that means they're also not voting. Advocacy groups call for bail and sentencing reform. Police reform, including the adoption of holistic restorative justice practices; eliminating private prisons and decriminalizing marijuana and drug use, are also promoted. On November 2nd, Minneapolis voters will decide whether or not to create a new department of public safety that "employs a comprehensive public health approach" to its functions.

Reparations

Economists estimate that whites have a 237 year head start over Blacks in wealth accumulation. Between 1983 and 2013, white households saw their wealth increase by 14%, while Black wealth declined by 75%. In addition to attoning for crimes against humanity, reparations would eliminate socio-economic disparities. Experts estimate reparations totaling \$1.7 trillion are owed to African Descendants of Slaves. In 1989, Rep. John Conyers (d) introduced H.R. 40 - a Congressional Reparations Study Bill with Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee. For the first time in more than 30 years, H.R. 40 has cleared the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary and is advancing to the floor for a full vote. While the cost and form of reparations are debated, it's universally understood that reparations would yield positive outcomes across several sectors.

Workforce and Business Development

Business startups by Black Women have grown 164% since 2007. Yet, many face difficulties accessing capital, including bank loans or credit. Covid-19 exacerbated these disparities, and many businesses faced dramatic losses and shutdowns. A government infusion of loan and grant programs and support for trade and technical schools would give small businesses a leg up to increase sustainability and create jobs to boost local neighborhood economies.



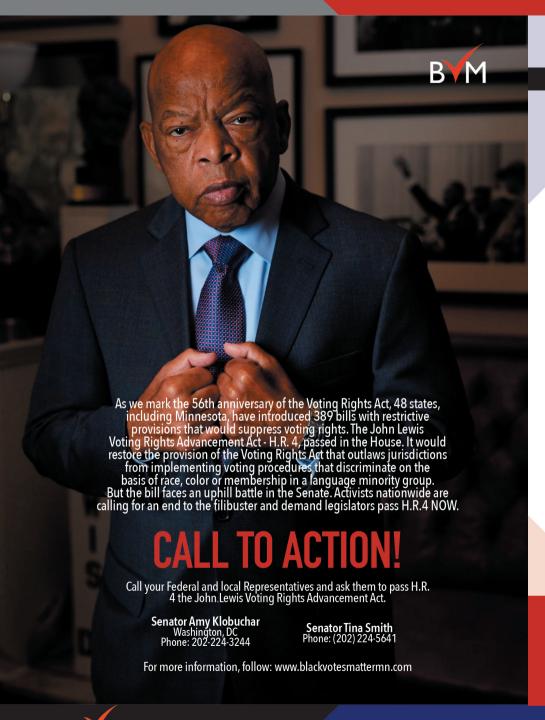








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What seats are on the ballot.. and what do they do?

OFFICE	WHATTHEY DO	TERM
Mayor	Acts as Head of City and presides at Council meetings. In many Minnesota cities, the Mayor has no more power than a City Council member when it comes to passing legislation, related to local taxes, city ordinances, police-community relationships, and the city budget, etc	A mayoral term depends on the city and can either be a two-year term or a four-year term. No term limits.
City Council Representative	Council members are tasked with representing the needs of their constituents. They make and pass laws and approve the dollars spent by the City, related to local taxes, city ordinances, police-community relationships, health, public works, community development, etc.	A City Council term is a four-year term or two-four year terms every decade.
School Board	The primary role of the School Board is to work with a school district's community (schools, teachers, parents, other elected officials, etc.) to improve student success and district achievement.	School Board Members are elected to four-year terms. There are no term limits.
Park Board Commissioner	The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board serves as an independently elected body responsible for governing, maintaining, and developing the Minneapolis Park System. City of Minneapolis voters elect nine commissioners: one from each of the six park districts, and three that serve at-large.	Commissioners serve four-year terms.
Board of Estimate & Taxation	The City of Minneapolis' Board of Estimate and Taxation is responsible for hearing feedback on taxation within the City of Minneapolis. The City BET is made up of two elected officials, the Mayor, a City Council President, the Council member whose primary works includes the City Budget, and a representative from the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board.	A Board member serves a four-year term.

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Understanding the Referendum Questions on Your Minneapolis Ballot

Minneapolis voters will be asked to vote on three City Charter amendment questions. Like the United States Constitution, a City Charter is a legally binding document that defines the organization, powers, functions, and essential procedures of the city government. Proposals to change the City Charter must be made via legal processes, either by ballot referendum or by ordinance. Only the Charter Commission or City Council may propose an ordinance to change the City Charter. A ballot question may be initiated by the Charter Commission, City Council, or by Citizen Petition where registered voter signatures are needed, equaling at least 5% of the total votes cast at the provious state general election. votes cast at the previous state general election.

Only YES or NO votes count. If one abstains from voting, their vote is simply not counted for that question. A ballot question needs at least 51% YES votes in order to pass.

City Question 1 - Introduced by Charter Commission

"Government Structure: Executive Mayor-Legislative Council
Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to adopt a change in its form of government to an Executive Mayor-Legislative Council structure to shift certain powers to the Mayor, consolidating administrative authority over all operating departments under the Mayor, and eliminating the Executive Committee?'

Why this is important: Currently, departments are subject to the city council as the "governing body" of the city.

A YES vote would:

Transfer all administrative and executive power over the departments away from the city council end to the mayor

Eliminate the Executive Committee.

Have implications for Ballot Question 2, below, to replace the police department with a new department of public safety. If both Ballot Question 1 and 2 pass, the mayor still would retain complete control of the public safety department, any police chief, and any police officers.

A NO vote would:

Maintain the current shared structure, and would maintain the Executive Committee, which acts on the Mayor's nomination of Charter Department Heads, reviews new policy and program proposals, and directs labor negotiations.

City Question 2 - Introduced by Citizen Petition

"Department of Public Safety
Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to remove the Police Department and replace it with a Department of Public Safety that employs a comprehensive public health approach to the delivery of functions by the Department of Public Safety, with those specific functions to be determined by the Mayor and City Council by ordinance; which will not be subject to exclusive mayoral power over its establishment, maintenance, and command; and which could include licensed peace officers (police officers), if necessary, to fulfill its responsibilities for public safety, with the general nature of the amendments being briefly indicated in the explanatory note below, which is made a part of this ballet? which is made a part of this ballot?

Explanatory Note:

This amendment would create a Department of Public Safety combining public safety functions through a comprehensive public health approach to be determined by the Mayor and Council. The department would be led by a Commissioner nominated by the Mayor and appointed by the Council. The Police Department, and its chief, would be removed from the City Charter. The Public Safety Department could include police officers, but the minimum funding requirement would be eliminated."

Why this is important: Minneapolis is the only charter city, with a population of at least 20,000, in Minnesota with a minimum police staffing requirement. This requirement to "fund a police force of at least .0017 employees per resident, and provide for those employees' compensation, for which purpose it may tax the taxable property in the City up to 0.3 percent of its value annually "dates back to 1961.

A YES vote would:

- Eliminate the minimum police staffing requirement currently in the City Charter, it would not eliminate police officers (peace officers). State statute requires peace officers
 Remove the police chief from being the department head (not necessarily from being chief),
- and employ a commissioner to head the department

A NO vote would:

- Keep the police chief as the department head, with the mayor maintaining control over the department
- Require the City of Minneapolis to meet the minimum police officer staffing requirement. That number is currently established at 730.33, or the number equaling .0017 times the city population based on the 2020 Census,, whichever is higher

City Question 3 - Introduced by City Council

"Authorizing City Council To Enact Rent Control Ordinance Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to authorize the City Council to regulate rents on private residential property in the City of Minneapolis, with the general nature of the amendments being indicated in the explanatory note below, which is made a part of this ballot?

Explanatory Note:

This amendment would:

- 1. Authorize the City Council to regulate rents on private residential property in the City of Minneapolis by ordinance.
- 2. Provide that an ordinance regulating rents on private residential property could be enacted in two different and independent ways:

a. The City Council may enact the ordinance.
b. The City Council may refer the ordinance as a ballot question to be decided by the voters for approval at an election. If more than half of the votes cast on the ballot question are in favor of its adoption, the ordinance would take effect 30 days after the election, or at such other time as provided in the ordinance."

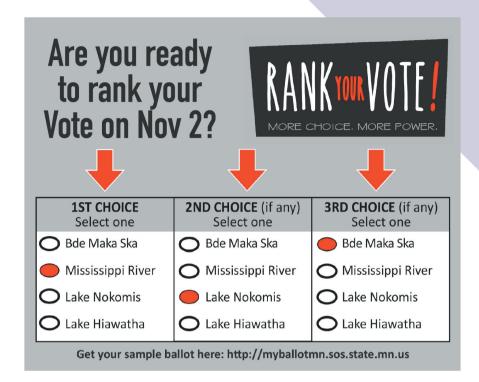
Why this is important: Minneapolis is a majority-renter city. The average price of rent ranges from \$1100 to nearly \$1600, from a studio to a 3-bedroom apartment. There is a significant shortage of places to rent for families with multiple children. The median Black family in the Twin Cities area earns about \$38,000 a year, which is less than half of the median white family income of about \$84,000 a year. This income inequality gap is one of the largest in the nation.

A YES vote would:

 Give future City Councils the options of enacting on its own, or enacting by voter referendum, a policy to regulate rent increases for privately owned residential property, as allowed under state law.

A NO vote means:

There will not be regulations for rent increases by way of City ordinance, rather state law would continue to prohibit rent control unless "the ordinance, charter amendment, or law that controls rents is approved in a general election."



Ranked Choice Voting

Ranked choice voting, sometimes called "instant runoff voting," allows voters to rank as many or as few candidates as they like, from their most favored to least favored: first choice, second choice, third choice, etc. Voters can, but are not required to, rank multiple candidates. A voter may vote for only one candidate if they so choose.

Single-seat ranked choice elections:

If a candidate receives a majority, over 50%, of first-choice rankings in the first round, that candidate wins. However, if no candidate receives the majority support then a second round occurs, or "instant runoff." In that case, the candidate with the fewest first-choice votes is defeated, and these ballots now count for those voters' second choice candidate. This process continues until one candidate reaches a majority and wins.

Multi-seat ranked choice elections:

Multi-seat ranked choice elections function similarly. These elections do not waste any votes, rather they yield proportional representation. Voters' choices are taken as a whole group of winners to accurately represent the will of voters.

Learn more and watch a video that explains Ranked Choice Voting by visiting FairVote MN at www.fairvotemn.org/rcv.



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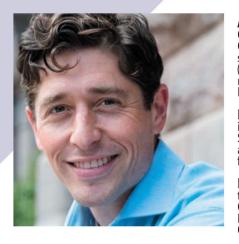
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MAYORAL CANDIDATES

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS



Jacob Frey (DFL, Incumbent)

Occupation & Background: Mayor of Minneapolis (2018). Employment and Civil Rights Attorney.

Accomplishments: Degree in Government, College of William and Mary; track scholarship. Graduated cum laude, Villanova University law school. Minneapolis 3rd Ward Council Member (2014 – 2018). Professional runner. First annual recipient of the City of Minneapolis Martin Luther King Jr. Award.

Housing: Record investment of city funding in affordable housing. Launched Stable Homes, Stable Schools program providing rental assistance for 900 Minneapolis Public School families

Economic Justice: Small Business Support through city funding and designation of Cultural Districts. Launched Minneapolis Forward to help businesses recover following Covid-19 and civil unrest.

Police Accountability Reform: Changed body camera policy to increase compliance. Reformed use of force and force reporting policy. Wants to restore the number of police officers and funding for MPD.



Sheila Nezhad (DFL)

Occupation & Background: Policy Organizer, Reclaim the Block. Staff member, Ricardo Levins Morales Art Studio. Community Organizer.

Accomplishments: Master's degree, Humphrey School of Public Affairs. Public Policy Fellow at Williams Institute for Public Affairs, UCLA School of Law. Led landmark research for MN LGBTQ community. Won campaigns to create the Office of Violence Prevention (2018) and \$8M of investments in alternatives to policing (2020). Board Chair of Lyndale Neighborhood Association (2018). Garnered most DFL mayoral delegate votes in 2021 with 53%.

Housing: Believes in a housing-first policy model with wraparound services, an end to encampment evictions, and increased public and single room occupancy housing. Supports protections for renters' rights.

Economic Justice: Wants a Black-led reparations commission. Wants a Land Back policy led by an Indigenous restoration committee. Wants long term pathways to wealth-building for BIPOC communities and programs that make it easier for small businesses to buy their buildings.

Police Accountability & Public Safety: Wants to end police violence and surveillance; build a new public safety department; more options for safety response and violence prevention; decriminalize drugs, sex work and nomelessness.



Laverne Turner (Republican)

Occupation & Background: Entrepreneur. Stay at home dad to three sons.

Accomplishments: Founder of Youth Leadership Minnesota/EPPSA. Independence Party of Minnesota precinct chair and HD chair. Candidate for MN House of Representatives district 61A (2000). Candidate for Minnesota State Senate district 61 (2002).

Housing: Wants to enact a reasonable rent control policy, prevent abusive slumlords, and reduce property taxes.

Economic Justice: Wants a plan to restore downtown commerce with tax cuts, and incentives to use COVID-19 relief funds to help jump start the business community.

Police Accountability Reform: Wants to fully fund the MPD and increase officer pay. Believes in community policing. Wants to restore safety downtown by increasing beat officers.

Other candidate considerations:



Kate Knuth (DFL) mplsforkate.com



AJ Awed (DFL) awed4mayor.org



Marcus Harcus (Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis) marcusharcus.com



Jerrell Perry (For the People) perry4thepeople.com

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Should I Get Vaccinated?



Real Questions. Real Answers.

"Does the vaccine alter my DNA?"

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, none of the authorized vaccines contain the live virus that causes COVID-19, nor can it enter the cell's nucleus or alter DNA.

"I don't trust the medical industry or government"

Vaccine hesitancy with Black people and other groups can be traced to historic human rights violations in medicine, including the Tuskegee experiment, Henrietta Lacks, and dangerous experiments during the Nazi regime. As a result, ethical codes, along with federal and global policies, have been put in place to protect people. Examples include the Nuremberg Code, Belmont Report, and the establishment of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) and the 'Common Rule' adopted by the FDA, OHRA, and others.

To learn more, visit: www.theanikafoundation.org

"What if I don't want to vaccinate my kids? Will they be allowed back in school?"

Vaccination is voluntary. While testing, and vaccines, are available to youth ages 12 and up, it is currently not required to attend school. Check with your school district for updates.

"What if I already get the flu shot?"

Influenza (flu) and COVID-19 are both contagious respiratory illnesses, but they are caused by different viruses. COVID-19 is caused by infection with a new coronavirus (called SARS-CoV-2) and flu is caused by infection with influenza viruses. To learn more, visit: cdc.gov. Getting a flu vaccine will not protect against COVID-19, only the COVID-19 vaccine will. Because they share similar symptoms, testing will help confirm diagnosis.





To find testing and vaccination sites near you, or to get a FREE ride to get vaccinated, visit:

www.theanikafoundation.org or www.health.state.mn.us

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Kevin Reich (DFL, Incumbent)

Occupation & Background: Minneapolis City Council Member, Ward 1 (2010).

Accomplishments: Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and Asian Studies, St. Olaf College. Graduate level coursework in Public Administration, Hamline University. Project Director, Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association. Environmental Justice and Mississippi cleanup organizer, Citizens for a Better Environment.

Housing: Started Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing program with loan financing incentives. Expanded investments in affordable housing. Helped create numerous affordable housing projects and crafted policy to promote homeownership.

Economic Justice: Enacted policy to fund and promote arts; brewery districts; and pushed for coding to prevent gentrification on Central Avenue.

Police Accountability & Public Safety: Supports maintaining adequate police staffing while increasing mental health, drug treatment, violence prevention and other "safety-beyondpolicing" programs.



Elliott Payne (DFL-Endorsed)

Occupation & Background: Digital Strategist and Business Consultant.

Accomplishments: Mechanical engineering degree and Master of Business Administration degree, University of Minnesota. Four-year consultant in Community Design at City of Minneapolis' Office of Performance and Innovation. Minnesota Change Network and Shannon Leadership Institute alum.

Housing: Supports renters' rights protections. Wants to increase deeply affordable and single room occupancy housing. Wants a holistic approach that includes social supports and long-term treatment.

Economic Justice: Wants to increase workers' protections. Wants a just transition away from tossil fuel-dependent economy to investments in well-paying green jobs that are accessible to marginalized communities.

Police Accountability Reform: Supports divesting funding from MPD and investing in alternative responses to harm; previous work at the City of Minneapolis Office of Performance and Innovation focused on this.



Cameron Gordon, (Green-Endorsed Incumbent)

Occupation & Background: Minneapolis City Council Member, Ward 2 (2006).

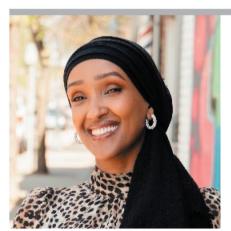
Accomplishments: Bachelor of Science degree in education, U of MN. Early childhood,



Housing: Co-authored legislation to protect renters' rights. Expanded investments for affordable and public housing, housing co-ops, homeownership targeted for people of color. Led on legalizing and increasing single room occupancy housing, expanding shelter access, creating intentional communities and new housing models. Co-authored rent stabilization Charter amendment proposal.

Economic Justice: Collaborated to create workplace and wage theft protections. Increased the minimum wage in Minneapolis. Supports more grants and non-traditional financing for small businesses.

Police Accountability & Public Safety: Co-authored budget amendments that increased investments in violence prevention strategies, mental health crisis responders, and funding to hold police accountable. Wants a new public safety department. Divest funds from MPD to go to more appropriate departments.



Yusra Arab (DFL)

Occupation & Background: Community Organizer and Advocate. Teacher.

Accomplishments: Bachelor's Degree in

Political Science and International Relations, University of Minnesota. Master's degree in Healthcare and Human Services, Saint Mary's University. Policy Advisor to Minneapolis City Council for 4 years.

Housing: Wants to expand public and deeply affordable housing options; partner with MPHA. Develop a housing-first policy model to implement culturally and addiction specific outreach, low barrier housing options. Strengthen renters' rights protections. Increase affordable pathways to homeownership.

Economic Justice: Wants to expand accessible pathways to business ownership through non-traditional lending options technical assistance, and culturally competent services.

Police Accountability & Public Safety: Increase accountability through training and discipline policy. Expand mental health and social service professionals responding to emergency calls. Recruit officers who come from the communities they serve. Expand Office of Violence Prevention strategies and programs.



Robin Wonsley Worlobah (DSA)

Occupation & Background: Consultant. Nonprofit development. Community Organizing. Fundraising. Black Lives Matter Minneapolis and Twin Cities Justice for Jamar Clark Coalition member.

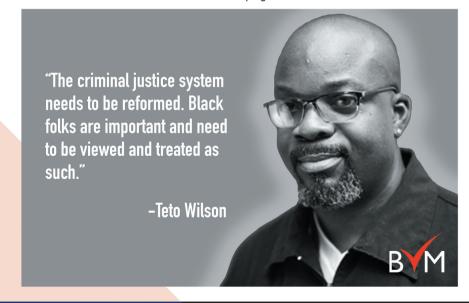
Accomplishments: Carleton College graduate; Mini Master of Business Administration degree,

St. Thomas University; PhD program in Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies at U of MN. Thomas J. Watson Fellow; research in reintegration and reentry from prison. Board of directors, Restorative Justice Community Action Network. 15 Now MN Fundraising and Outreach Director. Led several state and city social justice campaigns.

Housing: Wants to expand city-owned, public, and deeply affordable housing. Wants a student and tenant housing taskforce. Invest in housing co-ops and land trusts. Ban non-affordable, new housing construction. Increase homeownership pathways for disenfranchised communities.

Economic Justice: Wants to end racial wealth gap through funding job training programs for union jobs for Black residents; support small minority-owned businesses using tax rebates, free technical assistance, and a municipal revolving loan fund. Increase minimum wage and wage theft penalties. Tax the rich.

Police Accountability & Public Safety:
Supports redirecting MPD funding toward public safety alternatives, building a new safety system at all levels of government, mental health care for all, and restorative justice practices. End cash bail. Decriminalize marijuana and sex work. Fully fund diversionary programs.





Steve Fletcher (DFL, Incumbent)

Occupation & Background: Minneapolis City Council Member, Ward 3 (2018).

Accomplishments: Graduated from American Studies program at U of MN. Master's degree in

Non-Profit Management from Notre Dame University. As a Minneapolis Convention & Visitors Assoc. member, worked to increase hospitality industry in Minneapolis. Chair of the Ritz Theater Foundation and Ballet of the Dolls;

Housing: Support for private developers to increase affordable housing units, while also increasing market rate housing. Repurpose existing infrastructure into small, private dwellings. Wants a first-generation homeownership program.

lobbied against demolition of Ritz Theater.

Economic Justice: Work with small businesses; nurture programs that create equal opportunities for BIPOC to own small businesses. Wants to connect kids with training for well-paid union jobs.

Police Accountability Reform: Wants to restore officers and maintain funding to MPD, and fund co-responders and mental health crisis responders. Reform through training and use of force policy. Increase beat officers. Offer incentives for officers to live in the city



Housing: Expanded investments in affordable housing, including student housing. Working to legalize and invest in single room occupancy. Co-authored legislation to create new pathways for home ownership.

Economic Justice: Support for small businesses through increased investments in grants and non-traditional financing, technical and financial assistance.

Police Accountability Reform: Co-authored budget amendment that increased investments in violence prevention strategies, mental health crisis responders, and funding to hold police accountable. Co-authored legislation proposing a new department of public safety. Developing alternative responses a2nd working for structural reform of law enforcement.



Michael Rainville (DFL)

Occupation & Background: Hospitality. Fundraiser for police precinct and officer positions.

Accomplishments: Degree in Marketing from St. Thomas University. Certification in



Phillipe Cunningham (DFL-Endorsed Incumbent)

Occupation & Background: Minneapolis City Council Member, Ward 4 (2018).

Accomplishments: Graduated from DePaul University, Master's in Organizational Leadership and Civic Engagement, Claremont Lincoln University. Earning second Master's degree in Criminal Justice and Policing, John Jay College



LaTrisha Vetaw

Occupation & Background: Director of Health Policy and Advocacy, NorthPoint Health & Wellness.

of Engagement, Claremont Lincoln University. Earning Criminal Justice. Panelist on President Obama's 2020 Town Hall on Racial Justice and Policing; frequent collaborator with Obama Foundation My Brother's Keeper. Unseated 50-year family political dynasty.

Housing: Co-authored legislation to protect tenants from unaccountable landlords. Led programs to incentivize affordable rent, homeownership assistance, and help landlords make emergency repairs. Collaborated with mayor on rental assistance for Minneapolis Public Schools families through Stable Homes Stable Schools. Expanded investments in affordable housing.

Economic Justice: Helped secure investments for Ward 4 entrepreneurs and projects, like Upper Harbor Terminal, and advocate for community benefits; wants community ownership. Wants to increase small business pathways and resources for marginalized communities.

Police Accountability & Public Safety:
Co-authored legislation that established Oflice of Violence Prevention; increased investments in violence prevention strategies, mental health crisis responders, and funding to hold police accountable. Worked to take guns off the streets. Wants police intel utilized in preventing violent re-offenses. Directed City staff to create a new Division of Traffic Enforcement.

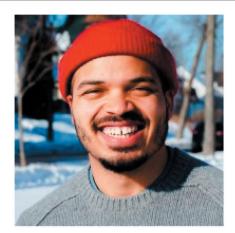
Accomplishments: First in family to graduate from college. Minneapolis Park Board Commissioner, At Large, served as chair of the Intergovernmental and Legislative Committee; left to become a Ward 4 candidate. Leader in community health, legislative efforts.

Housing: Wants to increase deeply affordable housing units. Wants a metro-wide housing cooperative. Create good paying jobs to increase housing/homeownership access.

Economic Justice: Wants increased investment for training, capital, and other technical and financial resources for entrepreneurs of color. Invest in food service and grocery businesses. Focus subsidies on vacant building developments.

Police Accountability Reform: Wants to change the culture of MPD while investing in alternative emergency response infrastructure. Reform MPD through training and policy. Ensure MPD is funded, focused on community policing. Decriminalize homelessness through co-responder model.

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CITY COUNCIL, WARD 5 - MINNEAPOLIS

Jeremiah Ellison (DFL, Incumbent)

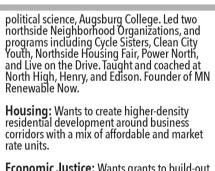
Occupation & Background: Minneapolis City Council Member, Ward 5 (2018). Artist.

Accomplishments: Teaching artist. Painted prominent, local murals. Organizer. Homeless Youth Counselor.

Housing: Co-authored legislation protecting and expanding tenant rights, housing-first policy around inspections, and increased ownership pathways for renters. Co-authored rent stabilization Charter amendment proposal. Expanded anti-displacement policies and investments in affordable housing.

Economic Justice: Expanded funding, technical assistance and resources for entrepreneurs, artists, small developers, and worker co-ops. Expanded pathways for small businesses to own their building. Helped secure funding and connect businesses with state and federal funding related to Covid-19 recovery.

Police Accountability Reform: Expanded investments and programming in the Office of Violence Prevention. Expanded funding for co-responders city-wide, and a standalone mental health response unit. Address youth violence through public health approach.



Economic Justice: Wants grants to build-out business space, employee wage subsidies, marketing subsidies and local hiring incentives for businesses. Increase funding for building ownership pathways for small business owners.

Police Accountability Reform: Supports police chief; policy reforms and restored funding for MPD. Believes mayor should oversee MPD, not council members. Wants liability insurance requirement for officers. Invest in violence prevention strategies. Increase funding for youth programs, mental health facilities, and parks.

Accomplishments: Bachelor's degree in

Occupation & Background: Director, MN Renewable Now. Energy and climate activist.

Other candidate considerations: Cathy Spann (DFL) www.cathyspannforward5.com | Elijah Norris-Holliday (Independent), www.e-45.com



Jamal Osman (DFL, Incumbent)

Occupation & Background: Minneapolis City Council Member, Ward 6 (2020). Mental Health Trainer.

Accomplishments: Resident Advocate, Common Bond Communities. Phillips Community Clinic Board member.

Housing: Expand affordable and safe, healthy public housing. Support tax incentives for new, affordable housing construction.

Economic Justice: Increased investments in grants, financing alternatives, and technical assistance for small businesses.

Police Accountability & Public Safety:
Divest funding from MPD to establish
alternative approaches to public safety, such as
mental health and social service responders.
Invest in recovery programs for those who have
struggled with addiction. Hire officers who live
in the community they serve.



Abdirizak Bihi

Occupation & Background: Director, Somali Education and Activist Center. Host, Somali Link Radio for KFAI.

Accomplishments: Community Organizer.

Housing: Increase affordable housing and pathways for homeownership for communities

Economic Justice: Wants to increase investments and resources for affordable housing, jobs, and homeownership.

Police Accountability Reform: Wants increased investments in mental health responders for emergency mental health crises. Increase investments in youth programs and opjoid recovery and prevention. Reform, not defund, MPD.

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Kristel Porter (DFL)



Lisa Goodman, (DFL-Endorsed Incumbent)

Occupation & Background: Minneapolis City Council Member, Ward 7 (1998).

Accomplishments: Degree in political science and labor relations, U of W-Madison. Executive Director, Minnesota NARAL. Director

of fundraising for Sen. Wellstone's campaign. Current board service: Jewish Family Children Services, Meet Minneapolis, Midwest Health Center Foundation, and the Family Housing Fund. Taught Community and Economic Development at U of M's Humphrey School of Public Affairs Graduate Program.

Housing: Expanded investments for affordable housing and homeownership pathways for BIPOC residents. Supports eviction protections, legal counsel. Supports legalizing and creating more single room occupancy housing, increasing accessory dwelling units, and creating new, alternative housing models.

Economic Justice: Increase access to subsidies for unemployed workers. Ease property taxes and fees for small business recovery after losses due to civil unrest and Covid-19. Prioritize downtown commerce. Increase affordable housing and job training programs for BIPOC communities.

Police Accountability Reform: Wants to restore officers and funding to MPD. Expand community policing. Supports city-residency and community service requirements for new hires. Expand mental health responders and alternatives for low level policing. Reform through training and policy.





Tequen Zéa-Aida (DFL)

Occupation & Background: Small Business Entrepreneur. Artist. Youth mentor.

Accomplishments: Founder of MN modeling agency Vision. Founder of art gallery City Wide Artists. 2019-2020 Humphrey Public Policy and Leadership Fellow. DFL State Central Committee delegate, local unit outreach and

inclusion officer. Member of Citizens for a Loring Park Community. Selected for Minneapolis Park Board's Upper Harbor Terminal Community Advisory Committee.

Housing: Wants to increase programs for homeownership for Black, Brown, and working class families. Reform land use and zoning policies. Increase development oversight and historic districts preservation in downtown. Preserve and increase affordable housing production, new housing models; focus on mixed income living. Invest in community land trusts.

Economic Justice: Wants to establish a Black, POC & Immigrant Small Business advisory board. Prioritize downtown labor and commerce through progressive tax, and licensing relief packages for major corridors; make commercial rent deeply affordable. Explore a Section 8 homeownership program.

Police Accountability Reform: Reform through policy, recruitment, training, mental health, and community relations programs for officers. Partner with Hennepin County, neighborhoods, and other organizations to implement a Comfort and Safety Node Plan with peacekeepers, mediators, and mental health responders.



Nick Kor (DFL)

Occupation & Background: Senior Manager, Movement Building at the Coalition of Asian American Leaders (CAAL) Accomplishments: Bachelor of Arts in Music, University of St. Thomas. Board of directors, National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance (NOAPIA). 2018 Bush Fellow. Was board chair of Shades of Yellow (SOY), the first Hmong LGBTQ organization in the nation. Appointed by Gov. Dayton as Civic Engagement Director for MN Department of Human Rights in 2016.

Housing: Preserve and increase deeply affordable housing. Increase tenant protections and ownership pathways. Increase investments in land trusts, public housing, and cooperative housing.

Economic Justice: Wants equitable disbursement of Covid-19 relief funds, a guaranteed income pilot program, community benefits agreements centered in all development and increased investments in land trusts and cooperatives. Advocate for state and federal minimum wage increase.

Police Accountability Reform: Wants to transition to a new public safety department and invest in alternative City departments and violence prevention programs, and expand 311 services. Reform through union contracts and policy.

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Andrea Jenkins, (DFL-Endorsed Incumbent)

Occupation & Background: Minneapolis City Council Vice President, Ward 8 (2018). Author. Poét, Artist.

Accomplishments: Master's degree in Community Development, Southern New Hampshire University. Master of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing, Hamline University. 12 years as Minneapolis City Council Sr. Policy Aide. 2011



Robert "Bob" Sullentrop (Republican)

Bush Fellow. Awarded David Bohnett Leaders Fellowship in the Harvard Kennedy School's Senior Executives in State and Local Government program. First ever Curator for Transgender Oral History Project, U of MN's Jean-Nickolaus Tretter Collection.

Housing: Increased affordable housing investments, tenants' rights protections, and homeownership models. Expanded anti-displacement policies. Increase homeownership/small rental property ownership programs for African Americans and other marginalized groups. Legalize and create single room occupancy housing. Secured state funding for large south Minneapolis housing development.

Economic Justice: Increased investments, alternative financing, technical assistance, and other resources for small businesses. Led cultural districts policy and expanded development subsidies for BIPOC entrepreneurs. Develop and expand green jobs and training programs. Repurpose unused properties. Led 38th Street Thrive strategic development and Authored Truth and ReconciliationResolution, establishing a process.

Police Accountability & Public Safety: Transform public safety into a continuum of services and community-controlled police force. Invest in alternative, separate mental health responders force. Address economic inequities and lack of affordable housing to increase safety.

Occupation and Background: Vice President, ITCO Allied Engineering Co. Licensed professional engineer.

Accomplishments: Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering, University of Minnesota. U.S. Marine Corps. Worked at Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 6 years. Treasurer, local Senate
District Republicans. 8th Ward Republican chair.
State Central Committee delegate. Past Minneapolis election judge.

Housing: Does not support rent control ordinance development. Believes landlords should be able to pass along unit tax and other cost increases to

Economic Justice: Believes strong system of law and order will help the city's economy thrive.

Police Accountability Reform: Wants more police and restoration of law and order. Wants to keep Minneapolis Police Department. Reform through policy at municipal and state level.

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Jason Chavez (DFL-Endorsed)

Occupation & Background: Legislative Aide at the State Capitol. Community Organizer.

Accomplishments: Bachelor's degree from College of St. Scholastica; Student Body President. President of the Minnesota Young DFL.

Housing: Housing for All through Tenant Bill of Rights. Increase deeply affordable and single room occupancy housing. Wants emergency rental assistance program. Reduce property taxes for low income owners and increase taxes for luxury housing owners.

Economic Justice: Create local emergency and small business rent relief funds. Wants community ownership of buildings and moratorium on commercial evictions. Tax the wealthiest corporations.

Police Accountability & Public Safety: Work with State to increase police reform legislation. Divest funding from policing into violence prevention, housing, opioid addiction, youth intervention, and employment for formerly incarcerated residents. Decriminalize homelessness. Increase public data access.



Ross Tenneson (Republican)

Occupation & Background: Pastor at All Peoples Church

Additional public information not readily available. No response from campaign.

Other candidate considerations:

Carmen Means, www.facebook.com/meansforchange Al "AJ" Flowers Jr., www.ajforward9.com

*There is no incumbent in this race as Council Member Alondra Cano is not seeking reelection.



Aisha Chughtai (DFL)

Occupation & Background: Political organizer for Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Minnesota State Council. Community Organizer.

Accomplishments: Grassroots organizing with neighbors for mutual aid, and for renter



Katie Jones (DFL)

Occupation & Background: Community Program and Policy Manager, Center for Energy and Environment (CEE).

Accomplishments: Bachelor of Science

protections with Inquilinxs Unidxs. Campaign Manager, Congresswoman Omar; variety of other campaign work. Political Coordinator, Take Action Minnesota. 2019 DFL Women's Hall of Fame Rising Star. Vice Chair to Congressional District 5 DFL. Co-founded Muslim Caucus of Young Democrats of America. Managed first TCDSA-endorsed campaign for the Minnesota Legislature.

Housing: Wants to increase tenant rights' protections, deeply affordable social and public housing, and investments in land trusts. Establish rent control.

Economic Justice: Wants reparations for communities impacted by environmental racism. Wants a fair scheduling policy; increase penalties for wage theft. Expand City employment benefits to cover non-traditional families. Hazard pay available for all workers.

Police Accountability & Public Safety: Wants democratized, community-controlled, police-free systems of public safety. Fund alternative departments and strategies. Public health approach to youth violence; violence prevention programs for queer and trans BIPOC. Decriminalize homelessness and sex work.

degree, Engineering and German, Purdue University. President, Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association; increased renter representation; first ever Environmental Committee project. Minneapolis Capital Long Range Improvement Committee member; previous service on range of Minneapolis boards. 5 years in City's Sustainability Office; technical assistance in implementing Minneapolis Climate Action Plan.

Housing: Wants to increase renter protections and affordable housing. Expand housing and homeownership models like social, cooperative housing and land trusts. Pathways for small rental property ownership.

Economic Justice: Wants to pilot a Universal Basic Income program, prioritizing marginalized communities. Lower barriers and allow space flexibility to control costs for local businesses.

Police Accountability & Public Safety:
Divest from MPD to alternative mental health,
housing, and substance abuse resources. Wants a
pathway to homes and jobs for formerly
incarcerated people. Invest in violence prevention
and restorative justice strategies.

*There is no incumbent in this race as Council President Lisa Bender is not seeking reelection.



Jeremy Schroeder (DFL, Incumbent)

Occupation & Background: Minneapolis City Council Member, Ward 11 (2018).

Accomplishments: Law degree from University of District of Columbia Law School.

Undergraduate engineering degree from Marquette University. Policy Director, Minnesota Housing Partnership. Executive Director, Common Cause Minnesota. Led coalition that successfully abolished the death penalty in Illinois.

Housing: Co-authored deeply affordable housing and tenant protection legislation. Expanded investments in affordable housing. Increase innovative housing models. Led Inclusive Financing work for affordable home energy improvements.

Economic Justice: Wants to expand investment for clean energy related workforce and economic development. Increased investments for alternative financing, technical assistance and other resources for small businesses.

Police Accountability & Public Safety: Co-authored legislation proposing a new department of public safety. Transform public safety system by funding police, investing in mental health responders and increased violence prevention strategies.



Emily Koski (DFL)

Occupation & Background: Small business owner. Client Development Director, Antenna.

Accomplishments: Bachelor's degree in marketing, University of St. Thomas. Established

a Small business for 13 years. Member of Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity Leadership Council, Minneapolis Public Schools Parent Legislative Committee; past service as Board Member of Hale School Site Council, 261 Fearless, Waite Park Community Council, and Waite Park School Site Council.

Housing: Work with developers to produce more homeownership and affordable housing opportunities. Address homelessness through mental health and up-stream medical service providers

Economic Justice: Wants to build inclusive clean energy economy. Ease property taxes and fees for small business recovery. Create funding mechanisms with external partners to build Minneapolis's restaurant sector. Increase living wage jobs through state partnership and tax base expansion.

Police Accountability Reform: Wants to fully fund police and develop alternatives like co-responders, mental health responders and violence prevention strategies. Reform through recruitment, training, incentives, and policies.



Andrew Johnson, (DFL-Endorsed Incumbent)

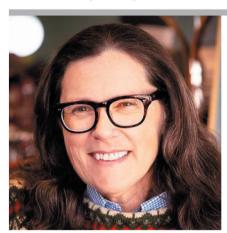
Occupation & Background: Minneapolis City Council Member, Ward 12 (2014). Small business owner, working to empower teachers via technology in the classroom. IT professional.

Accomplishments: Associate degree in communications (graduating with a 4.0 GPA). Systems engineer, Target Corporation. Was Longfellow Community Council President; led revitalization of East Lake Street, new website creation, and helped establish first community hops garden in the nation. Pioneered federal taxpayer receipt concept, replicated by Obama Administration. Increased publicaccess and open data to government information.

Housing: Increased investments in affordable housing. Increased tenant rights' protections. Restore public housing levy. Increase eviction protections, accessible homeownership pathways and housing models. Wants state and federal funding for increasing affordable housing fund.

Economic Justice: Increased investments, alternative financing, technical assistance, and other resources for small businesses; led efforts to create small business office and portal. Led effort to waive city fees and expedite approvals to aid business recovery.

Police Accountability Reform: Fund police and invest in alternatives. Co-authored legislation to establish the 911 Workgroup; increased citywide mental health responders and violence prevention strategies.



Nancy Ford (Independent)

Occupation & Background: Green business owner, recycling and repairing outdoor clothing and géar.

Accomplishments: Bachelor of Science degree, University of MN. Year-round bike commuter, 20 years.

Housing: Wants to assess the impact the 2040 Comprehensive plan land use and zoning policies.

Economic Justice: Build generational wealth by building purchasable housing units. Repeal requirement for new development to be mixed-use to reduce vacant space.

Police Accountability Reform: Restore funding and officers to MPD. Increase beat officers. Use current resources to keep co-responder program and Office of Police Conduct Review.



Linea Palmisano (DFL-Endorsed Incumbent)

Occupation & Background: Minneapolis City Council Member, Ward 13 (2014).

Accomplishments: Bachelor of Science degree University of Notre Dame. Master of Business Administration degree, University of MN.

Certificate program for Non-Profit Leadership, University of St. Thomas. Was board chair of Linden Hills Neighborhood Council and Linden Hills Farmers Market board member. Was assistant track coach at Southwest High School. Founded NAVIGATE, an immigrant college access program.

Housing: Increased affordable housing investments; required for new construction. Increased tenants' rights protections. Working to add housing co-responders to provide resources to people experiencing homelessness.

Economic Justice: Co-authored legislation around wage theft and worker protections, including freelance and adult entertainment workers. Directed audit of City of Minneapolis' hiring practices; review retention of women and employees of color. Invest in small businesses impacted by Covid-19.

Police Accountability Reform: Fully fund MPD and invest in mental health co-responder program. Expand violence prevention strategies. Reform through policy, including state level, and through training and investments; proposing new Audit Department division to investigate MPD policies and data Could 19 policies and dataCovid-19.



Ken Salway (Republican)

Occupation & Background: US Territory Manager, Rhino Hyde®, Tandem Products Inc.

Accomplishments: Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, University of New Haven. High School Teacher, Algebra II and Algebra II honors.

Housing: Develop and preserve affordable housing development, and improve tenant rights through education, advocacy, and public policy reform.

Economic Justice: Cut costs by removing Critical Race Theory from education.

Police Accountability Reform: Increase funding for MPD.

Other candidate considerations:

Mike Norton (DFL), www.mikenorton.org

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Samantha "Sam" Pree-Stinson (*NP)

Occupation & Background: Small business owner. Community organizer.

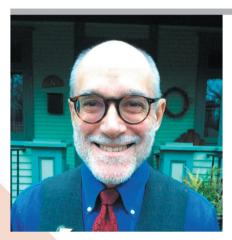
Accomplishments: Bachelor's degree in organizational psychology, Franklin University. Served in U.S. Army, 2003-2007. Associate Director of Education, Corinthian Colleges. Patient and Technical Services specialist; Compliance Audit Specialist; Global Networking chair; and African Descent Network cochair for Medtronic. PTA president, Waite Park Community School. First VP of board of directors, KMOJ-FM radio. DFL vice chair, Senate District 60. 2020 committee chair, Minneapolis Public Schools. Director of transition team for Minneapolis Telecommunications Network.

Priorities:

Build a community-driven strategy; execute that strategy while holding elected officials and ourselves accountable.

Build coalition to operationalize change and equity.

Maintain local, community control of our money and investments.



Steve Brandt (*NP)

Occupation and Background: Occupation and Background: Reporter, Star Tribune (retired)

Accomplishments: Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism, University of MN. National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship, University of Michigan. Reporter (retired), Star Tribune, 40 years; covered government finance. Current Minneapolis Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee member, 5 years. Current Great Northern Greenway task force member. Parish council chair. Boy Scouts council chair. Kingfield Neighborhood Association board member.

Priorities:

Heed viewpoints of others for making inclusive choices.

Recognize opportunities to support greater equity and to rebalance our system of taxation and spending, at the local and state



Pine Salica (*NP) **Occupation & Background:** Collections Officer, Minnesota Department of Revenue. Quality assurance.

Accomplishments: Bachelor's degree in Linguistics, University of California – Santa Cruz. Six Sigma certified green belt (quality improvement).

Priorities:

Wants radical investment across the city, aside from stadiums and parking ramps downtown.

Align budget with our stated priorities and policies – Vision Zero, Complete Streets, racial equity, addressing the climate emergency.

Wants public housing prioritized in considering the tax levy total, increase as needed.



Kevin Nikiforakis (*NP)

No public info readily available. No response from campaign.

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Billy Menz (*NP)

Occupation and Background: ESL teacher and Department Lead, Edison High School. Baseball Coach.

Accomplishments: Bachelor of Arts in History, U of T-Austin. Master of Arts in Teaching, Hamline University. Member of Edison Activity Council. Member of East of the River Community Advisory Council.

Youth Programming & Policy: Initiate
District Youth Councils. Strengthen
Collaboration with Minneapolis Public Schools.
Increase girl's athletic involvement. Expand
"Creation Space." Increase access to supplies
and field for volunteer coaches.

Environment: Eliminate pesticides use. Create stormwater action teams to prevent runoff pollution. Protect Mississippi River by seeking large scale public funding.

Justice: Wants anti-racist practices in policymaking. Encourage gatherings in parks that support social justice and civic action. Decrease Park Police force. Increase accessibility for vulnerable citizens. Open public meeting formats to the public.

*There is no incumbent in this race as Commissioner Chris Mever is not seeking reelection.





Eric Moran (*NP) Occupation & Background: Senior Share Point Engineer, Hennepin County

Accomplishments: Bachelor of Business Administration degree, Bethel University. Eagle Scout. Streets.mn board member.

Youth Programming & Policy: Increase job opportunities for youth, especially those living in surrounding neighborhood. Add skate parks, full size basketball courts. Expand creation studio to support music and video production and other arts. Create youth center in North Minneapolis.

Environment: Condemn private companies for water and air pollution practices. Expand tree canopy program. Implement better infiltration systems and buffer zones to prevent pollution from reaching water supply.

Justice: Wants to advocate for more housing and economic development, accessibility and inclusivity for Upper Harbor Terminal project as planning committee member. Increase transit and transportation accessibility options to reach parks. Increase digital accessibility. Provide safe environments for unsheltered homeless people in parks

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Mike Shelton (*NP)

Occupation and Background: Employment Recruiter, Twin Cities Rise. Executive Director, Heritage Youth Sports Foundation.

Accomplishments: Studied Hotel Restaurant Management, Suomi College; Business Administration, MCTC. North Commons Athletic Director. High School Coach, 20+ years – basketball, baseball and golf. Seeds to Harvest coalition member. Started Northside Golf & Tennis Club (free for youth 6-13 yo)

Youth Programming and Policy: Increase youth and family engagement in park development through partnerships.

Environment: Wants park board to continue to respond to community needs, e.g., covid-19 protective equipment, community meal events. youth jobs, etc.

Justice: Wants relevant and impactful programming for all. Work with partners to help expand affordable and unique housing solutions, rather than respond to homeless encampments at parks; programming and daily use is for everyone, including people experiencing homelessness.



Accomplishments: Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics, U of MN. Certificate from Juilliard School, group 31. Master of Education and Business degrees, Augsburg University. Teacher. Independent film producer. Youth Programming and Policy: Increase park jobs for youth; improve fiscal management. Increase wading and swimming pools along with safety patrols.

Environment: Protect wildlife, wetlands, green space; opposes selling parkland for development.

Justice: Maintain safety for youth and families; no camping in parks due to lack of camp facilities. Maintain access for all, including motor vehicle access.

Becka Thompson (*NP)

Occupation & Background: Adjunct Mathematics Professor, Augsburg University. Artist.

*There is no incumbent in this race as Commissioner Kale Severson is not seeking reelection.



AK Hassan (*NP, Incumbent)

Occupation & Background: MPRB
Commissioner and Vice President, District 3
(2018).



Youth Programming & Policy: Led efforts to expand investment youth programming by over \$1 million per year; intervention models to reduce youth violence.

Environment: Work with municipality to expand access to park programming and resources. Wants to build partnerships to expand community gardens to parks.

Justice: Supported ceasing use of MPD officers for park events. Tasked Minneapolis Park Police to present a city-wide safety plan to the Commission. Use a racial equity lens in all aspects of work. Allow limited tents at designated parks for unsheltered homeless encampments and connect people with housing.



Becky Alper (*NP)
Occupation & Background: Transportation
Professional

Accomplishments: Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography and International Development; Master's degree in GIS, Clark University. Sierra Club North Star Chapter member; Land Use and Transportation Committee. Environmental and sustainability expert.

Youth Programming & Policy: Wants to expand childcare options such as Rec Plus, as well as innovative senior programming. Focus on social and emotional development, community engagement, and providing educational programming.

Environment: Wants less parking and greater, multi-use, greener infrastructure.

Justice: Wants greater transit access and housing closer to parks for communities of color using supportive zoning code. Believes other jurisdictions should provide housing; parks and park board not equipped to address homeless encampments.

Other candidate considerations:

Mohamoud Hassan (*NP) No public information readily available



Jono Cowgill (*NP, Incumbent)

Occupation & Background: Current Park Board Commissioner and President, District 4 (2018). Urban Planner and Public Engagement Specialist. Artist. **Accomplishments:** Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning, Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

Youth Programming & Policy: Expand Language Villages program and combine with Teen Teamworks; pay youth to build leadership and stewardship skills. Increase youth centered art pieces in parks.

Environment: Expand wetlands and solar panel coverage. Reduce mowed land/preserve energy and monocultures. Reduce use of pesticides. Address contamination from pet waste. Expand urban agriculture use. Focus on carbon reduction goals.

Justice: Wants to utilize more, Black and women owned local vendors and artists of color in parks. Center BIPOC and differently abled voices in new Community Support Services Department. Provide non-police intervention for unsheltered homeless population in parks to connect with housing. Increase ADA accessibility; partner with other gov't agencies.



Elizabeth Shaffer (*NP)

Occupation & Background: Middle school teacher

Accomplishments: 2020 Friends of Thomas Lowry Park board member. Helped clean-up efforts, including at encampments, impacting Bassett's Creek and water quality.

Youth Programming & Policy: Wants youth experiential nature programming; partner with schools.

Environment: Supports ecological partnerships to preserve natural resources. Increase water infiltration plans and wetlands. Reduce wildlife waste on beaches and use of pesticides. Increase tree canopy coverage and wetland space.

Justice: Wants to ban homeless encampments in parks by working with police and street team workers to halt setup of camps. Add parkland in targeted areas; support City's Green Zones initiatives. Maintain police in parks.



Steffanie Musich (*NP, Incumbent)

Occupation & Background: Current Park Board Commissioner, District 5 (2014). Banker. Accomplishments: Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature, University of Minnesota. Started the Friends of Lake Nokomis group. Served as University of Minnesota Master Gardener with Hennepin County. Served on Minneapolis Audit Committee.

Youth Programming & Policy: Expanded ongoing funding for youth programming, employment and violence prevention.

Environment: Adopted long term master plans. Kept tree funding, expanded tree plantings. Advocated for funding for climate change and resiliency projects.

Justice: Secured funding for historic preservation of homes. Authored update to Community Engagement policy.



Charles Rodgers (*NP)

Occupation & Background: Retired small business owner

Accomplishments: Former president of the Uptown Rotary. Former board member of local nonprofits.

Youth Programming and Policy: Wants to increase athletic and social opportunities for all kids. Provide scholarships to offset program costs and partner with professional sports agencies for resource support.

Environment: Partner with other government bodies to help address climate change, water management and infrastructure in watershed district of south Minneapolis.

Justice: Wants programs for seniors and all people. Wants fiscal responsibility. Partner with housing organizations to help unsheltered people residing in parks; keep a permitting system in place for safely executing outreach.

Other candidate considerations:

Justin Cermak (*NP) Public information not readily available. No response from campaign.

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Bob Fine (*NP)

Occupation & Background: Real estate attorney. Previous Minneapolis Park Board Commissioner, 16 years.



Youth Programming and Policy: Wants to restore investment in programming for youth. Utilize teen age youth in mentoring young children, not the use of outside contracting.

Environment: Past and continued improvement of water quality and environment in park system. Was a member of Clean Water Partnership, implementing wetlands that have improved water quality. Wants to increase funding for winter maintenance.

Justice: Work on racial equity. Current Minneapolis Civil Rights Commissioner serving 19 years, longest in the history of the city.



Barb Schlaefer (*NP)

Occupation & Background: Strategic communications professional.

Accomplishments: Bachelor's degree in Journalism-Advertising, University of Kansas. Communications leadership roles for the State of Minnesota and the University of MN, 27 years. Served on Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota, Camp du Nord and a variety of governing boards.

Youth Programming & Policy: Wants permanent increase in recreation funding. Wants a career readiness program and community hubs at rec centers.

Environment: Wants to expand tree canopy, stormwater management and native landscaping. Increase green space and land acquisition.

Justice: Supports local neighborhood hiring. Advocate for high quality training for program staff. Use data and analysis to develop equity goals. Wants to ban homeless encampments in parks.



Cathy Abene (*NP)

Occupation & Background: Principal Civil Engineer, University of Minnesota.

Accomplishments: Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, U of MN. 2021 U of MN-TC Campus Master Plan committee. 2020 Watershed Management Plan technical assistance advisory committee. 2018 Local Elections Action Group Women's Summit event host team. 2018 Augsburg University/MWMO Stormwater/Nobel Forum.

Youth Programming & Policy: Wants to identify measurable benefits, quantifying the value of the MPRB parks and programs to determine benefits.

Environment: Improve stormwater management.

Justice: Wants to ban homeless encampments in parks. Wants to learn more about non-sworn, unarmed staff park patrols.



Risa Hustad (*NP)

Occupation & Background: Environmental justice organizer. Dog walker.

Accomplishments: Degrees in Therapeutic Recreation and Outdoor Leadership and Wilderness Emergency Response, Vermillion College in Ely, MN. Minneapolis Capital Long Range Improvement Committee's representative for Ward 11.

Youth Programming & Policy: Expand childcare and child development, and after school programming as an equity issue impacting women and families of color especially.

Environment: Improve stormwater infrastructure.

Justice: Wants to create and fund a Safe-Routes-To-Parks program to ensure accessibility for all, using equity lens. Continue to work with unsheltered homeless people in parks on find housing. Supports new system of public safety; invest in program and outreach

^{*}There is no incumbent in this race as Commissioner Brad Bourn is not seeking reelection.

MINNEAPOLIS PARK & RECREATION BOARD (MPRB)

COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES (AT LARGE)



Londel French (*NP, Incumbent)

Occupation & Background: Park Board Commissioner, At-Large (2018)

Accomplishments: Special education paraprofessional. Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) union educator. Park Board recreation worker, 10 years. Coach. Organizer for social and criminal justice campaigns with Take Action, MPS, Office of Black Male Student Achievement.

Youth Programming & Policy: Wants to expand programming to include leadership development.

Environment: Wants a Climate Action Plan for parks to become carbon neutral and to educate residents. Focus on environmental racial and gender impact.

Justice: Supports livable wage and professional pathways for park staff. Wants Park Police to use restorative justice methods; mandate trauma informed policing. Accessibility for all people. Work with unhoused population in parks to find housing.



Meg Forney (*NP, Incumbent)

Occupation & Background: Current Park Board Commissioner, At-Large (2014). Realtor. Accomplishments: Bachelor of Art degree in Art History and Interior Design, University of Minnesota. Youth Director, YWCA. Associate Director, Project for Pride in Living.

Youth Programming & Policy: Wants Intergenerational Centers of Excellence for youth and elders. Expand learn-to-swim programs. Connect environmental education programs to leadership and job opportunities. Invest in Team Teenworks, other violence prevention efforts. Nature centered play for all ages.

Environment: Develop citywide, equity-driven tree canopy preservation and heat-island mitigation plan. Enhance air quality through increased vegetation and landscape intervention. Establish baselines, annual goals for greenhouse gas and carbon emissions reduction. Improve stormwater mitigation; partner with City.

Justice: Use health equity lens; measure environmental detriments to air, water and soil quality by developing core indicators of health and wellness.

*Only 2 out of 3 At-Large incumbents are running for reelection.

Park Board Commissioner and Vice President LaTrisha Vetaw is not seeking reelection.



Alicia D. Smith (*NP) Occupation & Background: Executive Director, Corcoran Neighborhood Organization. Principal Consultant, civic and social organization industry.

Accomplishments: Bachelor's degree in legal studies, Hamline University. Master of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership, Augsburg College. Youth sports coach. Branch Program Executive Director, YMCA of the North.

Youth Programming & Policy: Wants sports, recreation, arts and leadership programming for youth, tailored to unique community needs. Wants intergenerational programming.

Environment: Renew aging infrastructure. Wants innovative, world class facilities.

Justice: Prevent homeless encampments; partner with non-profit, social service and government entities to ensure housing availability. Improve accessibility for all through innovation and reduced fees where needed.



Charles Rucker

Occupation & Background: Firefighter and EMT, Minneapolis Fire Department

Accomplishments: Studied at University of Nebraska – Lincoln. 21-year veteran of the Minneapolis Fire Department. Current service president, Minneapolis African-American Professional Firefighter Association. 25-year volunteer with Police Activities League.

Youth Programming & Policy: Wants to connect seniors, great mentors with young people as a mentorship model at the parks.

Environment: Wants to expand tree canopy to offset carbon emissions, and expand partnerships with entities across the city to keep drains clean and strengthen quality water table.

Justice: Wants access to higher level engaging program space. Supports the expansion of affordable housing rather than homeless encampments in parks. Human and fiscal work needed to develop stronger partnerships with community agencies and programs.

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Mary McKelvey (*NP)

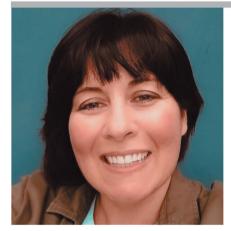
Occupation & Background: ESL and Substitute Teacher. Coach.

Accomplishments: Served on Master Plan for the Minnehaha Creek Regional Trail System, and Parks for All Comprehensive Plan.

Youth Programming & Policy: Wants to expand after school, weekend and summer park programming to all children who want it, including skiing, paddling, snowshoeing, orienteering, art and music. Supports high quality amenities, trails and parks.

Environment: Preserve native species' habitats and wildlife. Increase green space.

Justice: Supports empirical, equity driven data metrics to guide decision making. Supports Parks for All 2021 Comprehensive Plan.



Katherine Kelly (*NP)

Occupation & Background: HR expert
Customer service, human resource, retail

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Accomplishments: Umpire for women's softball. Assistant coach. Art, creative writing, and photography.

Youth Programming and Policy: Supports assistance for youth sports, free music and movies. Wants to increase free items, like bus passes, and bike and other sporting rental passes. Wants to enhance parent and volunteer involvement in youth programs.

Environment: Wants to provide more shelter from the sun, the storm, shelter from the pandemic, and shelter from food insecurity. Wants more trees. Create spaces to work and teach outdoors in parks. Increase community gardens.

Justice: Supports Parks for All 2021
Comprehensive Plan. Wants to increase accessibility for people with disabilities. Wants to expand access by offering more items for free and reduced prices. Believes parks are not equipped to serve unsheltered people or encampments. MPRB should partner with the city and local nonprofits to assist people with things such as food, showers, and work.



Tom Olsen (*NP)

Occupation & Background: Communication Specialist, MN House DFL

Accomplishments: Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and Government

and Environmental Studies, Gustavus Adolphus College. Served as vice chair of Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC). Organizer for consumer rights, environmental causes.

Youth Programming & Policy: Wants to increase year-round space. Wants innovation hubs to add audio and video recording, graphic design, and tech focused hobbies. Convert underutilized fields to meet changing community needs.

Environment: Center pedestrian-oriented space. Wants to advance resiliency and climate justice goals across our park system.

Justice: Improve accessibility for elderly and people with disabilities. Supports renaming efforts, away from racist and colonized legacies, and interpretive signage. Invest in innovative programs for youth of color. Invest in anti-racism work for all park board staff. Wants to implement a practical open-liquor law. Regulations and outreach work to provide housing to address homeless encampments in parks.



Understanding the Referendum Questions on Your St. Paul Ballot

St. Paul voters will be asked to vote on one referendum guestion pertaining to the adoption of a rent control ordinance.

City Question 1 - Introduced by citizen petition

Whether to adopt a Residential Rent Control Ordinance

"Should the City adopt the proposed Ordinance limiting rent increases? The Ordinance limits residential rent increases to no more than 3% in a 12-month period, regardless of whether there is a change of occupancy. The Ordinance also directs the City to create a process for landlords to request an exception to the 3% limit based on the right to a reasonable return on investment. A 'yes' vote is a vote in favor of limiting rent increases. A 'no' vote is a vote against limiting rent increases."

Why this is important: The average price of rent in St. Paul ranges from about \$1000 to \$1500, from a studio to a 3-bedroom apartment. There is a significant shortage of places to rent for families with multiple children. The median Black family in the Twin Cities area earns about \$38,000 a year, which is less than half of the median white family income of about \$84,000 a year. This income inequality gap is one of the largest in the nation.

- A YES vote would adopt a new ordinance that would:

 Limit residential rent increases to 3 percent annually, regardless of inflation rate or tenant
- Allow landlords to petition to exempt their property from the rent increase cap "based on the right to a reasonable rate of return," for example, if property taxes increase or if significant improvements are required to bring the unit into compliance with city code

 Allow the City Council to amend the ordinance 12 months after passage Take effect on May 1, 2022

A NO vote means:

There will not be a regulation to limit rent increases by way of City ordinance, rather state law would continue to prohibit rent control unless "the ordinance, charter amendment, or law that controls rents is approved in a general election."



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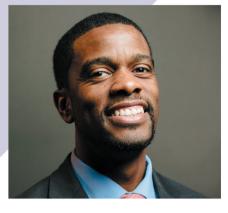
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MAYORAL CANDIDATES

CITY OF ST. PAUL



Melvin Carter (DFL-endorsed, Incumbent)

Occupation & Background: Mayor of St. Paul (2018).

Accomplishments: Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Florida A&M University. Master of Public Policy, Humphrey School of Public Affairs at U of MN. First African American mayor of St. Paul. Saint Paul City Council Member. Founding Board Chair of the Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood. Director, Minnesota Office of Early Learning. Executive Director, Minnesota Children's Cabinet.

Housing: Reestablished an Affordable Housing Trust

Economic Justice: Launch a guaranteed income pilot program focused on families of color. Established CollegeBound Saint Paul, providing every newborn with a \$50 College Savings Account. Raised city's minimum wage to \$15/hour. Tripled free program in rec centers and eliminated late fines in public libraries. Launched Office of Financial Empowerment.

Police Accountability Reform: Reform through policy. Co-created a public safety initiative centering jobs and resources for youth, housing and mental health supports, and a public health approach to violence prevention; implementing restorative justice circles as an alternative to criminal prosecution for non-violent offenders and embedding social workers with police officers to co-respond to persons in crisis. to continue to operationalize this community-first public safety framework; alternative responders.



Paul Langenfeld (NP)

Occupation & Background: Vice President, Energy Partners, LLC

Accomplishments: Bachelor's degree and

Master's degree in Theology, University of Saint Thomas. Named Humanitarian of the Year(University of St. Thomas). Founder and President of the Langenfeld Foundation (serving people with disabilities) Received Point of Light Award (President George H.W. Bush). Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, U.S. House of Representatives. Star of the North Award. Congressman John Kline. President's Volunteer Service Award, Corporation for National and Community Service. Community Game Changer, Minnesota Twins Baseball Club. Key to the City, Brooklyn Park, MN.

Housing: Reduce homeownership disparities through higher quality - better paying jobs, increased business investment, workforce development and better education. Public safety is at the center of this. Wants to ensure protection for private property rights.

Economic Justice: Wants to protect and grow small businesses; partner with Chamber of Commerce. Invest in centers that are focused on training and education. Focus on skills to remain competitive in a global market.

Police Accountability Reform: Wants to bolster the police department and restore law and order.

Other candidates for consideration:

Dora Jones Robinson, www.dorajonesrobinson.org | Miki Frost, www.mikifrostformayor.com

BOARD OF EDUCATION

CITY OF ST. PAUL (3 SEATS - AT LARGE)



Jim Vue (*NP, Incumbent)

Occupation & Background: Current St. Paul Public Schools (SPPS) Board Member, At Large (2020). Facilitator, Being Hmong (arts organization). Accomplishments: Master's degree in Liberal Arts, Metropolitan State University. Past leader of Hmong Parent Advisory Committee. Community organizer. Current SPPS board committee membership: Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee; Tribal Consultation SPPS School Climate and Safety Executive Committee; Board Budget Working Group.

Education Platform: Wants to grow existing programs that reflect district students, proven effective. Improve efforts to develop and retain staff and families of color. Wants permanent online-school option for students who found success in remote learning. Improve translation services for students. Wants after action report from previous budget cuts with community input. Partner with daycare providers to improve early childhood development connections and expand resources to families.



James Farnsworth (*NP)

Occupation & Background: Executive Director, Highland Business Association

Accomplishments: Bachelor of Science degree, University of MN. Elected by MN Legislature to University of Minnesota Board of Regents, 4th Congressional District. Serves on Board of Directors and Governance Committee of CAPI, an immigrant and refugee service organization. Critical Ethnic Studies Steering Committee member. Served on Multicultural Ethnic Studies Stakeholder Group.

Education Platform: Wants to address enrollment loss, lack of transparency around new school safety plan, gaps in student academic achievement between BIPOC students and white students, and delay of culturally relevant curriculum initiatives. Target investments in school staff working in building operations and student support. Focus on equity for LGBTO+ community, students/families experiencing homelessness, dismantling systemic racism, lobbying legislature for funding.

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Halla Henderson (*NP)

Occupation & Background: Youth Program
Manager, Minnesota Alliance With Youth

Accomplishments: Bachelor's degree in Psychology, University of St. Thomas. Community organizer; organized students and young people in local elections and youth issues.

Education Platform: Wants access to affordable and high-quality preschool for all Saint Paul families. Wants increased investment in out-of-school time programs and in funding for English Learning Language programming. Wants smaller class sizes. Increase investments in counselors, social workers, Restorative Justice Coordinators, Community Intervention Workers, and additional supportive staff. Wants to diversify teachings, trainings, and student support staff.



Uriah Ward (*NP)

Occupation & Background: Financial Aid Counselor, Augsburg University.

Accomplishments: Bachelor's degree, East Carolina University. Current member of Minnesota Association of Financial Aid Administrators Legislative Committee. Middle school teacher. Social Studies Department Chair. Coached chess team. Advisor, Student Government Assoc.

Education Platform: Wants to further tax corporations and enact charter school moratorium to study their impact in St. Paul. Wants to reduce class size, expand mental health counselors, require Critical Ethnic Studies, and promote affinity groups. Supports Full Service Community Schools programs. Recruit and retain teachers of color, families who left SPPS and immigrant communities. Refuse collaboration with ICE. Inclusivity of LGBTQ+ and focus on consent in sex education. Increase green energy use in schools and buses and evaluate environmental impacts of decision making.



Jennifer McPherson (*NP)
Occupation & Background: Founder,
Community Bridge Committee

Accomplishments: Studied Theology, Apostolic Bible Institute; St. Paul College; Vatterott College. Member Services, Twin Cities PBS. NAACP and New Black Panthers member. First female wrestler in St. Paul. Was youngest board member on RAP and Weed and Seed planning council. Former parent academy facilitator for SPPS. Football coach.

Education Platform: Believes all children deserve a fair and free education. Wants to address internal bullying, and improve on suspension policy, safety measures, Black student needs, mental health treatment for students and families, expansion of IEP qualifications, school choice and amenities.



Ryan Williams (*NP)

Occupation & Background: Associate
Educator. Secretary, Students for Education Reform

Accomplishments: Associate of Arts degree in Communication and Media Studies, Normandale College. Studied at Metropolitan State University. Lead free water advocate. Disability rights advocate. Music librarian assistant. Film and radio producer.

Education Platform: Wants increased transparency and accountability for SPPS, including transportation and employee safety standards.

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL ELECTION

CITY OF ST PAUL (3 SEATS - AT LARGE)



Jeanelle Foster (*NP, Incumbent)

Occupation & Background: Current St. Paul Public Schools (SPPS) Board Member, At-Large (2016). Teacher. Accomplishments: Bachelor's degree,
Metropolitan State University. Master's degree in
Education, Concordia University in Saint Paul.
Educator, 25 years. Family Services Manager,
Community Action of Ramsey & Washington County.
Assistant Director of Early Childhood Services, Wilder
Foundation. Dayton's Bluff District Council vice chair;
created Youth Engagement Committee. Current SPPS
board committee membership: Saint Paul Children's
Collaborative, Council of the Great City Schools Equity
Committee Tri-Chair, Board Budget Working Group
Executive Committee, Evaluation Work Group, and
Tribal Consultation.

Education Platform: Wants to bring staff together and improve relationships with administration. Center children and equity in decision-making. Improve system responsiveness. Increase parent and family engagement.



Clayton Howatt (*NP)

Occupation & Background: Business owner of a residential remodeling company

Accomplishments: Parent Teacher Organization president, 6 years. Community Organizer, Founding Member, Parents for St. Paul Schools (PSPS). Co-founder, Rec In Motion after school program. St. Paul Budget Finance Advisory Committee (BFAC). SPPS/St. Paul Federation of Educators (SPFE) Integration Task Force member. Hockey coach.

Education Platform: Wants to improve enrollment and stagnant revenue. Wants to halt new charter schools. Wants to help close racial disparity gaps. Increase arts and building trade instruction, and mental health support. Decrease class size. Diversify teaching workforce.

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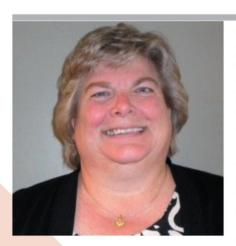
Gerard Balan

Occupation & Background: Nurse practitioner certified in psychiatry. Mental health advocate.

Accomplishments: Bachelor's degree in psychology, Tufts University, Boston. Master's degree in nursing, MGH Institute of Health Professions. Hopkins Planning & Zoning Commissioner. Zoning Regulations Update Working Group member. Hopkins 2040 Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee member. Founding member of The Hopkins Coalition.

Housing: Wants affordability, including preservation of naturally occurring affordable housing. Wants to provide residents property tax relief.

Economy: Wants renewed communications and marketing strategy, regular press releases to promote Hopkins to tourists visiting the Twin Cities area.



Kristi Halverson (Incumbent)

Accomplishments: Bachelor's degree in Middle and Junior High Education, University of Northern Iowa. Zoning and Planning Commissioner. Hopkins Historical Society member. American Legion Auxiliary, Hopkins Elks, and Shepherd of the Hills member. Co-coordinator of Loaves and Fishes poverty alleviation program.

Housing: Increase affordable and market rate housing. Retain housing stock.

Economy: Focus on future development opportunities around the light rail stations. Work together with City of Minnetonka to coordinate light rail station development to improve economic development. Maintain and enhance existing business district and original downtown.



Occupation & Background: Residential Advisor, Job Corps

Housing: Wants to increase affordable housing.

Economic Justice: Focus on women and BIPOC business owners to promote diversity in downtown district. Revitalize green space.

Police Accountability Reform: Wants to build police-community relations. Reform through policy, maintain full funding

Loretta Arradondo (*NP)



Gillian Rosenquist (Incumbent)

Occupation & Background: Current Golden Valley City Council Member. Attorney.

Accomplishments: Bachelor of Arts degree, University of Washington – Seattle. J.D., William Mitchell College of Law. Open Space and Recreation Commission, Vice-Chair (currently). Bottineau LRT Station Planning and Citizens Advisory Committee service. League of Women Voters, Golden Valley Board Member.

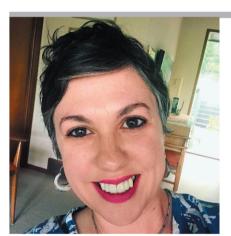
Housing: Supports renter protections, housing diversity, and lower-income home-buying options.

Economic Justice: Reduced debt by over \$20M. Supports strategic, thoughtful spending.

Public Safety: Supports public safety staff to address mental health and social service support needs.



Jason Ross (*NP)



Jen Westmoreland Bouchard (*NP, Incumbent)

A Occupation & Background: Associate Brand Manager, Michael Foods

ccomplishments: Bachelor of Arts degree in International Management; Master's degree of Business Administration in International Business.

Education Platform: Wants to focus on student wellness, trauma awareness, acknowledge and informed teaching. Wants to elevate student voice in planning efforts. Work with Citizens Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC) and district leadership team to address funding gap, including state and federal levels. Wants personalized framework and learning through a restorative approach.

Occupation & Background: Faculty member, Normandale Community College. Teacher.

Accomplishments: Bachelor of Arts degrees in French in Interdisciplinary Fine Arts, St. Olaf College. Master of Arts degree in French & Francophone Studies, UCIA. Master of Arts in Literature & English Studies, MN State University – Mankato. Pursuing a doctorate in the Department of Educational Leadership at MN State University – Mankato. Researcher of world languages education, global literatures, and intercultural education throughout the U.S., Europe, the Caribbean, and West Africa. Worked on state and federal educational equity policies and practices.

Education Platform: Wants innovative educational practices; invest in experiential, personalized, inquiry-based, environmental, culturally-affirming, and multilingual learning opportunities. Review and craft policies with an equity, inclusion, and anti-racist lens, including advocacy at state and federal level. Wants to increase enrollment.

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Yolanda Magee (*NP)

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Occupation & Background: Area Sales Manager, UPS.

Accomplishments: Bachelor of Arts degree in History, University of Minnesota. District Equity Committee member; updated District's Equity Promise, selected a training program for staff and teachers and started to address some challenges with recruiting and retaining a diverse staff.

Education Platform: Wants a comprehensive district plan that addresses concerns of students teachers and parents. Increase mental health resources for students inside and outside of school. Ensure all students have guidance and support for a plan after high school.



Shauna Bock (*NP, Incumbent)

Occupation & Background: Assistant Director of Specialized Services and Learning, South Saint Paul Public Schools. Current Mounds View School Board Member (2018).

Accomplishments: Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Science, Metropolitan State University. Master of Arts degree in Special Education, University of St. Thomas. K-12 principal license, Hamline University. Licensed social studies and special education teacher. Assistant Principal – St. Paul Public Schools. PTA President – Sunnyside Elementary. MV Facilities Task Force member.

Education Platform: Supports teamwork between parents, teachers and community for shared decision- making processes. Wants to increase investment in facilities.



Diane Glasheen (*NP, Incumbent)

Occupation & Background: Sr. Field Marketing Manager, Workday. Current Mounds View School Board Member (2018)

Accomplishments: Bachelor of Science degree in Speech Communications, MN State university - Mankato. Bel Air PTA Member and Co-President. Volunteered for Fun Run, Carnival, Book Fair; Girl Scout Troop Treasurer, MV Facilities Task Force; Neighbors United-Vote Yes for Schools Strategy Team & Volunteer Coordinator.

Education Platform: Supports adding more classrooms. Wants to improve on closing the achievement gap and post-secondary readiness, and expand arts education. Supports school choice options.



"We have a vested interest in this country. Voting is the dividend of a stakeholder. As a Black Mother, Wife, and Tax-Paying Business Owner, I understand that I must participate in the selection of leaders and the creation of policies that protect my rights and meet the

my rights and meet the needs of my community."

-Anika Robbins
Founder, Black Votes Matter MN



Here are specific details for Hennepin County, Minneapolis and Ramsey County residents

Early Absentee Voting by Mail

Everyone can request an absentee ballot and find out where to return your completed ballot online at www.mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us. Return your completed ballot in the pre-paid, pre-addressed envelope that was provided with your ballot materials. Completed voter ballots must be received by Election Day.

Hennepin County residents: If necessary, ballots may be returned in person. Return ballots by 3 p.m. on election day to your city or school district election office. Find locations by visiting www.hennepin.us/residents/elections/absentee-voting.

Minneapolis residents only: also have the option to print a ballot at home. Find more info at www.vote.minneapolismn.gov. Minneapolis residents can return their completed ballot by mail or in-person at: Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services, 980 E Hennepin Ave Minneapolis, MN 55414-1314. Or, return it by email: minneapolisabsentee@minneapolismn.gov, or fax: 612-673-2756.

Ramsey County residents: can return their absentee ballots by mail: PO Box 64098, Saint Paul, MN 55164. Or, by email: elections@ramseycounty.us, or by fax: 651-266-2177.

Ramsey County residents may also return their absentee ballots in person on weekdays through Nov. 1 at these locations and times:

Ramsey County Elections Office Plato Building

90 Plato Blvd W, St. Paul, MN 55107 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Ramsey County Government Center East Building

160 E Kellogg Blvd, St Paul, MN 55101 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Arlington Hills Community Center

1200 Payne Ave, St Paul, MN 55130 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Frogtown Community Center

230 Como Ave, St Paul, MN 55103 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Ramsey County Library - Roseville

2180 Hamline Ave N, Roseville, MN 55113 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Ramsey County Library - Maplewood

3025 Southlawn Dr, Maplewood, MN 55109 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Ramsey County Library - Shoreview

4560 Victoria St N, Shoreview, MN 55126 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Ramsey County Library - White Bear Lake

2150 2nd St, White Bear Lake, MN 55110 Monday, Thursday & Friday 11a.m. - 3p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Early In-person Absentee Voting

Hennepin County Residents

Eligible voters may vote absentee in-person at their city or school district office. Dates, times and locations vary by city or school district. Find locations by visiting www.hennepin.us/residents/elections/absentee-voting.

Minneapolis Residents Only

Vote in-person at the **Early Vote Center**, 980 Hennepin Avenue East, Minneapolis, MN 55414. Hours are 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. Beginning October 18th, in-person voting will be extended to 7 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday – Friday. Minneapolis residents will also have in-person service hours on the two weekends leading into Election Day, October 23 – 24th and October 30 – 31st. Hours are 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. for Saturday and 12 – 5 p.m. for Sunday. Visit www. vote.minneapolismn.gov for more info.

Health Care Facility Voting Squad in Minneapolis - The Minneapolis Elections and Voter Services Health Care Facility Voting Squad will be starting its rounds with local health care facilities to serve voters there beginning Wed, Oct. 13th - 29th, with hospital service on Nov. 1 and 2.

Ramsev County Residents

Eligible voters may vote absentee in-person at the Ramsey County Elections Office - Plato Building: 90 Plato Blvd W, St. Paul, MN 55107. This office is open for in-person absentee voting Sept. 17th - Nov. 1st, 2021. Learn all you need to know about voting in Ramsey County by visiting www.ramseycounty.us/residents/elections-voting.

The Ramsey County Elections Office is open during the following hours:

Sept. 17-Oct. 25: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Oct. 26-29: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 30: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 1: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. This site is closed weekends except Saturday, Oct. 30.

Additional in-person absentee voting sites will open Oct. 26:

Arlington Hills Community Center 1200 Payne Ave, St Paul, MN 55130

Frogtown Community Center 230 Como Ave, St Paul, MN 55103

First Tee of Twin Cities Highland National Golf Course 1403 Montreal Ave, St Paul, MN 55116 Ramsey County Library - Roseville 2180 Hamline Ave N, Roseville, MN 55113

These sites are open during the following hours:

Oct. 26-29: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. | Oct. 30: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. | Nov. 1: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Voting on Election Day

Election Day is Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021. Voter polls everywhere are open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. On Election Day you must vote at your assigned polling place. It's located near where you live. Find your poll by visiting https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us.

After the Election...Then What?

The 2021 General Election is Tuesday, November 2nd, but we may not know the results for several days after, once results are tabulated and finalized by Minnesota's Secretary of State. In early January, candidate-elects for city council are publicly sworn into office at City Hall. During their first, official city council meeting, a Council President and Vice President are elected by the majority vote of the body.

Upcoming Election Changes

Due to a change in state statute over a decade ago – further solidified by Minneapolis voters via referendum in the 2020 General Election – Minneapolis City Council Members will serve a 2-year term this time around; the Mayor will still serve a 4-year term. The intention of this change was for voters to be able to vote for a new candidate sooner after the census-driven redistricting, thus better be represented by the candidate they get to participate in electing. Redistricting, which occurs every 10 years following completion of the mandatory Census count, means some neighborhoods will shift into another park district and city ward.

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What is the process for redistricting and what could this mean for me?

Redistricting is a mandatory process of redrawing the boundaries of election districts to ensure equal representation. Redistricting is based on data from the decennial Census count and is governed by federal and state law. It impacts municipal boundaries and local, state and congressional elections. Precincts and voting poll locations may change.

New city wards and park districts are created by the City Charter Commission. To ensure redistricting reflects our diverse communities, the process involves public input. Typically an Advisory Group is appointed by the Charter Commission; this is mandatory in Minneapolis. This process helps inform how the new boundaries are drawn. Redistricting is currently underway. In Minnesota, the deadline for new congressional and legislative districts is 25 weeks before the primary election which will be held on August 9th, 2022. This puts us at mid-February of 2022 for redistricting to occur in Minnesota.

Legislative Priorities

In the second year of the State's legislative biennium, lawmakers will make decisions about how to distribute funding established in the new, 2-year budget they adopted in July. This process is mostly informed by advisory groups appointed by the governor. Among key issues at the State are Covid-19 restrictions and orders, premium pay for frontline workers, police accountability, the legalization of marijuana use for adults, reproductive rights, voting rights and how to distribute any influx of federal funding Minnesota receives in response to the strain the coronavirus pandemic has had on our economy and our lives. Similarly, at the City level, key legislative issues center around homelessness and our housing crisis, police accountability, violence prevention, economic recovery and business support, and how to distribute federal Covid-19 related funding provided to municipalities by the State.

Advocating for yourself and your community with elected officials

We vote to select leaders to work on issues that matter to us and our community. Policies and program funding are proposed and issued at every level of government. Increasingly, change is happening at the municipal and local level, due to public engagement and public pressure. Learn which governing body decides on the issues and decide how you will engage, i.e. through political party, advocacy groups or as an individual. Call, email or write your representatives at anytime on the issues that matter to you. Stay informed on their positions by signing up for their newsletters. Most importantly, VOTE!

For links, schedules and more information on the upcoming legislative session, visit: www.blackvotesmattermn.com



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