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Office Sought

City Council

Q5

Town of Residence

Minnetonka

Q6

How long have you lived in your community?

15 years

Q7

Are you a Homeowner or Renter?

Owner

Q8

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

No

Q9

Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

I have been a community organizer around different social issues for the last 20 years. I moved from being a community organizer to now a City Council. I made history of becoming the first person of color to serve in Minnetonka as a City Council in 2019, and now I'm running to be reelected so I can continue to organize with different organizations that care about the issues my community and I care about such as housing, transportation, criminal justice and generational wealth building.

Q12

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

Fair Vote, Local Progress, DFL letter of support,

Q13

What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

Zoning, and Affordable Housing

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?

Right now I'm pushing our city as well as League of MN Cities to address zoning, and making sure we have affordable housing in every apt development that comes to our city.

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?

In Minnetonka we just created a new program to help lower-income families get up to 75,000 to assist families with purchasing homes in Minnetonka. We have an ordinance if any developer build new development in our city all of the development must have 10% of affordable housing. We are in the process of just creating a new DEI Commission to address more of these types of issues in our city.

Q16

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

We have talked about creating rental licenses in our city to help manage rights of tenants and rights of property owners. We have not

gotten there yet but we do have staff to address any issues that comes up around tenants and owners. The conversation is on going.

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?

Right now our property tax has increased but in order to continue to provide the quality of services our residents wants we needed to increase the property taxes. I don't have any concerns residents are asking for a safe community and are showing in recent surveys they support a safe community and the property tax increase to support some of the services we are providing.

Q18

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