

Michael Rainville

Candidate for: Minneapolis City Council Ward 3

How long have you lived in your community?

My entire life

Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

I have been active in the St. Anthony West Neighborhood Association for 35 years. I helped get the Pierre Bottineau library opened on Broadway, I helped preserve the Ritz theater, I brought the EPA here to test the land at the location of BF Nelson Park to see what needed to be done to be able to open a park there. I also established the police substation on University ave.

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

Operation Safety Now, Teamsters, Senior DFL Caucus, Don and Sondra Samuels, DFL Senior Caucus

What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

There is not enough affordable housing for families. A lot of the new construction has been studio or 1 bedroom apartments. I would like to see more 3 or 4 bedroom units so families can move in and enjoy our wonderful neighborhoods in ward 3. I would also like to see home ownership opportunities increase via the condo market.

The Twin Cities Metro 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 residents of your community?

I want to build along existing transit and utility lines, where density works the most efficiently. I will also reach out to the developer community to ask advice on building all ranges of affordable and home ownership housing

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I place a high value diversity, equity, and inclusion. In our ward, there is a sizable population of East African and Latino immigrants who have added a lot of character to our ward. If elected, it is a goal of mine to make sure this community is included when it comes to who is being hired for municipal jobs. I want to ensure they have the same opportunities as my immigrant grandparents had.

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?

We must do everything we can to ensure people of color have the chance to build generational wealth through home ownership., as my family did. I will use my position to advocate for the County, State, and Federal governments to provide assistance to first generation home owners. I recognize the importance of stable housing in everyone's lives, especially children.

How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

Do not rush into a Rent Control ordinance. We must consult land lords and the real estate industry as well as housing advocates to understand how to move through the housing crisis.

What are your views on property tax rates in your community? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

I have a concern that taxes are too high due to inefficient budget priorities. We are not providing property owners with a level of service that is equal to the level of taxes. Moving forward we have to squeeze out every ounce of

fat from the city government's budget. At the same time we have to have favorable development policies that will provide for more housing and commercial growth to increase the tax.

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