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Office Sought

Minneapolis City Council Ward 11

Q5

Town of Residence

Minneapolis

Q6

How long have you lived in your community?

I am a lifelong resident of the City of Minneapolis.

Q7

Are you a Homeowner or Renter?

Homeowner

Q8

Do you own other real property (e.g. Business, Cabin, Investment, or Rental Property)? If so, which?

Cabin

Q9

Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

Prior to serving on the Minneapolis City Council, I served my community as a Board Member of the Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity Leadership Council, a Member of the Minneapolis Public Schools Parent Legislative COmmittee, a Board Member at the Hale Elementary School Site Council, a Board Member of the Waite Park School Site Council, a Board Member of the Waite Park Community Council, and a Board Member of 261 Fearless.

As a Council Member, I continue to remain active in my community through connecting with neighborhood organizations, advocacy groups, and other groups to support their work and understand their needs.

Q12

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

I have received endorsements from the following groups and individuals: IBEW Local 292, Minneapolis Firefighters Local 82, SMART SMW Local 10, AFSCME Council 5, LIUNA! Women Winning, AFL-CIO, NCSRCC, Minneapolis DFL, Representative Emma Greenman, Attorney General Keith Ellison, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board Commissioner Cathy Abene.

Q13

What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

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As a Minneapolis City Council Member, I recognize the pressing housing challenges that our community faces. It's crucial that we address these challenges proactively to ensure that all residents have access to safe, affordable, and stable housing options. We must address the following challenges facing our community:

1. Population growth outpacing the housing supply
 2. Lack of lower and middle-income housing
 3. Homeownership disparities
 4. Homelessness crisis
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Q14

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?

During my time on the City Council, we have made historic investments in affordable housing, including investments in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, NOAH Preservation, Minneapolis Homes Programs, and the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority. I will continue to support additional investments in affordable housing in our community.

As a Council Member, I have worked to encourage developers to build affordable housing projects in Ward 11, and have worked to support developers building affordable housing projects in the City of Minneapolis. I supported the redevelopment of Aqua City and Metro Inn into Single Room Occupancy housing. SRO housing provides basic, independent housing that is affordable and accessible to people experiencing homelessness and low-income households. I also encouraged a local senior housing provider to do a market research evaluation in South Minneapolis, in an effort to encourage them to expand into South Minneapolis.

Q15

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?

Closing the homeownership gap in Minnesota is a critical issue that requires focused efforts at the local level. We need to increase affordable homeownership opportunities in our city. We must increase the availability of low-income and lower-middle income affordable housing opportunities. I will continue to work with developers and encourage development of affordable housing in our community. I will continue to support additional investments in programs like NOAH, Minneapolis Public Housing Authority, Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and Minneapolis Homes Programs.

Q16

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

housing?

The approval of the City of Minneapolis's 2023 budget, which includes funding for Renters' Right to Counsel with ongoing general fund support, marks a significant step forward in enhancing renters' rights. This move reflects a growing recognition of the importance of protecting tenants' interests and ensuring equitable housing conditions.

Balancing the rights of tenants and property owners is a complex challenge that requires careful consideration. Strict rent control, as proposed earlier this year, is not the solution. Rather, to effectively manage rental housing, we can focus on a few key strategies such as having transparent regulations, incentives for responsible landlords, tenant representation, dispute resolution, and property maintenance standards.

By implementing a combination of these strategies, the City of Minneapolis can strike a balance between tenants' rights and property owners' interests. A well-regulated and equitable rental housing market benefits the community as a whole, fostering stability, fairness, and a positive living environment for everyone involved.

Q17

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?

The Mayor's 2024 recommended Budget and Levy was recently released. The rRecommended Levy is 6.2% and I am thankful that the Mayor kept the Recommended Levy at 6.2% as he predicted last year. I will be looking for opportunities to lower the levy in this budget, and in budgets moving forward.

Q18

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

Campaign Website: <https://www.emilykoskiformpls.com/>

Campaign Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/emilykoskimpls>

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Q19

Yes

The Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS(R) may plan to interview some candidates virtually, would you be willing to participate, if contacted?
