

# Jamal Osman

**Candidate for:** City Council Ward 6

**How long have you lived in your community?**

16 years

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

We have been endorsed by AFSCME, DFL Senior Caucus, and the Somali-American Police Association

**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?**

We need to increase the number of housing units available and make it easier for developers to start projects. The city can play a role by incentivizing the building of affordable units.

**\*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?**

Increase funding for homeownership education for minority groups, create programs to increase opportunities for these groups to purchase their homes, such as the opportunity to purchase act.

**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.**

We need to start by enforcing the laws we have on the books. We can increase funding for tenant rights education programs and eviction intervention programs. I support the ongoing discussion in City Hall about rent stabilization. I think these talks should include all groups including property owners and tenants. I want to find a solution that keeps people in their homes and neighborhoods. I strongly support the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act and rental subsidies.

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

We need to change the culture of the MPD. I view the charter amendment as a good first step in the long process of reforming our system of public safety so that it protects and respects every resident of Minneapolis.

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

Being a new council member, I don't think it is for me to support taking away my power. I am still learning and the current structure has worked for me. I see my office as the largest advocate for my community and I don't want that power taken away from them.

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