

Mickey Moore

Candidate for: City Council- Ward 9

How long have you lived in your community?

52 years

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

Teamsters, Fire Fighters Union, DFL Senior Caucus, Operation Safety Now, Kelly Doran, John Wolf, Steve Minn

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?

Homes are in shortage because our city govt. has continually prioritized rental development. Over the last 9 years, over 90% of ALL new development has been rental. We need a 180 degree reverse on that bad policy. We need more homes, more affordable homes and a more innovative focus on improved methods for increasing our supply, including, tiny homes, modular houses, and zoning changes that allow certain areas to accommodate the increasing demand for homes and home ownership.

***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 home ownership gap?**

The home ownership gap exists in part, because of institutional efforts to create artificial barriers for people of color. Redlining, financial restrictions, and lack of access. We need to now use those same institutions to work to rebalance the equation, creating specialized programs for low and no-down payment options. Rent-to-own options, and advanced resources that target our underserved communities with more and better choices for home ownership. We must begin purposefully messaging a believable narrative about transitioning our chronic renters into home ownership, regardless of their skin color.

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.

First, we have to acknowledge and respect the fact that the vast majority of affordable housing comes from small property owners. People who own 50 or less total units. These are the people who purposefully work to provide affordable rental opportunities for the people who need them. So the city govt. needs to work closely with the people who are providing the most important and necessary aspects of our housing needs. In other words, not all property owners are alike and our city needs to understand and account for those differences in our policies, regulations and oversight. Rent stabilization almost never actually works out as people hope. While some lucky few may get their affordable rents held down, others do not, or the overall affordable unit supply is reduced. In other cases, rents are unnecessarily "stabilized" for people who don't even fit into the affordable housing market. In almost all cases, whether developers and builders are disincorporated, or renters hang on to their homes longer than they might otherwise, cities end up with less overall affordable housing than they started with. Inclusionary zoning in Minneapolis has been a total failure. Not enough units are included, and there's always a fixed time limit or other loopholes that allow developers to exit the terms and increase their profits. I would rather see offsetting affordable housing developments that require a 1:1 ratio of affordable homes being built and maintained for the duration of the development, No time limit or exit option. Simply put, for every unrestructured unit, an affordable housing unit must be created and maintained. We can provide incentives for this kind of development to increase our supply of both types of housing options in our city. As someone who spent the first 13 years of their life living in Govt. assistance rental housing, I can tell you that is a critical component of the affordable housing system. Whether it is federal, state, county or city level assistance, subsidies often make the difference between affordable homes and homelessness. While the Tenant opportunity to purchase act is an extremely rare example that in Minneapolis, would almost never happen anyways. We aren't New York city, or some place that has

thousands of apartment buildings that suddenly turn into condominiums. If people want to buy a house, and they're economically prepared to buy a house, then they will almost always already have every opportunity to buy a house, including one that they currently rent. Unlike many of the worthwhile ideas that exist around affordable housing and increasing home ownership, this is really a useless govt. policy searching for someone to benefit.

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

Absolutely not. It's a dangerous message and totally unrealistic and unreasonable. The mere fact that it is on the ballot has encouraged home sales, a lack of new development, and the flight of businesses from our city. The messaging from some of our candidates who support his amendment is dangerous, irresponsible and reckless.

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

Our "weak" system comes from our having too many Ward and council members for a city of our size. We've always had a history of a strong and cohesive city council that worked alongside the mayor to accomplished shared goals and move our city forward. Recently, we've had more and more individual council members who prefer political grandstanding and furthering their own partisan agendas over cooperatively working in the best interest of Minneapolis residents. We also have off-0year elections which result in a horribly low voter turnout (averaging just a paltry 30% voter turnout over the last 5 municipal elections) I would prefer creating a stronger system by replacing bad elected officials with better, more professional and experienced leaders through the voting booth and making fundamental reforms to our structure by changing how many Wards and council members we have as well as aligning our voting with more popular state and federal election years.

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