

David B Wheeler

Candidate for: Minneapolis City Council Ward 10

How long have you lived in your community?

25 years

Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

Judy Shields, Jim Vos, Steve Minn, Sam & Sylvia Kaplan, Peter Hutchinson, Jay Ettinger, Kelly Doran, Steve Cramer, Russell Cowles, Fran Davis, Barb Davis, Don Samuels, etc.

Minneapolis is facing a housing shortage unlike any we have experienced in recent history. What will you do to increase the number of homes available to Minneapolitans?

Converting commercial buildings and old schools into housing stock, and offer city owned empty lots for the construction of new housing with incentives.

***Minnesota has one of the largest homeownership gaps between Whites and Blacks, Indigenous, and People of Color. This is one of MAR's primary concerns. What would you propose at the local level to close this homeownership gap?**

Focus economic development and the creation of good paying jobs in lower income neighborhoods. Partner with non-profits and faith communities to construct affordable housing, and remove legal barriers to diversity.

How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing? Specifically, please speak to your positions on Rent Stabilization, Inclusionary Zoning, Rental Subsidies, and/or Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act.

Minneapolis - even though rent control sounds like a great idea - it is not. It has never worked where it has been tried. I strongly oppose the rent control amendment. Because of the need to improve our miserable record of home ownership in the Indigenous, black and persons of color community I favor Inclusionary Zoning. Rental subsidies might be effective in limited circumstances, but TOPA is definitely a no go for me.

Do you support the current Public safety charter amendment and why?

I strongly oppose "Yes 4 Minneapolis". I am a strong NO to defunding and abolishing the police. The department definitely needs to be transformed and Chief Arradondo can provide the leadership needed with the support of residences and elected officials. Public and personal safety is a complex issue that needs a multi-facted approach from a variety of sectors. We have our work cut out!

Do you support the current government structure charter amendment to enact a strong mayoral system and why?

I absolutely support the proposal! Now we have a Mayor with all of the responsibility, and none of the authority, and a Council with all of the authority and none of the responsibility. I served on the Duluth City Council with a strong mayor system - it works! St. Paul has a strong mayor system, and the Charter Commission's proposal has my strong endorsement.

Please provide links to all social media accounts connected to you or your campaign if any.

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