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Q4 Office Sought

Minneapolis City Council Ward 9

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

Alondra "rent-control now" Cano

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

27 years

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?

none

Q9 Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

Gary Schiff has been a civil rights leader for 25 years and served on the Minneapolis City Council from 2002-2013.

An advocate for more affordable housing, Gary served as the City's representative on the Minneapolis-St. Paul Housing Finance Board, the Family Housing Fund, and in 2006, Gary served as co-chair of the Minneapolis/Hennepin County Commission to End Homelessness. During his tenure on the City Council, the Ninth Ward added 549 new units of affordable housing -more new units of affordable rental housing than any other area of the city- including housing for American Indian elders, refugees, people with disabilities, teen mothers, people with AIDS and gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender seniors.

Gary helped start the city's American Indian Home Ownership program, beginning the transformation of a blighted block in the East Phillips neighborhood into high-quality affordable home ownership. Gary's civic involvement while in office included service as Chair of the Little Earth of United Tribes capital campaign and a member of capital campaign boards for CAPI and Alliance Housing.

As Ninth Ward City Council Member, Gary worked in coalition with neighborhood leaders to save the Midtown Greenway from new high voltage power lines, resulting in a precedent-setting Public Utilities Commission decision to order the lines buried at the utility's expense. Gary has been a champion for small business growth, sponsoring legislation that allowed more taxi companies, more sidewalk cafes, more live music in coffee shops and restaurants, more pedicabs on downtown streets, and the Brew Beer Here legislation that ushered the return of the local microbrewery industry.

Gary Schiff authored legislation such as the indoor smoking ban, the Equal Benefits Ordinance, municipal recognition of matriculas, the Sanctuary City ordinance, protections for youth workers in the traveling sales industry, a cap on rental application fees, and multiple efforts to increase animal adoptions.

Gary Schiff founded the Cuernavaca-Minneapolis Sister City program and was the first elected official from Minnesota to visit the Dadaab refugee camp on the Kenya-Somalia border.

Gary has the multicultural experience to work with all communities in the diverse Ninth Ward and a strong track record of building coalitions and passing progressive legislation.

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

\$75,000

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

\$50,000

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions?

Yes

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

Kelly Doran, Steve Wellington, George Sherman, Tony Barranco, Jack Boarman, Bob Lux, Mark Stenglein, Robb Bader, Josh Brandsted, UNITE/HERE, Teamsters, Stonewall DFL, Peter Donnino, Arnie Gregory and over 100 small business owners.

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

Increase the supply of affordable housing, and the heroin epidemic and break the cycle of poverty in the Ninth Ward.

If elected, I would reach out and partner with private and nonprofit housing developers to meet our city's affordable housing goals, as I did during my tenure on the City Council from 2002- 2013. During my three terms on the City Council, the Ninth Ward added 549 new units of affordable housing --more new units of affordable rental housing than any other area of the city-- including housing with services for American Indian elders, people with disabilities, teen mothers, people with AIDS and LGBT seniors.

I helped create the American Indian Homeownership program, to reduce racial disparities in homeownership and stabilize the neighborhood near Little Earth of United Tribes. Even this initiative has stagnated under the incumbent and the land where new single family homes could be built for American Indian community members sits empty.

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

Today there are no housing projects in the financing stage, nothing breaking ground, and nothing under construction --affordable or market rate-- in the Ninth Ward. This is a severe problem that harms economic growth and job creation. Minneapolis needs new housing construction to replace our aging housing stock and to meet the needs of a growing population that values urban living connected to transit.

In the Ninth Ward, the problem isn't necessarily a lack of good policy or tools to create affordable housing, but rather a complete lack of interest by the incumbent to engage housing developers with the process of land assembly, land use approvals, and financing to create more affordable housing.

Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

The city should encourage market rate and affordable housing development by working with the private and nonprofit sectors in the areas of land assembly, land use approvals, and financing.

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

I've heard from real estate industry professionals that the program is inefficient, duplicative and unnecessary. In my 12 years on the City Council, I heard few complaints from private homeowners, whether buying or selling.

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

The vacant building registry was created specifically to address the volume of vacant buildings left by the foreclosure crises. The crises has passed, and the ordinance has little value today.

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

The city should keep communication open about its rental property management goals. The city should also avoid adopting rent control, which will only hurt the supply of new housing and reduce investment in older properties. My opponent Alondra Cano has declared rent control to be her number one priority in 2018. (Star Tribune 8/12/17)

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

Minneapolis' successful fast-growing tax base should be able to cover the cost of city services without property tax hikes. Property tax hikes harm home ownership, particularly for seniors on fixed incomes.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

Traffic engineering in Minneapolis is significantly undercapitalized and outdated and is one of the areas Minneapolis should invest in order to reduce time spent stuck in traffic. I'm grateful for the recent municipal infusion of capital in roads, and not optimistic about any future increased spending for transit by our State Legislature.

Q22 The Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS(R) may plan to interview some candidates in person, would you be willing to participate, if contacted? (Yes or No) (If no, please explain)

Yes

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Q4 Office Sought

City Council, Ward 8

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

Andrea Jenkins (DFL), April Kane (DFL), Terry White (Green)

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

6 months

Q7 Are you a Homeowner or Renter?

Renter, intend to buy. I'm recently divorced but was previously a homeowner for 10+ years.

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 Libertarian party activist for roughly 5 years, engaging in community outreach and campaign support for municipal and state offices in the Twin Cities metro area.

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

Modest - I only expect to raise a few thousand dollars.

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

\$750

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions?

Yes

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

Cara Schulz, Burnsville City Council; seeking NORML and ACLU endorsements.

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

My goal is quite simply to reduce the size and influence of the municipal government. I will seek reduction in property taxes and a corresponding reduction in city spending. I strongly object to the city's recently passed ordinance requiring that all landlords consider section 8 tenants.

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

Residents will often complain about the lack of NOAH. I see opportunities here for public-private partnerships such as BB Housing in St. Paul, where socially-conscious investors purchase and renovate one or two-star housing stock as a long-term investment strategy; these buyers can keep rents affordable for tenants and keep the neighborhoods attractive and well-kept.

Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

None. I think all transactions belong to the open market and that buyers and sellers should be free to negotiate property transfers.

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

It should be incumbent on buyers to obtain an evaluation from an inspector. Liability should not be placed on the owner/developer. I have never previously lived in a jurisdiction with this type of ordinance and find it strange that the city can set the conditions of a sale and require a seller rather than a buyer to generate an inspection report.

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

The vacant building fees charged by the city are a violation of property rights. With foreclosures still common even 9 years after the housing market collapse, it is not uncommon for vacant housing to exist, and the \$7000 fee is mostly an attempt by the city to extract money from investors for what they perceive as an injustice.

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

The city shouldn't play a role - these are market transactions. I fully support public-private partnerships to redevelop housing to keep it affordable, but there should be absolutely no intervention by the city on what can or can't be charged for use of a property.

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

The ongoing property tax increases are used to justify spending on city services on the backs of homeowners. I find this fundamentally inequitable and see a reduction in city spending as the only solution.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

The city's transit infrastructure is likely to be obsolete in 10 to 20 years. We should be looking at creating walkable mixed-use areas that reduce loads on streets and decrease the need for transit infrastructure. In my own ward, the renovation of 35W to support a new transit access point is going to snarl traffic for 4 years to support public transit at the expense of added commute times for tens of thousands of car commuters.

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I would be happy to participate in an in-person interview and hope that my positions on property rights and housing are worthy of your endorsement.

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Ward 10 City Council

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

Incumbant Lisa Bender

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

Born here, in this neighborhood 27 years

Q7 Are you a Homeowner or Renter?

Homeowner and rental property owner

Q8 Do you own other real property (e.g. Business, Cabin, Investment, or Rental Property)? If so, which?

Duplex rental unit

Q9 Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

Previous board member, Whittier Alliance, SW High School Robotics team one season, several professional organizations related to my trade - RSES, AEI, RETA

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

Whatever I can

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

\$250.

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions?

Yes

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

Richard Goldman, Karen Doom,

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

Part time City Council; avert a City Administrator by making the Mayor's office stronger; introduce fundamental economic principles to the discussion, which implies letting the markets work;

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

Construction of very small apartments lacking parking and given variances and conditional use permits. I am not convinced the high density housing being constructed will be a long term credit to the City. I fear that in the years to come some of the construction will become a blight in Minneapolis just the "projects" became.

Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

Little to none. The City should let the market work.

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

An onerous burden. I am a licensed mechanical contractor and refuse to do Safety Inspections. Any competent, mature, unbiased and experienced HVAC & R Technician can make a judgement about a heating system in about 5 minutes - and that includes MPLS Mechanical Inspectors who should be doing them. Somehow the City could be released from liability rather than a six hour inspection, including paper work.

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

I have to do some research and reflect upon the Ordinance, but if this is the source of charging a fee for vacant building because of the supposed additional costs incurred by vacant buildings I would say it generally misguided.

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

Let the Police enforce noise and party ordinances, as well as lurking I might add. Property owners may soon be told on one hand told they have to rent to marginal and Section 8 tenants, and then told they have to discipline and remove tenants. Low rent properties cannot survive with the Cities impositions. I have done apartment maintenance in buildings, I have seen the worst. Casting blame is difficult, but I generally side with the property owner.

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

My property taxes are more than three times what they were when I bought these houses. That seems excessive. As popular as they are, the Renter's Rebate and Property Tax Refund gimmicks have to go so we, as a City, can understand where the revenue comes from. You realtors like these programs because they help peddle property, but they are cumbersome vehicles that have administrative costs.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

Roads and bridges, Bus Rapid Transit, keep an eye on the emergence of driverless vehicles which seemingly considerably going to change the equation.

Q22 The Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS(R) may plan to interview some candidates in person, would you be willing to participate, if contacted? (Yes or No) (If no, please explain)

Yes

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Q4 Office Sought

Ward 10 Minneapolis City Council

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

Lisa Bender

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

Decade

Q7 Are you a Homeowner or Renter?

Renter (owned a home for 25 years)

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.

History and Government Teacher 30 years
Kids Voting Coordinator for 24 years
Coach for 30 years
LHENA Board 2017
Volunteer on numerous campaigns
Spokesperson for Mn United for All Families
Spokesperson for PFLAG of St Cloud
Education Mn Brooklyn Center Union Past President
Speaker at high schools to end bullying.
Volunteer to clean Lake Calhoun South shore
Numerous Education Committees to help children
Adopted a special needs boy from the St Cloud Childrens Home

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

Just enough income to spread my message to the citizens of Ward 10. I am NOT interested in "banking " my campaign donations for future elected positions

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

2000 in doantions. In Kind collateral coming soon for a commerical and brochures

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions?

Yes

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

Minneapolis Federation of Police
Small business owners Rebecca Illingsworth, Deepak Nath, Joster Group, Jay Ettinger Realty, Eat Street Business group, Stellas, Blake Richardson (Moti I and Herkimers) . Leather and Latte.
Sara Norton - Spokesperson for Service Industry Staff for Change
Possible endorsements pending: ASCME and The Business Agents.
I entered the race after the party endorsements were given out.

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

Rent Stabilization
Environmental protections for our MPLS lakes
Preserve Historical Homes
Parking and Traffic Improvements
Support Small Businesses (Allow Tip Credits)

Bring the city together with Compassion and Compromise.

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

1. Rent has become unaffordable for many. (8th highest rent rates in the Nation)
 2. Lose of community.
 3. Destruction of Historical housing areas
 4. Loss of parking for Small businesses and homeowners
 5. Small Businesses shutting down due to forced wage increaes and high property taxes
 6. Increase in robberies and violence . (Minneapolis ranks 10th highest in the nation in robberies and crime is over 300% higher then American average)
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Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

Just make sure the transaction follows the rules of federal and state laws. The city soul also make sure they are offering programs to help the homeowners improve their properties and assist the buyers if they want to make improvements on the property for the betterment of the home and the neighborhood.

Key is the city should be there to "help" not to "over regulate " homeowner transactions.

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

TISH is required in 12 metro cities. I would like to see a uniformed TISH report for all the 12 Cities. The seller should be required to fully disclose the issues with the home. The repairs of the home should be the responsibility of the seller. The key is the city should not "over regulate" the sale of the home. If a licensed contrator fixes the problems and signs off on it, that should be sufficient.

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

I own a small business and during the summers, when I am not teaching, I work on numerous homes for landlords and individual homeowners. I paint, landscape and do minor repairs. When speaking with homeowners and landlords, one major concern is the upkeep of properties in their nieghborhoods.

Vancant homes that are not cared for or have become condemed by the city, create an "eyesore" for the community and it devalues properties next door.

The Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance states "The owner of a vacant building shall pay an annual fee as established in the director's fee schedule, pursuant to MCO 91.70. The current fee is \$6,948.00."

If building goes vacant for a period of time the city should step in and either purchase the property from the owner or "condemn" the property and take it over.

No neighborhood wants to have vacant homes in their neighborhoods. Especially buildings that have fallen apart and the yards have not been taking care off. I work at a vacant home weekly to keep it looking good for the owner. The owner wants to sell it but doesnt have the income now to fix it up inside.

Responisibility lies within the homeowner on vacant properties. If they do not take care of the property, the city needs to step in.

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

Every week in the summer I work on 17 properties that are rentals. I go into many rentals to provide repairs and to mow and landscape their lawns. I have many friends who own rentals and I have many students and friends who live in rentals so I can see both "sides " of the story.

Landlords must be held accountable to make sure property is safe and clean for the tenants. Tenants must be held accountable for taking care of the home which, includes cleaning up around the home and the outside areas of the home/apt.

As someone who works on rentals often and have been with city inspectors inside the homes, I can see how important it is to have a safe home for the tenants. I also can relate to the homeowner who receives citations for repairs on a home. The city needs to work "with" both the tenant and the homeowners. The city also needs to hold the property management companies accountable for making required repairs/maintenance.

I have personally witnessed management companies collecting fees from the owners but then they do not do the needed repairs. The owner only finds out when they receive a citation from the city.

The key is the city , the tenant, the owner, and the manager need to work "together".

I firmly support an ordinance that requires new buyers to give the tenants 90 days to move out of property if they're on a month to month lease. We see it all to often in Ward 10 (Uptown/Whittier) where a corporation comes in and buys an apartment complex only to kick out the tenants when they become owners. That is not fair to the tenants.

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

Property taxes are too high. Period. We need to stabilize property taxes so homeowners can afford to live in Ward 10. Last year many homeowners saw a 5.5.% increase in property taxes. As a city council member I would stabilize property taxes by making budget cuts. I would provide free parking stickers for homeowners so they can park by their homes. Parking and traffic problems have become a major issue in Ward 10.

As a city council member, I would develop a committee of local homeowners to hear their ideas and concerns. One of the biggest issues in Minneapolis is the lack of communication among residents and city council members. Residents feel like their concerns never get addressed.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

If you ever drove around Uptown on any given day you will see the traffic mess we have here. Recently City Hall passed an ordinance that allowed large apartment construction with NO parking required. This has caused a parking crisis in Uptown and Whittier. Apartment residences are now parking on the street in front of small businesses and homes. Small businesses are going out of business because people can't get to their stores and buy their products. Homeowners, who pay enormous taxes, can't even park by their homes. That is not fair. We need to bring back the parking requirement ordinance for new apartments.

Our transit system and infrastructure needs an overhaul. We need to provide more thoroughfares that are for vehicles only. Much like we do for the interstates. The Greenway is an excellent example of having a transit system dedicated to one means of transportation (Bikes) The roads, such as 26th, 28th, 31st, Lake, Hennepin and Lyndale should be free from bicycle traffic to improve safety and traffic flow. The bike lanes on the off streets such as Bryant and many other N/W roads work pretty well.

The bus system needs to reduce bus stops so they can improve the flow of traffic as well. Many buses stop every street corner which is not needed. Our school systems have "bus pickup" locations for kids that are centralized and efficient. No reason why we can't do that with our bus system.

The Blue and Green lines provide a valuable service for many. We could improve these systems by making "transit stations" where buses meet in one central area that also includes the trains. Like Central Station in NYC . Target Field Station is a good start along with the new transit station being built soon on Lake Street.

Q22 The Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS(R) may plan to interview some candidates in person, would you be willing to participate, if contacted? (Yes or No) (If no, please explain)

Yes please contact me 3202298887.

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Q4 Office Sought

Minneapolis city council ward 7

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

I have three opponents. Janne, Joe and Taquen

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

28 years

Q7 Are you a Homeowner or Renter?

I owned a condo for 18 years a home for 5 years and now rent but just bought a home to close on October 2nd :)

Q8 Do you own other real property (e.g. Business, Cabin, Investment, or Rental Property)? If so, which?

I own a vacation home/farm.

Q9 Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

I have been actively involved in the community since the day I moved to Minneapolis. I have served and currently serve on the following boards: Jewish Family and Childrens Services, The Family Housing Fund, the MN Racing Commission, the Human Society, Midwest Woman's Healthcare Fund, Meet Minneapolis and Dog Grounds, which I founded in 2005 to build dog parks in Minneapolis. I volunteer weekly at a nursing home and am active in many political campaigns and issues involving housing, preservation and animals.

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

75,000

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

60,000

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions?

Yes

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

Senator Al Franken who lives in the 7th ward along with many other notable residents who are members of MAAR. I have also been endorsed by Women Winning, AFSCME, Central Labor Federation, Minneapolis Building Trades, Local 82 Firefighters and Stonewall DFL to name a few.

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

My work has focused in three areas, affordable housing, community and economic development and infrastructure including parks and the environment. My main goal is to represent my constituents well and ensure their voices are included in city decision making that includes issues of taxes, public safety and neighborhood livability.

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

Taxes are one of the biggest housing issues in my ward. High taxes have hurt homeowners as they struggle to stay in their homes as they age but move into retirement. Taxes are also an issue for rental property owners who need to raise rents, which causes an affordable housing problem, as a result of ever increasing taxes. In addition, my constituents are concerned about vacant buildings, yes there are some including one on Lake of the Isles that is a blight, as well as conversion of homeownership to rental in order to increase density in the city.

Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

The city has a role as a partner to work with the many groups and Government entities to finance affordable housing. We should also however limit our role in overseeing and inacting more regulation which makes homes harder to fix up and sell. I see more of the city's role going forward in working on the affordable rental housing issue especially in preserving naturally occurring affordable housing along with some renters rights issues.

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

I do see the need to ensure that when a home is sold it is up to code and has basic life safety elements in working order. I do not however support expanding the scope or reach of TISH which could affect the timely sale of properties between willing sellers and buyers. Especially in this very tight market with little inventory for first time buyers.

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

I believe we need to charge a fee to those who have decided to walk away from their property and leave it abandoned and boarded, these properties bring down the value of the properties surrounding them and can create a livability problem in many parts of the city. I am open to making changes if there are larger issues in the ordinance that require an update or a reevaluation.

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

This is a complicated question because there are the good owners which is the majority and then there are some very bad owners who take advantage of their tenants. We need to ensure we respect the rights of renters to live in housing free of mold, bugs and broken appliances and fixtures. Poor renters often are forced to live in less than acceptable conditions due to bad landlords, disinvestment and a tight market for lower rent apartments. Ultimately rental property is a business and should be regulated like one, meaning those who have few issue should get limited attention and those who have many complaints and issues would see more attention.

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

Without question property tax rates are a major issue in the city and one that will leave our city with only very wealthy and very poor residents going forward should we choose to ignore it. I have not voted for the Mayors budget many times and always its because of the levy increase. The committee I chair oversees liscense fees and we have not raised fees for liscenses across the board in about 8 years. I also worry about increases in the water, sewer and garbage rate and voted against the big increase last year. Until we get a Mayor who shares these concerns the very left leaning majority on the city council will not see or support an increase they don't favor as we get the city involved in all sorts of things beyond the basics, police, fire, public works we are charged with doing that cost a lot.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

I was the author of and we passed a parks and infrastructure package last year that adds 20 million for 20 years to parks and roads all for capital. We do not fund transit at the city level but I support multi model transportation options and getting more people to walk, bike and take transit.

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Yes

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Q4 Office Sought

Mayor of Minneapolis

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

11 people

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

Born in Minneapolis

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.

Public Service my entire life.

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

Make it through the day.

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

\$25

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions?

Yes

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

Endorsed by AFSME Retired workers.

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

Work on housing

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

Affordable housing

Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

none

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

I have no opinion

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

Good

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

Hold owners accountable

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

Base rates on value.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

Keep the current rate of service.

Q22 The Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS(R) may plan to interview some candidates in person, would you be willing to participate, if contacted? (Yes or No) (If no, please explain)

Yes

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Q4 Office Sought

City Council, Ward 8

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

I have 3 opponents, Terry White, April Kane, and David Holsinger

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

38 years

Q7 Are you a Homeowner or Renter?

I am a homeowner

Q8 Do you own other real property (e.g. Business, Cabin, Investment, or Rental Property)? If so, which?

I own a duplex, so I have one tenent

Q9 Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

I have 30 years o public service

I am a public speaker and national advocate for LGBT and Human Rights

I have served on many non-profit boards, most recently I was board chair of Intermedia Arts and the Metropolitan State University Alumni Board as vice -president

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

\$50,000

Q11 How much have your raised to date?

\$30,000

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions?

Yes

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

Endorsements:

Democratic Farmer and Labor Party

Congressman Keith Ellison

City Council Vice-President Elizabeth Glidden

Women Winning

Take Action MN

SEIU

Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation

Victory Fund

Minnesota Nurses Association

Our Revolution (National)

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

More affordable housing in Ward 8

More equity in employment, education and access to healthcare

More Police Accountability and safer communities

Significant progress on climate issues and facilitate green jobs growth

Reduce the wealth gap in Minneapolis between Blacks and Whites.

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

The issue of gentrification and it's impact on affordable housing.

Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

I believe the city can and should be a significant role in ensuring housing safety, accessibility and that federal, state and local housing regulations are followed. The housing crash of 2008 was one of the most significant economic events in American and consequently Minneapolis history. City government has a role to play in preventing and intervening if mass foreclosures happen. Cigovernment also has a role to play what are legal boundaries of properties, the proper zoning, and making sure that all transactions are fair and enforceable.

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

I believe this program is essential in making sure that property transactions meet all housing regulations and that sellers properly disclose pertinent information to buyers.

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

I believe that the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance is important to community safety, it creates a incentive to occupy buildings so that they don't sit vacant for years as some speculators hold on to properties for years waiting for the highest profits. The vacant buildings are many times targets for vandalism, squatters and graffiti.

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

More frequent and consistent inspections would help tenants and property owners. There are many tenants organizations are taking shape and advocating for a more balanced approach.

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

Property taxes are a fair way to create fairness for people at different income levels to contribute to the whole well-being and proper functioning of our communities.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

I will would support an expansion of our light rail as well as improve bus transoprtion and work with MTC to improve routes. If elected I will be deeply engaged in the I-35W Transit station in Ward 8 for the next 4 years. I served on the Public Advisory Committee for 12 years.

Q22 The Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS(R) may plan to interview some candidates in person, would you be willing to participate, if contacted? (Yes or No) (If no, please explain)

Yes, if the scheduling works out I would be happy to meet.

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Q4 Office Sought

Council Member (Ward 12)

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

Two independent candidates, neither of which we consider serious opponents (though we continue working hard with the campaign)

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

7+ years

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?

Yes, we own a single-family home that we rent out

Q9 Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

Currently the Council Member for Ward 12. Previously the President of Longfellow Community Council. I host weekly open office hours in the community, attend virtually all neighborhood association board meetings, and make it to most community events.

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

\$60k

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

\$48k+

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions?

Yes

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

I am endorsed by the DFL, Labor, and all organizations that have weighed-in for this municipal race (a list is available at: AndrewMPLS.com)

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

My primary focus will continue to be transit-oriented development projects in Ward 12, helping small businesses, getting fiber optic internet rolled out across the ward and city, good governance (improvements across a number of departments, careful stewardship of taxpayer resources, etc.), and environmental initiatives.

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

Primarily lack of supply, which has driven up prices to the point that it's becoming unaffordable to live in Ward 12 (which historically has been affordable). We need to build more, especially along the LRT line.

Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

Housing transactions are private and between the involved parties.

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

No one has sent me complaints about this during my nearly four years in office, so frankly I have not spent any time diving into it.

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

No one should have to live next to a home that attracts meth addicts via the wide-open front door, has a hole in the side of the house where raccoons live and act aggressively towards the young children next door, or a front yard that goes unkempt with newspapers piling up in a rotting heap, sidewalk unshoveled throughout the entire winter, and weeds growing multiple feet high. These are all experiences I have dealt with related to vacant homes.

I have seen how such improperly maintained vacant homes with absentee owners have caused damage, risk, and safety issues for neighbors, not to mention serious distress. If a vacant home is not well maintained, we need tools such as this to help intervene.

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

Ensure that minimum expectations are being met around housing. Consistent, fair, and timely enforcement is necessary.

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

I've voted against more spending than any of my colleagues this term, more than \$100m worth. I believe there has been wasteful/unnecessary spending (that I've voted against) which has added pressure to property taxes. Taxpayers are not a piggy bank, so all spending increases must be made very judiciously. Continued property tax increases disproportionately hurt low income residents and seniors. My priorities for spending are on our core services.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

I am proud to have been a part of the historic deal to fund roads and parks. We need to keep up our basic infrastructure. Beyond this, I look to Met Council to lead regional efforts for public transit (projects I support, and which positively impact most nearby homeowners).

Q22 The Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS(R) may plan to interview some candidates in person, would you be willing to participate, if contacted? (Yes or No) (If no, please explain)

Yes.

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Q4 Office Sought

Minneapolis City Council Ward 10

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

3 other candidates

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

43 years

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?

No

Q9 Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

When a neighbor comes to me for help, I do everything I can to assist them, including many times testifying in front of the City Council for them.

I have spent several years working to increase our neighborhood associations community engagement and in increasing resident and business participation.

- I was a LHENA (Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association) Board Member for 4 years and the Treasurer for over 2 years in the “Wedge” neighborhood
- I served as Chair of the LHENA Zoning & Planning Committee and Neighborhood Revitalization (NRP) Committee
- I am currently serving on the LHENA Crime & Safety and Social Committees
- I am a founding member of (MRRDC) Minneapolis Residents for Responsible Development Coalition
- I work with Metro Transit and am in contact with the public on a daily basis

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

30,000.00

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

3,382.00

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions?

Yes

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

Amalgamated Transit Union 1005
All other contributors are individuals

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

- 1) Increase Housing Ownership in Minneapolis
- 2) Increase Owner Occupied Housing in Minneapolis
- 3) Increase Affordable Housing in Minneapolis
- 4) Increase De-segregation of Housing in Minneapolis
- 5) Decrease Homelessness
- 6) Increase Community Input and Include the Community in Decision Making
- 7) Community Planning by the Community for the Community in partnership with the City.
- 8) Adherence to clear zoning laws by the City of Minneapolis. Neither residents or developers deserve to deal with the system we have right now.
- 9) Increase the safety of residents and businesses, not only regarding crime but also simple pedestrian, bike, and motor vehicle safety.
- 10) Increase the variety of housing offered within Minneapolis city limits. We need more single and multi family homes as rentals and private ownership. More single person, 2 person, and family units. More condominiums along with rentals. And all of these choices need to be available to every income. Every income and every person needs a decent roof over their head.

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

- 1) Evictions of renters
 - 2) Loss of naturally occurring affordable housing and diverse housing to flipping and teardowns.
 - 3) Artificially inflated rents
 - 4) Homeowners and renters not being able to age in place
 - 5) Loss of Family Housing
 - 6) Loss of Owner Occupied Duplexes and Triplexes
 - 7) Loss of Historic Buildings that create the sought after character of the area
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Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

- 1) Recently, the City of Minneapolis is experiencing the scooping up of real estate by extremely large companies, local, national, and international. This is not working out well for our residents or the city. Large companies are difficult to contact and difficult to work with for tenants, adjacent neighbors, and city officials. Contact and tracking is key. The City needs to be able to track occupancy and rates in current buildings but they should also be able to track legal and housing history. This way, the city could spend less time monitoring "good" landlords and spend that time monitoring at risk properties.
 - 2) As the city is currently in an affordable housing crisis, I would like to see advance notice given to non-profits when naturally occurring affordable housing is put up for sale. These non-profits can still make a profit on a property while increasing the housing diversity we need in Minneapolis to keep us thriving.
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Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

I believe prospective buyers should be informed of pre-existing conditions along with upcoming adjacent development.

A new homeowner that is surprised by large bills or unlivable conditions soon after purchase is a homeowner that may move quickly or end up in bankruptcy.

I want to keep our new owners in their new homes.

Stability in the housing market and in a neighborhood increases the safety and livability of a neighborhood and the value of their property. And promotes Pride of Place.

Outside of these necessary pieces, due to it being the city that provides the list of inspectors, and the city that requires these procedures, I would also like to see an audit of what the inspection process is costing the buyers, sellers, agents etc.

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

If referring to 249.80 Vacant Building Registration, I find the unoccupied for only 5 days very short and there should be no fee at that time. We also need to focus on rehabilitation of these buildings, demolition does not help the surrounding neighborhood. This ordinance does need to be reviewed for how it has been utilized by the city, effects on the owners, effects on the neighborhood, and who is profiting or losing by this ordinance.

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

I believe that we need to get rid of month to month leases unless it is a situation of a short term tenant.

The recent ordinance change for Section 8 will not make much of a difference but MPHA does need to make many changes in their policies and procedures to make Section 8 housing a viable option for landlords.

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

We also need to formulate a city (not state) plan of assistance to seniors and residents in peril of losing their homes or not being able to perform maintenance on their homes. A well maintained property also increases the stability and viability of the surrounding neighborhood.

I also believe that street and sidewalk assessments should come from a general fund at the city and not be charged directly to the property owner. Oftentimes, the property owner is the person least likely to use their public sidewalk or the street and the assessments can be a very large burden.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

The City of Minneapolis is a wasteful spending machine.

We spend too much of the budget on consultants, unnecessary personnel, and bad decisions while providing tax credits to people that can afford to do business without them.

The City needs to put more funding into timely maintenance of sewers, roads, sidewalks, etc.

Minneapolis needs to increase funding to mass transit. For too long we have relied the Metropolitan Council for most of our service and therefore have been subject to the vagaries of government funding. We need to increase safe and accessible local service to jobs and housing within the city.

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yes

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Q4 Office Sought

Minneapolis City Council -Ward 13

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

Linea Palmisano

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

62 years

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?

Yes, rental in Shoreview family acreage in Sandstone

Q9 Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

I firmly believe in supporting the local businesses. These businesses bring diversity and are the backbone of our community.

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

I am asking for endorsements and donations from companies and organizations that are looking for a change

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

700.00 and donated product

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions? **Yes**

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

Nothing firm as yet

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

Safety is the highest priority. We need neighborhoods that are safe for everyone. Unite and support the residents from youth to seniors.

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

Quality and affordable housing. Holding landlords to a higher standard.

Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

I believe that there should be not only swift action but penalties for noncompliance by landlords that are enforced and collected. The city should be working closely with the Board of Realtors as they have an close and real knowledge of the area's housing issues.

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

It has it's purpose. It is a beginning for a homeowner to get his/her property ready for sale. It is a point of reference for the post sale inspection- I would like to have any and all registered permits pulled on the property for inspections supplied to the buyer

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

I am discouraged. I understand that there needs realistic timeline giving property owners and managers time to act but once timelines have reached the limits (and some of these need to be addressed) I think the city needs to move swiftly to correct the issues that are stalling the renovation,

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

We have rules and regulations. We need to enforce these fairly across the city. Landlords need to feel safe in enforcing their leases. We need to clearly stand out against discrimination

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

We need change. Taxes and fees need to be looked at more closely. We need to review the city's tax projections so that the community can see their taxes in action

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

This infrastructure connects our communities and is invaluable to many now and more in near future. Passenger safety is crucial at any hour. If there were more confidence in security the transit would not run empty or near empty at some hours. How can we accomplish this? Lets look at how other countries do this, and set out test situations. Get the public's opinion not just in a town hall, but on site with the people that actually use the transit.

Q22 The Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS(R) may plan to interview some candidates in person, would you be willing to participate, if contacted? (Yes or No) (If no, please explain)

Yes, I look forward to the opportunity.

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Q4 Office Sought

Minneapolis Ward 3 City Council

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

Tim Bildsoe, Ginger Jentzen, Samantha Pree-Stinson

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

15 years (with a gap in the middle for graduate school in New York City)

Q7 Are you a Homeowner or Renter?

I'm a renter

Q8 Do you own other real property (e.g. Business, Cabin, Investment, or Rental Property)? If so, which?

Not currently.

Q9 Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

I've been active with the DFL since my father ran for office while I was in high school. I've been a community organizer, alternately as a volunteer and as a professional organizer for most of my life. I was the founding director of Neighborhoods Organizing for Change. I led community outreach/survey programs for the Annenberg Institute for School Reform. I published public policy research at the think tank MN 2020 that influenced state-level policy debates.

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

~\$55k

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

~\$33k

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions?

Yes

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

I'm the DFL-endorsed candidate. I'm endorsed by the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, the Minneapolis Building Trades, OutFront MN, TakeAction MN, AFSCME Council 5, SEIU, Our Revolution MN, Teamsters Local 320, UNITE-HERE Local 17.

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

I want to address our city's housing challenges. I'm convinced that safe, affordable housing is the most important factor we can influence to make an impact on education, crime, health, climate change, and just about any other challenge facing our city. That'll require building a lot more housing to overcome the current shortage of housing of all types in this city, and it'll require real investment in housing that the market won't naturally build. It'll also mean meeting the challenges of increasing density with improved transportation and neighborhood infrastructure to improve walkability and reduce car-dependence.

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

First, historically low vacancy rates are making it challenging for everyone in the city to find housing that meets their needs, and those low rates are evidence that we're making it too hard to build housing. Right now, too many things that we want built require variances that add time, difficulty and uncertainty to the process. I'm excited to see a new comprehensive plan and new zoning that will give clearer guidance to developers and streamline the process for developers who want to build the housing this city needs. Second, we have an affordable housing that the market isn't going to solve, and we're going to need to use a combination of incentives, investment, and regulation to get more affordable units included in development plans.

Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

The city, in partnership with the county and the state, have a role in ensuring transactions are conducted fairly to protect all parties involved. Providing open, transparent records of a property's history, inspecting properties for safety, and restricting one-sided transactions that are predatory or misleading are appropriate and necessary roles of government. In the past, I've publicly advocated for the city to explore legal options to make it harder for banks to foreclose on properties without first trying to negotiate with families, and I'll continue to support efforts to protect homeowners from predatory lending.

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

My instinct is to appreciate the transparency provided by this program. As a home buyer, that was certainly my perspective. Beyond that experience, I don't know a lot about this program, and am open to education about ways it could be improved.

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

I'm supportive of this ordinance. It's critical for a city facing a housing shortage that there be some cost to leaving buildings empty, and that there be a method of tracking vacants, which if allowed to reach too high a number, have a negative impact on crime, perceived safety (eyes on the street), school enrollment, interior neighborhood business viability, and more.

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

People who choose to make a living by providing housing to others are doing important work on which our city relies, and also taking on a serious responsibility that requires regulation. It's by definition a relationship with an imbalance of power that lends itself to exploitation and neglect that can be devastating to families who rent and have very limited housing options in a tight housing market. The city has an important role in ensuring tenants are treated fairly, that anyone paying rent in the city is getting safe, properly maintained housing for their rent, and that rental practices aren't exacerbating existing social inequalities by creating further instability.

I also think cities can provide better support to landlords, particularly around sorting the complexity of affordable housing eligibility, and by providing timely and consistent inspections that provide more useful guidance on maintenance.

The city has an interest in stable, fair, affordable housing, as do property owners in the long run, and the city has a role in regulating the rental market accordingly. Minneapolis does less than many other cities to empower tenants, and should look to other cities both for inspiration and to learn from unintended consequences where regulations protect tenants from unjust evictions or sudden, steep rent increases.

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

In a perfect world, property taxes are a lousy way to pay for things. They're regressive, and are kind of a clumsy tool for getting things done. I'd prefer to pay for the infrastructure and services we need with more progressive taxes like the income tax. Since that's not the world we live in, property taxes are an important part of how our city will fund its operation for the foreseeable future. In general, I think people are willing to pay relatively high income taxes for a relatively high level of service (within limits). Cities are complex, and do more than smaller towns. Our taxes pay for an enormous transportation system, an education system with huge unfunded federal mandates and inadequate state funding, emergency response sufficient to serve residents, tourists and commuters, and all kinds of other costs that smaller suburbs and rural towns don't have to bear.

I think it's our responsibility to make sure we're running the city exceptionally well with that money - that people are seeing the investment they're making in well-maintained roads, responsive services, and good transportation infrastructure.

It's also our responsibility to communicate better about what those taxes are paying for - to help people feel some pride in the investment they're making in improving our city (and their own experience of living in the city in the process).

The best thing we can do to ease the property tax on any given home is to add a lot more homes to spread the levy across. Adding to the tax base by attracting the wealth of our state to new, dense housing in the core city should allow us to make smart investments in infrastructure without raising property taxes too aggressively.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

I believe as we add density and new property-tax base, we need to be advocating aggressively for increased transportation infrastructure spending. There's no one answer - the city of the future that will attract investment and talent will require multi-modal transportation systems, including rail (which I strongly support and will advocate for), improved bus systems that connect neighborhoods to each other and not just to a downtown hub, car-sharing programs, well-designed and maintained roads, protected bike lanes, improved pedestrian access to activity centers, and accommodation for autonomous vehicle networks. Our goal should be that cars become optional for a higher percentage of people, ideally proportionate to the population increase so that we can add people without having to add as much parking.

Q22 The Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS(R) may plan to interview some candidates in person, would you be willing to participate, if contacted? (Yes or No) (If no, please explain)

Yes.

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Q4 Office Sought

Minneapolis City Council, Ward 4

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

Barb Johnson, Phillipe Cunningham, Stephanie Gasca

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

About 6 years

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?

No

Q9 Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

I plan on being more active in the community, and I am looking into how I can best share my time and talents. I currently volunteer about once a month with Feed My Starving Children.

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

I currently do not have a fundraising goal.

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

\$250

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions?

Yes

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

Endorsed by the Libertarian Party of Minnesota, no other notable supporters at this time.

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

If elected, I'd like to bring a different viewpoint to the council and offer a more realistic approach that focuses more on individual rights. My focus would be on decreasing regulations and government overreach.

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

There are many housing challenges in Ward 4, but I think lack of available rental housing is one that greatly affects rental costs in the area. Resale value of homes is another important issue. I believe above anything else though are livability concerns.

Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

I believe the city should play a very minimal role. I believe the city is currently too involved in housing and real estate transactions. While the policies may be well-meaning, the end result is too many added steps and requirements, which pushes away potential buyers and frustrates sellers.

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

As mentioned above, I believe the Truth-In-Housing program, while well-meaning, is an unnecessary requirement. While I understand the intent of keeping sellers accountable and buyers informed, this is a process that can (and should) be handled by the parties involved without city involvement.

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

I believe the Vacant Building Ordinance serves an important purpose, but I believe there may be better solutions. The current fee is extremely excessive and does nothing to solve the vacancy issue, only serves to maintain the vacant property.

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

I believe the city should not be involved in managing rental housing, other than easing zoning restrictions to allow for more rental housing to be built and available.

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

I believe the property tax rates are too high in Minneapolis, and they continue to rise. There are a multitude of fees that should be re-assessed or eliminated. I would address these concerns by evaluating the budget and greatly reducing or eliminating wasteful or unnecessary programs, while working to make other programs more efficient, thus requiring less money from the budget.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

I believe the city's transit system is already very much available and accessible throughout the city. As far as other methods of transportation and infrastructure needs, I would be open to hearing proposed solutions.

Q22 The Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS(R) may plan to interview some candidates in person, would you be willing to participate, if contacted? (Yes or No) (If no, please explain)

Yes.

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Q4 Office Sought

Ward 3 Minneapolis Council Member

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

Respondent skipped this question

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

Two years

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?

Yes, rental property

Q9 Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

I'm President of the North Loop Neighborhood Association and a member of the 2020 Partners Steering Committee. I served for 16 years on the Plymouth City Council (ending in 2014) and have served on numerous non-profit boards in the Twin Cities.

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

In excess of \$80,000

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

Over \$40,000

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions?

Yes

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

I have considerable support from the business community, including restaurants and bars, financial services, real estate developers and small business owners throughout the Ward. As an active member and supporter of neighborhood associations, I'm also receiving great support from local neighborhood groups and local community leaders.

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

The role of local government needs to be reestablished in Minneapolis – with a laser focus on public safety (fire and police), roads and streets, water, sewer, parks – keeping our services top-of-the-line while holding the line on spending. This is the primary function of city government. When elected, I will work to create and maintain a safe downtown environment for visitors, employees and resident; encourage job growth and economic opportunity throughout the city; and work hard to attract and retain our tremendous business community. In addition, I will lead an effort to work in cooperation with developers, non-profit organization and the state and federal government to create additional workforce housing options.

A couple of very specific priorities: Minneapolis needs a more user-friendly website with more opportunities for interaction, and the city must improve its financial transparency to citizens.

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

Minneapolis needs more workforce housing for potential owners and renters. Keeping density high in areas near transit centers. Increase owner-occupied options, which could require additional changes to the condo liability law.

Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

The City has an appropriate role in inspecting rental property for minimum code compliance and for regulating rental licensing to make sure properties are well managed and landlords accountable. I do not support Rent Control or tools of regulating the price of rental properties. The regulation of AirBNB or other home rental activities should be regulated as a special class of rental activity, in which a rental license is maintained and some minimum landlord contact information is registered with the city in case of emergencies. I do not believe AirBNB should be regulated as a hotel. I support the TISH inspection program with the suggested changes I noted previously. I am not in favor of the city requiring Sellers of multi-family property having to give tenants notice of a pending sale of the building, nor should tenants have a special right to buy the property in any priority over any other potential buyer of the property.

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

There are 11 municipalities in the Metro that require some form of TISH report. Minneapolis has a repair/replace requirement that is more detailed than many other jurisdictions, and presently requires the Seller to make the repairs. I see value in having single family, duplex and triplex properties being inspected at time of sale to provide buyers with a minimum of information on property conditions, even though these are not really "Buyer Inspections." I think the issue of whom makes the repairs is better left to the Buyer and Seller to negotiate between themselves. I would be open to buyers of single family homes signing a waiver of the indicated repairs, and agreeing to perform the work after a closing, rather than requiring the work be performed by the Seller. This is not something the city needs to enforce. For small rental properties like duplex and triplex, if the Seller and Buyer agree that the Buyer will be responsible for indicated repairs, then the form should go to the City Rental Licensing Department so that the next rental license inspection can confirm those repairs.

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

Vacant buildings can be a nuisance condition for neighbors and diminish property values if they are not maintained. Some vacant buildings can be historic structures with complicated repair plans. Others can be vacant due to changes in tenancy or catastrophic loss. In those cases, insurance or repair approvals can be complicated, too. The present ordinance doesn't do a good job of distinguishing between responsible owners of property that is vacant with good cause – and well maintained – versus property that is clearly not undergoing any improvement and shows sign of neglect by its owner. Two changes in the vacant building ordinance might make doing business in Minneapolis easier. 1. A voluntary registration of a building temporarily vacant by the owner should incur a modest fee (50% reduction?) for up to one year of vacancy. If renovations or improvements commence within that year, the majority of the registration fee should be credited to the building permit fee for the renovations. 2. Owners of property with a longer than 1 year vacancy should still have the opportunity to recover most of the registration fee, if they meet interim conditions of maintenance such as keeping the yard and exterior free of debris, and they file a renovation or occupancy plan with the City.

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

I appreciate the role the city plays in protecting the rights of renters and property owners and support the practice of stronger enforcement and fees for Tier 3 rental properties. As a landlord, I understand the need for an inspection process. As a city council member, I will seek to find balance between the rights of tenants and rights of landlords which could include a greater cost burden for those who don't maintain their properties or respect tenant's rights.

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

Our property taxes are too high and not sustainable, especially relative to some of the services we receive in exchange. This burden forces residents and business owners to rethink Minneapolis. It's especially hard on our lower income renters and property owners. As a former council member of a low tax, high quality of services city, I have the experience to ask the right questions and prioritize expenses. Again, this goes back to prioritizing the role of local government.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

I hear concerns about our roads and streets from every corner of the Ward. I have outlined a few of my transit priorities below, and believe working with partners, including Metro Transit, is needed if we are to create and maintain a well-planned transit system which is so important if we are to remain economically competitive. I support a multi-model approach that includes:

- Encouraging strategic investment in all forms of transportation, especially in the city's core – which includes the 3rd Ward -- and support for the Southwest LRT project
 - The inclusion of (safely) designed bike lanes and sidewalks on road reconstruction projects
 - Continued investment in key infrastructure projects to stay economically competitive
 - Implement strategies to alleviate the lack of adequate parking in many parts of the Ward, recognizing that automobiles will remain a vital part of our transportation system
 - One very specific suggestion for improved road infrastructure and tax savings: Eliminate the city's sealcoat program and use those funds for additional mill & overlay projects, which extends the useful life a street/road versus sealcoating
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Yes

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Ward 1 city council

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

Kevin Reich and John Hayden

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

I first moved to Minneapolis in 2000.

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?

no

Q9 Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

I've worked to pass policies on the state and local level. I was part of a coalition that passed the MN Homeowners Bill of Rights that protected families from predatory lenders. In 2013, I joined the team at Project 515 to win marriage equality for same-sex couples. As a staff member at OutFront Minnesota, I was part of the coalition that strongly advocated for passage of the Minnesota Safe & Supportive Schools Act, the most comprehensive anti-bullying bill in the country, which became law in 2014. While living in Northeast Minneapolis, I have served as Vice President and Secretary of my local neighborhood association.

I collaborated with the Land Stewardship Project to change city zoning laws to allow urban farming and market gardening in Minneapolis. Currently, I serve on the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council, where I work in partnership with other members to expand our ability to grow and distribute more sustainable foods.

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

\$60,000

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

As of the 7/25 filing deadline we had raised \$45,000

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions?

Yes

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

WomenWinning, AFSCME, Minnesota Nurses Association, OutFront MN, Our Revolution, Stonewall DFL, MYDFL, TakeAction MN, MN Neighborhoods Organizing for Change, DFL Environmental Caucus, DFL Somali Caucus, State Senator Scott Dibble, Representative Ilhan Omar, Representative Karen Clark, Former School Board Member Jill Davis. We are proud to be endorsed by many community members.

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

We face big challenges and we will only solve them if we bring more people to the table. I want to increase participation in local government to ensure everyone has a home they can afford. Together we will fight industrial polluters so neighbors aren't forced to make the decision to stay in the neighborhood or risk their child's health. We must address the large racial disparities in our city by raising wages and investing in systems of safety that work for everyone and particularly for communities of color.

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

We have knocked on more than 8,000 doors and we hear that folks are struggling to afford to live on the Eastside. Seniors are struggling to afford to stay in their home, renters are struggling to pay their rent while wages are not keeping up with rent. Working people are finding it difficult to find a home in a market without enough supply to match demand at a price they can afford.

Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

I am interested in exploring the possibility of a tenant opportunity act that would allow tenants the opportunity to purchase the unit they are living in if the landowner is thinking of selling. This would help encourage neighborhood stability and give renters the ability to further invest in the neighborhood they chose to call home.

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

The Truth-in-Housing inspections provide one way to ensure that people have the information they need as they make one of the largest purchases of their lives. Requests to fix specifics help maintain the overall quality of the housing stock and help make Minneapolis seen as a place with quality housing. It is important to make sure that the inspections are consistent and predictable as uncertainty in the transaction does not help the buyer or seller. As I continue to learn more about this issue, I welcome your thoughts and input on this specific issue.

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

I'm currently researching this issue and listening to multiple stakeholders, as I learn more about this specific ordinance and issues, I welcome your feedback and input.

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

The residents of Minneapolis are best served when everyone has housing they can afford and that meets their needs. The relationship between property owners and tenants is a negotiation; tenants deserve a fair negotiation. We should build more housing so that more people have options in their neighborhoods. We should ensure tenants are able to stay in their home and not forced to leave because of unjust evictions.

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

I hear from folks on fixed income and seniors that struggle to afford to stay in their home because of rising property taxes. The value of their home is rising and they are unable to access the appreciating value of their home. We should find ways to help seniors access that value to help pay for deferred maintenance and property taxes. I see community land trusts as one option. When the city voted to fund and build the US Bank stadium we locked in tens of millions of dollars of property taxes each year. That money would have been better spent lowering property taxes or investing in our communities.

LGA and local property taxes represent the largest shares of revenues for the city's budget. When LGA is cut at the state, property taxes end of paying a larger share of the city's budget. The city tax levy is separate from the tax rate an individual pays. We should continue to grow the tax base so that the tax rate of an individual doesn't unnecessarily increase.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

We need strong implementation of the city's Complete Street policy. We should prioritize walkable and bikable streets to create thriving business districts and strong neighborhoods. I will be a strong advocate to build out our regional transportation system. A strong multimodal transportation system supported by complementary land development, including zoning for housing is imperative. I am endorsed by State Senator Dibble, the ranking member of the Senate Community on Transportation Finance and Policy. I will work with him to advocate for city transportation issues at the state legislature and increase transit options.

Q22 The Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS(R) may plan to interview some candidates in person, would you be willing to participate, if contacted? (Yes or No) (If no, please explain)

Yes

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Minneapolis City Council, Ward 11

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

John Quincy, Erica Mauter

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

4 years

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?

I currently only own my home, but previously owned rental property.

Q9 Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

I currently serve as vice chair of my neighborhood board, a role that requires me to work closely with my neighbors and collaborate with surrounding neighborhoods on issues including affordable housing, sustainability (including community solar gardens), and business engagement. From this base, I have cultivated relationships across all parts of Ward 11 that have deepened during my campaign.

My campaign reflects the culture of inclusivity and accessibility I intend to bring to council chambers. My neighbor-to-neighbor campaign is rooted in one-on-one conversations. This strategy is work- and time-intensive, but including the community is the only way to identify and develop meaningful, sustainable solutions for the socio-economically diverse Ward 11. I have had dozens of meet-and-greet events, held weekly coffees where everyone is welcome to share their Ward 11 vision and hear mine, and have been door-knocking and calling neighbors since the beginning of January -- all while continuing my day job advocating for affordable housing at the State Capitol.

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

30,000

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

18,000

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions?

Yes

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

Firefighters Local 82
Our Revolution
DFL Environmental Caucus

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

Our communities need decision makers that can grapple with competing interests to serve the city as a whole. There will be tough decisions ahead, but I look forward to supporting short- and long-term investments that will make Minneapolis more inclusive, vibrant, and durable in the face of shifting demographics and development trends.

I am particularly excited to bring my housing policy expertise to the table at City Hall, to enable Minneapolis to make real fixes that expand affordable housing development and preservation while also promoting a healthier housing economy. To that end, I will fight to deepen reserves available in the Affordable Housing Trust fund, a critical funding pool that enables new affordable units. I also support increased funding for efforts to preserve our increasingly vulnerable existing affordable rentals. In addition, I will push to modernize Minneapolis zoning rules to allow more housing density, particularly in neighborhood interior communities dominated by single-family homes. In Ward 11, this will especially benefit our growing senior population. All of these policies are easier to implement when Minneapolis has a thriving housing market with housing options along the income continuum. My experience working with for and nonprofit developers to create more affordable housing has taught me to be acutely aware of the health of the housing market as I advocate for a change in policy.

It is also crucial to advocate for both our working families and our local businesses in order to ensure a robust local economy. I believe our city leaders must put Minneapolis' troubling racial and economic disparities at the center of every policy decision. We must also keep our focus on rising costs, including but not limited to housing, transportation childcare and healthcare. At the same time, I plan to ensure city policies align with the needs of local businesses and to push for oversight and expansion of full-time staff working to help business owners navigate City Hall.

Progressive leadership also means serious climate action. I support bolder sustainability initiatives, especially amid rollbacks at the federal and state levels. I am committed to bolstering our local clean energy economy, with universal access to its many benefits (among them cost savings and job creation). As part of this work, I will push for policies that promote energy-efficient density and active transportation.

Finally, Minneapolis is at a vital crossroads when it comes to public safety, and I pledge to act quickly to vet and implement meaningful improvements -- especially relations between the police and the community. I've spent two decades building coalitions, and I'm more than ready to put that experience to use in a way that helps catalyze a culture shift within the Minneapolis Police Department. In addition, I support tying city dollars to meaningful investment in police reforms. More broadly, I will seek adequate funding for all safety services that reflects community needs, from firefighters to snow removal for cyclists and pedestrians.

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

In Ward 11, as in communities across the city, housing affordability is a key issue. Our area has historically been among Minneapolis' more affordable ones, with older but extremely well-built housing stock -- all with easy access to lakes, parks, downtown, and many other amenities. But as Minneapolis' property market heats up, the city's population grows, and its demographics shift, Ward 11 neighborhoods are feeling the housing crunch.

On our side of town, we have more limited opportunities than other communities, under existing zoning code, to add density. Yet we need more units to help address evolving needs, including affordable and appropriate housing for the growing number of seniors in Ward 11. As a housing policy expert, I know the importance of doing our best to ensure that our older neighbors can stay in this community as long as they want. This is a critical consideration when it comes to senior housing. To get there, we need more diverse housing stock that appropriately reflects today's needs rather than the needs of previous generations.

Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

The city has a critical role to ensure there are desirable homes for all residents. As the current policy director for the Minnesota Housing Partnership, I work with for-profit and nonprofit developers to create affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households. I have seen how a healthy housing market can help all parts of the housing spectrum flourish. I believe it is the city's responsibility to support growth throughout our housing market with policies that prioritize the types of development we need to support shifting demographics in Minneapolis (including senior housing, greater density, and the preservation of affordable units). Our city's housing policy and oversight should support mixed-income communities throughout Minneapolis.

With regard to specific transactions, I believe the city should -- to the extent that it can -- help to ensure aboveboard deal-making. For example, I support the city in requiring prospective buyers receive access to comprehensive information that accurately reflects the condition of the property (such as the Truth-in-Housing inspection program).

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

I am supportive of Minneapolis' Truth-in-Housing requirement because represents a key way the city can work on behalf of its residents to ensure our housing stock meets basic standards. The required inspection allows prospective buyers' unfettered access to risks or deficiencies in a home that may pose safety or health risks, as well as a clear roadmap of the fixes that may be needed. This city mandate, particularly its requirement that licensed evaluators lead inspections, provides valuable information that could be left out of buyers' inspections alone. Additionally, the city has a responsibility to ensure this policy does not hurt the overall market by having inspections be timely, uniform and straightforward.

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

I support the intent of the Vacant Building Ordinance because after people, a city's most valuable resource is land. We need to ensure that policies and programs that shape land use in our city incentivise the best community-oriented projects and disincentivize harmful uses, blight, and disrepair. This ordinance by design served a powerful purpose in the immediate wake of the foreclosure crisis. Particularly now that we have segued into a different kind of market, I am open to evaluating whether this policy could be more narrowly tailored to zero in on bad actors -- property owners who have not worked with the city or taken other steps to ensure their properties contribute to our local economy and vibrancy.

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

As a former landlord who had good tenants, as well as horrible tenants, I am very sensitive to the difficulties of being a rental property owner. Safe, stable and affordable rental housing is a critical part of Minneapolis' housing plan and I recognize that landlords play a key part in cultivating it. The city should support landlords who are responsible property owners and responsive to their tenants.

At the same time, more than half of Minneapolis residents are renters and it is essential that these residents have a voice. Tenants' rights education is a crucial function of any city, especially one that has a renter population as substantial as ours. Particularly in a housing market that is seemingly growing hotter by the minute, it is vital that the city keeps an acute focus on landlord-tenant relations to quickly identify bad actors and resolve any issues that may arise and jeopardize renters' living situations. This proactive enforcement will in turn provide landlords more stability as well. It will weed out irresponsible players while supporting compliant property owners.

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

Property taxes represent a foundational piece of how our city functions, and Minneapolis' continued success hinges in part on this revenue stream. Significant new development across the city in recent years has helped to expand the overall tax base, a trend which can help offset some of the individual property tax burden felt by homeowners and landlords. Still, our community relies on property taxes to fund critical services -- and it's important to recognize that we all benefit from them.

The City Council must be good stewards of all Minneapolitans' money, which means ensuring communities citywide understand and feel these benefits.

Finally, any tax or fee increases on housing growth should go toward housing. Increased attention on our affordable housing crisis needs to translate into greater financial resources to support these units.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

I believe in taking a data-driven approach to building out transportation infrastructure that prioritizes pedestrians, cyclists, and transit. These modes promote healthy lifestyles and encourage more equitable access to our city -- and they should no longer be marginalized as "alternative transportation." They also make Minneapolis more attractive to prospective residents and, as an added benefit, discourage people from traveling by car which helps to reduce traffic congestion. (In addition, transit and active transportation must also must play key roles in our municipal sustainability vision.)

City leaders must be at the table in discussions about transit access, improvements, and funding. It should not be overly burdensome to rely on our transit system to get around. It should be efficient, affordable, and reliable. Anyone, young or old or in between, should be able to safely walk or bike throughout Minneapolis. By combining community input with more sophisticated analysis from the city's planning department (as well as the Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County, and other agencies), we can implement upgrades to our transportation system that deliver tangible benefits over the long term.

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Yes.

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City Council

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

Lisa Goodman, Janne Flisrand

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

1.5 years

Q7 Are you a Homeowner or Renter?

Renter

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 often volunteer for Feed My Starving Children and Habitat for Humanity. In the past I have been a tutor to underprivileged students.

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

I would like to hit \$10,000

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

Right around \$2,000

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions? **Yes**

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

I am endorsed by the MN GOP

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

I would like to reverse the Minimum wage increase and instead put resources into getting low wage earners further education to help create the opportunity for upward mobility. Minneapolis also has hundreds of vacant lots and it is my goal to get a mixture of affordable and market rate housing.

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

I would say that one of the biggest housing issues facing Minneapolis would be the exorbitant amount of property tax that home owners have to pay. Another important issue is the large number of vacant lots in the city, we need to get houses on these lots.

Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

In my the opinion the city should have a very hands off role in real estate transactions. I understand that homes need to be up to code but other than that, I do not think they should be involved in real estate. I am, however, open to looking at any ordinance or program presented to me in order to determine weather or not it would be good for Minneapolis.

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

In my opinion, this program does a pretty good job of helping both the seller and the buyer. I would be interested in seeing what, if any, impact this program has had on the housing market. Again, I am usually against government involvement in real estate, but I have heard from both buyers and sellers that this program was a positive for their transaction.

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

I want to reiterate that I think government should have a limited hand in real estate. There are pieces of this ordinance that I would like to explore further, but overall I do think that knowing which properties are vacant is important for the city to know.

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

I think we need to protect and enforce the rights of both parties. Ideally all leases would be mutually beneficial, where both parties rights are not being infringed on. We need to make sure tenants feel as though they can speak out against unlawful action while at the same time, property owners need to know that their rights are protected too.

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

I have major concerns about this topic. I think for too long the city council has been spending too much and they pass the spending on to the property owners. I want to reduce spending so we can lower property tax rates.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

I am open to looking into any number of possible solutions. I would like to see how the new South West LRT reduces traffic in and out of the city. If it is effective, then I will certainly consider further expanding the Light Rail.

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Yes

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Minneapolis City Council - Ward 7

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

Joe Kovacs, Lisa Goodman, Teqen Zea-Aida

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

20 years, since 1996

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?

I own-occupy my four unit building

Q9 Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

I have been engaged in many ways over the last 21 years. I've chaired neighborhood association committees, participated in Citizens League policy study committees, sat on nonprofit boards from FNVW to streets.mn, co-founded Our Streets Minneapolis, hosted a neighborhood community garden in my back yard, among other smaller volunteer activities.

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

My campaign is raising \$80,000 by election day.

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

We have raised \$71,353.49.

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions?

Yes

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

I am proud to have been endorsed by Outfront Action, the Minnesota Young DFL (MYDFL), the DFL Environmental Caucus, TakeAction Minnesota, and Our Revolution Twin Cities. Many residents from around Ward 7 and Minneapolis have endorsed my campaign as well. Many leaders within the ward and the city of Minneapolis have shared concerns that stepping out publicly in this race carries a cost. We've made a strategic decision to build broad support before focusing on high-profile leaders. You can see a list of the individuals who support me publicly at <http://www.janneformpls.org/endorsements>. That said, some of the leaders who have come out publicly include former State Senate Candidate Laurie McKendry, author Beth Dooley, St. Jude Medical executive Antone Melton-Meaux, community leaders Win and Binky Rockwell, affordable housing leaders like Chip Halbach, Gina Ciganik, Kathy Wetzel-Mastel, John Carmody, Caroline Horton and Dale Forsberg. I am grateful to count Minneapolis councilwoman Lisa Bender as a friend and mentor.

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

My priority will be fighting for the most vulnerable: My vision is for a City that defends everyone, especially the most vulnerable among us: renters, low-wage workers, immigrants, refugees, people of color, and Indigenous people (POCI).

But right now, landlords and big business have much more power than tenants and workers, and they have an outsized presence and influence in City Hall. While the vast majority of landlords provide high quality housing, a small number of irresponsible owners take advantage of people with few other options. City inspectors don't have enough resources to inspect all of the housing violations that occur each year, and too few inspectors are devoted to large multifamily buildings. Many workers are paid less than living wages, forced to work unfair and unpredictable schedules, and even have their wages stolen. And the current council member consistently opposes actions to address these problems.

As council member, I will work to protect everyone, especially the most vulnerable, by:

- Rebalancing housing inspections staff assignments to match the housing in the city,
 - Ensuring that renters who do submit complaints are not exposed to retaliation from their managers and landlords by making 311 complaints and the inspection process anonymous,
 - Invite civic engagement by all Minneapolis residents regardless of citizenship status or age, including through participatory budgeting,
 - Reviewing policies for the impact they have on the City's most vulnerable, fighting for changes where they reinforce systems of power.
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Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

Access to affordable housing options. Housing in Minneapolis has changed dramatically in the past 15 years, with tens of thousands of people moving to the City. One result is rapidly rising rents and home prices, and the pace of change is only increasing. I intend to work with tenant advocates, affordable housing advocates and developers, and property owners to collaboratively craft responses to our affordable housing challenges.

Minneapolis renters are losing access to about 1,000 affordable apartments every year, and have been for the last decade. That's not because we are knocking buildings down, though. First, renters incomes are dropping, so even flat rents would reduce access. Second, thousands of people are moving to Minneapolis, and many of them have more money than people who already live here. They are able to pay more for the same housing currently occupied at lower rent. They are bidding up the cost of homes and apartments across the city. We welcome new people -- they are supporting our local economy, bringing skills and filling jobs for local companies. We can't (and don't want to) tell them to go somewhere else, but without addressing this underlying fact that they need places to live, we cannot solve the problem of rising rents forcing people with less money out of our neighborhoods and city.

The market rate housing development of the last several years has offered homes to many people who want to live in Minneapolis, and it has eased the pressure on existing more-affordable apartment rents. But even at this seemingly rapid pace of construction, it's not enough to keep home prices and rents stable.

We need a city council member who will speak up for the needs of renters, for more housing at all price points, and for affordable housing in Minneapolis. We need someone with 15+ years of housing experience who is curious about the changes we face and open to new ideas.

Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

I believe that the City has a role to play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions in several different ways.

First, I think that the City can do more to help homebuyers understand the energy use information about the home that they are buying. The City has already required large commercial buildings to benchmark their energy use. I would support extending the energy benchmarking ordinance to include large multifamily buildings and using Truth-In-Housing or a similar process to help share energy performance information about single family and small multifamily buildings. The idea would be to help the market better include price signals for energy efficiency, and so homeowners can access value from largely-invisible improvements they make, and buyers have complete information on the properties they are considering.

Second, I believe that the time has come to seriously explore a Right of First Refusal ordinance to give renters the opportunity to buy the buildings they live in, if they can meet the seller's asking price.

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

I support Truth-In-Housing, and believe (as stated above) that there is great benefit to both sellers and buyers of homes in extending it to cover more types of necessary disclosure, especially energy use disclosure. I would like to explore ways to ensure that Truth-In-Housing reports are consistent throughout the city.

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

I support it. We continue to have a large number of vacant bank-owned properties in some Minneapolis neighborhoods, and they act as a drag on community vitality, surrounding property values, and the City's property tax base.

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

As a property owner, I see how landlords including me have much more power than tenants. As I said above, while the vast majority of landlords provide high quality housing, a small number of irresponsible owners take advantage of people with few other options. City inspectors don't have enough resources to inspect all of the housing violations that occur each year, and too few inspectors are devoted to large multifamily buildings. We should consider greater flexibility for multiple Accessory Dwelling Units to be built in a single home and reducing the homesteading requirements, so property owners have greater flexibility.

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

Minneapolis is a place that best delivers on its promise to residents and leaves no one behind when we can adequately maintain basic services and support the many amenities that make the city desirable, from theaters and parks to nightlife and walkable neighborhoods. Balancing property taxes with adequate resources to support what makes Minneapolis uniquely desirable in the Twin Cities region will always be a challenge. I will focus on building our tax base, so that more people and businesses are contributing to the budget of the city. I will also focus on addressing the underlying issues -- homelessness and housing instability, lack of access to opportunity, community safety -- that increase the cost of providing for our city's basic services.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

The City and Park Board recently approved capital funding investments that includes \$20 million per year for city streets. This kind of capital investment lasts for 50 years, and as we rebuild our streets, we must design them to be the streets we will need 50 years into the future, and not simply rebuild what was designed with now-outdated design standards 50 years ago. This is part of the City's investment in our walking, biking, and transit infrastructure, and is critical to offering Minneapolisians real transportation choices. We should seize opportunities that are already funded, such as street rebuilds, to ensure they are consistent with the Complete Streets Policy.

Q22 The Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS(R) may plan to interview some candidates in person, would you be willing to participate, if contacted? (Yes or No) (If no, please explain)

Yes.

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Q1 Full Name

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Q4 Office Sought

Mayor

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

Betsy Hodges, Ray Dehn, Nekima Levy-Pounds, and Tom Hoch

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

9 years

Q7 Are you a Homeowner or Renter?

Renter

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 was a civil rights attorney for several years, during which time I offered pro-bono council to tornado victims in North Minneapolis and to an inmate facing the death penalt. I was elected to the Minneapolis City Council in 2013, when I was endorsed by the realtors in my race against the incumbent. As a council member, I have fought for causes such as affordable housing and density, criminal justice reform, small business growth, and public education. As mayor, I want to bring the success that we have seen in my ward to the entire city.

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

We will disclose the specific number if we are endorsed, but we are confident that we will continue to dramatically out raise all of the other campaigns. With two months to go, we have already raised more than any mayoral candidate in history, and we'll be deploying those dollars to a massive citywide campaign in the final two months.

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

As of August first we had raised \$537,000, with a more than 2-1 cash on hand advantage over our closest fundraising competitor and a more than 5-1 advantage over the incumbent mayor. I am also proud that our campaign was able to get here without needing to self-fund, unlike other campaigns.

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions?

Yes

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

Minneapolis Building Trades, Stonewall DFL, AFSCME, Teamsters, UNITE HERE, Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin, Sam and Sylvia Kaplan, DFL Disability Caucus, DFL Environmental Caucus, Laborers Union, and the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades. I also am being supported by many realtors, including Scott Parkin, head of Verve Realty, and Nora Webb of Quinby & Webb.

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

My priorities if I am elected mayor will be solving the housing crisis and increasing density in Minneapolis, reforming the Minneapolis police department and combatting violent crime, and growing small businesses and jobs that can lift up everyone in the city.

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

One of the most important housing challenges facing Minneapolis is that we don't have enough of it. Exclusionary zoning laws that prevent more and better housing hurt businesses and property owners, but they also hurt people who need affordable homes. People who need a roof over their head don't deserve to be the collateral damage of an anti-business or developer agenda. Building more housing is the obvious solution to a housing shortage. Opposing artificial restrictions that drive up the cost of housing is crucial to increasing homeownership and building generational wealth in disadvantaged communities.

When I received the endorsement from the realtors in 2013, we promised to grow the city and we did so. We promised to generate more owner-occupied housing and we did so. We even got sued in an effort create home ownership on the East Bank. When I ran for City Council and we executed it to the fullest. I am proud that that vision for equitable growth, including substantial increases in affordable housing, coincides directly with that of the realtors.

In addition, overly broad laws have prevented condo supply from keeping up with high demand for owner occupied. I am proud to have been the leading advocate in city government for changing condo liability laws. We pushed to prevent undue recovery, to require condo associations to receive majority support from the owners before moving forward with a lawsuit, and for requiring condo associations to develop a maintenance and repair plan of their own. I advocated for this change years ago and worked with Senator Kari Dziedzic to make it happen. I have prided myself on both supporting pro-growth housing policies my entire career and running an unabashedly pro-housing campaign. I will stand by those principles if I am elected mayor.

Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

The city should promote and incentivize affordable housing and density. There has been little political will for tackling policies that would make serious progress on desegregating our city's neighborhoods. Affordable housing has been clustered in a few isolated areas and kept out of other parts of our city. One of the main reasons I am running for mayor is because we don't have leadership that will push for zoning reforms, density, and affordable housing funding at the levels we need.

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

The vast majority of the time, private buyers hire their own independent inspectors to ensure that they are receiving a home that is up to spec and without latent issues. While the city has an interest in maintaining its housing stock, it is fair to point out that city inspections, while necessary, can at times be duplicative. Additionally, the city is not liable for any failure to detect and notify the purchaser of defects - a liability that generally is attached to private inspections. While I would want to do more research to give the issue its due diligence before I commit to a policy change, these are legitimate concerns and I want to work with and hear from realtors.

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

While the goal of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and its associated \$7,000 annual fee was intended to incentivize land owners to sell, occupy, or refurbish vacant buildings, the results have at times been counterproductive. A \$7,000 annual fee adds up quickly, often leaving properties with a substantial lien sometimes exceeding \$21,000. Such liens can ultimately impede the very sales we are trying to promote in the first place. I am open to exploring a potential change to the fee structure and am interested in hearing from realtors about productive policies in other cities.

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

The choice between protecting tenant rights and property owners' rights is a false one. Minneapolis should make sure that tenants have adequate recourse in the face of inhumane living conditions and abuse or neglect from bad actors. Part of making sure that tenants have a livable home is by making sure that their cost of living is not artificially increased by unnecessarily burdensome requirements on property owners. If a requirement does nothing to advance tenants' safety or livability while also increasing costs on the property owner that will result in higher housing costs, I would look for a better alternative.

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

Property taxes are an inherently regressive form of taxation, one that often drives up housing costs for people that can least afford them. When necessary, property tax levy increases should be tailored to high priority city needs, and those tax dollars should be spent efficiently and with purpose so that the city doesn't unnecessarily increase the levy due to mismanagement or misplaced priorities in spending tax dollars. What concerns me is that the last four years have been defined by a buckshot approach to spending, while I believe that dollars are more efficiently used and goals are better met through a targeted approach.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

I support an all of the above approach to transit policy that increases protected bike lanes, supports light rail, and pedestrian access and improvements to our streets. To both increase density and make sure that growth is equitable, housing options have to be accessible to people that rely on a broad spectrum of transportation options.

Q22 The Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS(R) may plan to interview some candidates in person, would you be willing to participate, if contacted? (Yes or No) (If no, please explain)

Yes

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Q4 Office Sought

Mayor of Minneapolis

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

Betsy Hodges, Jacob Frey, Ray Dehn, Nekima Levy-Pounds, and others

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

My entire life, 62 years

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?

Yes, I have ownership stake in a cabin, and several commercial properties

Q9 Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

I have a long history of community engagement in Minneapolis. I am the immediate past chair of the Downtown Council and Downtown Improvement District. I am the former chair of the Saint Anthony East and Downtown Neighborhood Association. I served on the boards of Planned Parenthood, Animal Humane Society, Open Book, and the Good Chair Project.

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

\$750,000

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

approximately \$490,000

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions?

Yes

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

Phyllis Kahn, Jackie Cherryhomes, Cora McCorvey, Wendy Dayton, Joan Growe, Sharon Sayles Belton, Anita Tabb, Wally Swan, Tom Johnson, Tom Heffelfinger, Lisa McDonald, George Soule, Lee Lynch and Terry Saario, Joe Niemiec, Barbara Carlson, Joan Campbell, and others.

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

I believe the city has lost its momentum and has adopted a reactionary strategy to policy making. We should be looking ahead and deciding the future we want rather than settling for the future we get. My top three priorities are improved public safety, improved access to affordable housing, and a strong and sustainable economy that provides good jobs for all of our residents.

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

The construction and availability of housing is not keeping pace with growth. This has led to an historically low vacancy rate near 2.7%. It is felt especially harshly by those seeking affordable housing as those vacancy rates are only 1%.

Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

City government has a role to play in ensuring both the quality and quantity of housing options. Its responsibilities lie primarily with the fair and consistent enforcement of regulation. Through zoning practices, the city can also help coordinate large-scale development strategies with for-profit and non-profit developers at the table. A good example is the future of the hundreds of vacant lots on the north side currently owned and managed by the city.

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

While I believe the intention to provide safety and transparency to the sale process is a good one, this ordinance seems to be duplicative with the seller's inspection that usually happens. Though Minneapolis' program is not nearly as burdensome as Saint Paul, we should evaluate if it is still necessary or effective.

We should also guarantee that real estate professionals are involved in the process whenever ordinances are being reconsidered or new ones introduced to avoid any unintended consequences.

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

I believe we need to revisit the fee schedule in the Vacant Building Ordinance. These fees were most problematic during the foreclosure crisis when it was difficult to sell properties. In a weak market, high fees for vacancy compound the burdens placed on property owners and can exacerbate a negative economic situation. Fees should be tied to the real costs incurred by the city rather than an opportunity for it to raise revenue. Realtors should be consulted in advance of any changes.

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

While the city must act in situations where the market is imbalanced, it should not impose onerous restrictions on what is ultimately a private relationship. I do not support policies currently being considered like rent-control. Though the new Section 8 ordinance is now law, the burdens for property owners within this program have not been lessened. We must do more to streamline the paperwork and compliance issues if we are to require all property owners to participate in what was a voluntary program.

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

We continue to see property tax rates increase in Minneapolis with little regard for the burden that may place on homeowners and renters, especially those on fixed incomes. While I certainly believe taxes are the cost of good governance, that attitude should not be a substitute for responsible budgeting. The city must do a better job in establishing its priorities and lobbying for increased local government aid, rather than continuing to raise taxes and fees. The mayor's primary responsibility is the annual budget proposal. I will go line-by-line to ensure that every dollar we levy is being spent wisely. Property taxes are some of the most regressive taxes, and should never drive people from the city.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

An evolving, multi-modal transportation system is vital to the vibrancy of our city. However, transit and transportation infrastructure are the shared responsibility of all levels of government. The city should be driving the conversation and working to engage the federal, state and county governments as productive partners. We should plan transit to allow it to drive development consistent with the city's goals for density and expansion.

Q22 The Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS(R) may plan to interview some candidates in person, would you be willing to participate, if contacted? (Yes or No) (If no, please explain)

Yes

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Q4 Office Sought

Minneapolis City Council Ward 13

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

Bob Reuer

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

18 years

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?

no

Q9 Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

I am the incumbant City Council Member in this role.

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

\$60-70K

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

50k (most in off-years due to new baby this year)

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions?

Yes

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

DFL-endorsed
former mayor RT Rybak (a constituent)
State Rep Frank Hornstein
AFL CIO
Building Trades
Mpls Firefighters
AFSME

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

Continue the work I've been doing for a safe, sustainable, and prosperous city. Safe = public safe. Sustainable= environmental hazards and public realm multi-modal transit improvements, water quality, great parks investment. Prosperous= jobs, equity, housing, supportive of schools.

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

As Minneapolis grows and our population increases it is important to not only identify a dedicated funding source for maintenance for our public housing administered by Minneapolis Public Housing Authority but also to insure we have affordable workforce housing. We need to work with developers to create workforce house that is affordable to employees in the city, and frankly we are facing a housing crisis in our metro area.

Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

The City regulates the zoning code and zoning approvals for new construction and renovation. I support that since those approvals ensure that development is appropriate for the area it is located in and meets local area plans and overlays including pedestrian districts. There is a process in place for both developers and residents to weigh in. I also believe site plan review of projects is essential so that projects meet safety codes, setbacks and drainage and shadowing from adjacent properties.

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

I support this program since it protects both buyers and sellers and catches health, safety and inspection problems at the time of sale. Overall it keeps the City's housing stock upgraded and maintained. It is flexible enough that the seller can choose to do the work before selling the property or the buyer has a year to complete the items on the inspection. Buyer and seller can negotiate price if the seller decides to do the items. Initially when the program was started it seemed onerous particularly for folks who had not maintained their homes. However in the 20 years since its inception it has worked well.

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

The Vacant Building Registration Program was created to ensure that vacant property remains secure and is properly maintained. This programs helps recapture some of the Cities costs related to properties that are not being maintained or have a history of improper maintenance. All buildings including commercial properties may qualify for this if they have been condemned and require a code compliance, unoccupied and unsecured, unoccupied with multiple housing maintenance, fire or building code violations. The process does allow for a restoration agreement if the property owner is rehabbing the property and meeting other conditions of the agreement. I believe this is an important program for parts of our city that have many abandoned and neglected buildings... One or two nuisance homes on a block can ruin the whole block and diminish citizen efforts to restore their neighborhoods.

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

I think the City has a responsibility to tenants that properties which are licensed by the City are maintained and are not sustaining repeated violations over a period of time. The Inspections department has worked with many problem properties over the years some of which have been owned by a single landlord. In those onerous cases they have revoked the rental license and not reissued it until there was a new landlord for the building. Renters deserve to pay rent and live in a building that meets health and safety codes and has heat and running water, and has timely repair of major issues.

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

As more buildings have been constructed across Minneapolis it has allowed the tax base to grow so that increases in the levy on a yearly basis are spread across that base and property owners are not seeing the full effect of the yearly levy increase. If the economy slows down and levy increases continue this will be problematic. Property owners could file for tax abatements which would result in a revenue decrease for the City. I think we always need to be asking as we fund projects...how do we pay for that? Right now the city is in a place where everyone wants to live here but accelerating tax rates could drive folks out.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

I've been the city's representative on the SW LRT project, and we need to successfully build out our LRT system, my primary interest being in the future Bottineau line for Minneapolisans. Improving mobility from a bicycling and pedestrian safety perspective has been very rewarding and there is still more to do. I am excited to take on our new commitment to a Vision Zero program. And it is important to make sure small businesses have adequate mobility for all users.

Q22 The Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS(R) may plan to interview some candidates in person, would you be willing to participate, if contacted? (Yes or No) (If no, please explain)

Yes.

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Q4 Office Sought

Re-election - City Council Member, Ward 11

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

Respondent skipped this question

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

23+ years

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?

No

Q9 Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

Involvement in Community Organizations:

aMaze – Board member and treasurer

Kids Vote Minneapolis – Board member and treasurer

St. Stephen's Catholic Community – Parish Council Chair, Legislative Advocacy Project, Shelter Volunteer

Joint Religious Legislative Coalition – Network Member/Advocate Editor of monthly e-newsletter

Minneapolis Public Schools – District Parent Advisory Committee Co-Chair, MPS DPAC Area B Co-Chair, District Parent Advisory Committee member, Field Community School PTA Chair; Site Council member and other volunteer positions

About John:

John Quincy, along with his wife Anne of 31 years and sons Sam and Joe, is proud to call Minneapolis home since 1994. As a family, they have dedicated themselves to improving the lives of others through a variety of community based organizations and experiences. Anne is a supervising attorney for the Minneapolis Legal Aid Society. Sam is currently a middle school Social Studies teacher for Minneapolis Public Schools. Joe is completing his degree from the University of Minnesota, College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences.

Prior to his 2009 election to the City Council, Quincy was a marketing services consultant – providing market research, database, and communications services. He was previously Director of Marketing Services for a Lakewood Publications/Nielsen Business Media in Minneapolis. Prior to moving to Minneapolis, John worked for the American Marketing Association in Chicago in numerous capacities including the Director of Periodical Publishing and as AMA's Director of Conferences and Exhibits.

On the Minneapolis City Council, John was elected DFL Majority Leader by his colleagues and serves as Chair of both the Ways and Means and the Budget Committees. He also serves on the Claims (Vice Chair), Community Development & Regulatory Services, Committee of the Whole, Rules & Elections, Taxes and the Public Safety, Civil Rights and Emergency Management committees. John also serves on the Board of Estimate & Taxation Committee and Internal Audit Committee in his capacity as Ways & Means Chair.

In addition, he represents the City of Minneapolis as the appointed Board Member for the I-35 Solutions Alliance Committee, Meet Minneapolis, Joint City County Lead Task Force, the Noise Oversight Committee, Northern Lights Express Passenger Rail Board, the Family Housing Fund and is on the Executive Committee for Heading Home Hennepin.

John is a member of the Democratic Municipal Officers Association, Government Finance Officers Association and is the First Vice President for National Association to Insure a Sound Controlled Environment (N.O.I.S.E.), that serves for as America's only nation-wide, community based association, committed to reducing the impact of aviation noise on local communities.

Education:

Master in Business Administration (MBA)

Marketing Major, Association Management Concentration

DePaul University, Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA)

Marketing Major, Finance Concentration

Creighton University, Omaha, NE

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

\$60,000

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

\$40,000

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions?

Yes

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

I am pleased to be endorsed by State Senators Scott Dibble and Jeff Hayden, State Representatives Paul Thissen, Jean Wagenius and Frank Hornstein. Hennepin County Commissioners Peter McLaughlin and Debbie Goethel - Former Mayor Rybak, Mayor Hodges, City Council members Barb Johnson, Elizabeth Glidden, Lisa Goodman, Kevin Reich, Blong Yang as well as former Ward 11 Council Members Steve Cramer, Dore Mead and Scott Benson.

Also Endorsed by dozens of Labor organizations including Minnesota Nurses Association, SEIU, Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, Building and Construction Trades, Carpenters, IBEW to name a few.

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

I will continue to serve as an experienced, thoughtful, practical leader who is data-driven, and listens to multiple perspectives. My accomplishments over the past 2 terms are our accomplishments. We have partnered for a working families agenda, that serves all families; invested in our infrastructure, including the largest ever long-term investment in city streets and neighborhood parks; invested in our city's youth, by authoring the Youth Cabinet Resolution, serving on Youth Coordinating Board, promoting Kindergarten readiness, high school graduation, reduction in teenage pregnancy, violence prevention and quality out of school time – and notably, authoring the Minneapolis for a Lifetime Initiative with a variety of programmatic goals focused on our seniors.

These accomplishments point the way to my priorities going forward, which continue to be a City of equity, a safe place to call home through affordable housing investment and financing, building public safety and restoring the public trust, grow our tax base and continue to expand development, supporting a thriving small and local business environment and making our neighborhoods even stronger. All these, while being the steward of public resources and running the city well.

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

Having safe and healthy housing options across the city geographically as well as economically is our goal.

Long term affordability and housing options for an aging population I see as the most challenging issues facing my ward and the city as a whole in the coming years.

The most pressing issue and challenge we face is the instability and funding concerns for Community Development Block Grants and the fragile nature of the 4% and 9% Low Income Tax Credit Marketplace - that is under stress at the Federal level.

Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

I believe the city's role should be minimal in overseeing transactions. The City's role is constrained by state law, and rightly puts limits on our ability to intervene in private market decisions and planning, and prevents us from picking winners or losers in a transaction. Our role is limited also by the role we play as both and simultaneously being a licenser/permitter while also playing a regulatory role.

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

The Truth-in-Sale of Housing ordinance is meant to provide accurate information on the condition of property for sale and to help Minneapolis keep up the quality of housing available in the city. The ordinance is in place and intended to minimize the potential disputes that may arise as real estate transactions occur. It is a responsible process in my view to weed out bad actors and unscrupulous sellers that may happen in struggling neighborhoods when not represented by qualified agents. The inspectors are qualified private contractors, and not city employees, which I believe is best for the city to operate in an impartial way, while being as effective, efficient and lowest cost possible for compliance.

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

I respect and appreciate the intent of the ordinance and view it as a necessary tool for the city to use to bring vacant buildings into compliance for the safety, preservation of housing stock and minimize the effects vacant buildings would have on our neighborhoods and property values.

This program has been challenging, especially during the times of the economic recession and foreclosure crisis. The Vacant Building Registration program is the City's primary tool for tracking, monitoring, and managing nuisance vacant properties in the City. I believe it is an important has evolved to ensure that vacant property remains secure and is properly maintained. The Program was also established to help recapture some of the City's costs related to properties that are not being maintained or that have a history of improper maintenance.

I believe it preserves the due process for property owners, while insuring their property rights are respected. It is also the best way to incentivize investment in vacant property and increasing faster recovery for value.

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

I think the city can best achieve the balance of right for both tenants and property owners in our rental market, by maintaining a fair and balanced approach to understanding our roles.

Everyone deserves a place to live in dignity and safety. The city's role, in my view is provide code and regulatory inspection services functions, balanced by an equitable and accessible business licensing function.

We should not intrude or intervene in the marketplace, unless there is a market failure. In that case, our investment should be made to interrupt and redirect that failure, and support development and stabilization.

Minneapolis uses a tiered rental license billing structure. A property's tier is based on its rental history, and focuses primarily on the condition and maintenance of the property itself.

The intent of the rental license ordinance is to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the general public, assure preservation of the existing housing supply, help maintain property values, work toward eliminating substandard and deteriorating rental housing and maintain a living environment that contributes to healthful individual and family living.

These are the objectives of everyone concerned, and is being implemented with success.

It is important to understand the that I understand that the city is in may ways limited, for everyone's benefit, by state statute that restrict the intensity advocated by my opponents. I oppose, due to the restrictions by statute, efforts to seek rent control and tenant first purchase options and just cause evictions. I do however support attempts to eliminate discrimination.

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

I am pleased to be the majority leader on the council and the chair of the ways and means, and budget committees. Understanding the property tax structure and burdens it places on property owners is an area of expertise and passion for me. Minneapolis does not have a tax rate, as we are a tax levy state. We should be and are very conscience of how taxes effect and influence development and wealth creation, as well as property affordability to our residents and businesses.

There is a balanced proposition we make with taxpayers that balances costs with delivery of services. It is my intention to keep the taxes in line with inflationary guidelines on the overall budget, while making prudent long term investments in our infrastructure.

Minneapolis enjoys a level of prosperity and growth due to a long term financial outlook, and a structurally balanced approach to priority based budgeting, use of reserves, enterprise and special revenue fund balances within the enterprise.

Our continued success in achieving \$1 Billion in development for each of the past 6 years and our growing population affords us to keep the "feels like" impact of taxes to a minimum, while also expanded and sharing the burdens across the board.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

Our transportation infrastructure needs are managed, within the purview of the city, through our long term capital investment programs and visionary public works programming. Transit itself, is a high priority for the city, as demonstrated by our strong and successful legislative agendas at state, regional and federal levels.

for the past eight years, I am proud to have served on the 35W Solutions Alliance - a multi jurisdictional joint powers board serving the Minneapolis to Elko New Market at the 35W catchment area for - finally bringing the 46th Street Station and the Lake Street Access Project-BRT station to reality during this last legislative session.

Additionally, I serve as the First Vice President, assuming the chair if re-elected, for the Nation's only Aviation related board, as part of the National League of Cities N.O.I.S.E. (National Organization for an Insulated Sound Environment - focused on FAA lobbying and MSP related Noise Oversight work, including the home mitigation program.

It is the coordination with our multi-agency approach that provides a managed plan for investments, while also preparing us for opportunistic revenue supplemental opportunities as they arise, as well as our robust capital bonding priorities.

We work closely with on state and federal road projects, FTA and FRA for LRT, passenger and freight rail investments, Met Council for LRT/BRT and transit stations, routes and capital projects and of course the county on a multitude of projects.

This thoughtful, prioritized and coordinated approach allows Minneapolis to be in a system design, capital investment and operations approach to providing a transit and transportation services - moving jobs to people and people to jobs.

Q22 The Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS(R) may plan to interview some candidates in person, would you be willing to participate, if contacted? (Yes or No) (If no, please explain)

Yes, Happy to meet to discuss further.

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Q1 Full Name

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Q4 Office Sought

Minneapolis City Council Ward 3

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

Respondent skipped this question

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

9 years

Q7 Are you a Homeowner or Renter?

Renter

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.

As the Executive Director of 15 Now, I led the successful fight for a \$15 an hour minimum wage and lifting 71,000 Minneapolis workers out of poverty. I have been an active fighter for the rights of working people from anti-foreclosure work to speaking at rallies for Medicare for All alongside healthcare workers, students, unions and community groups.

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

\$160,000

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

\$81,000

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions?

NO

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

Minnesota Nurses Association, Communication Workers of America MN State Council, Our Revolution Twin Cities, Socialist Alternative, and the Democratic Socialists of America.

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

If elected, I will continue to be a fighter for working people, pursuing an agenda ranging from rent control and high quality affordable housing to the creation of independent and democratic community control over the police. I will only take the average wage of a worker in Ward 3, and donate the rest of her salary back to progressive causes and movements.

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

More and more working people cannot afford to live in Minneapolis. Big developers pretend housing is a simple issue of supply, but in the last two years Minneapolis has added 7,000 units (the fastest rate in a decade) while rents have increased 15% since 2009 and the vacancy rate has fallen by half. A recent study found that for a median-income black family, there's not a single Minneapolis neighborhood where housing is affordable.

Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

Minneapolis needs rent control! Rent regulations are one of the best ways to address out-of-control rents. The city council should immediately pass a resolution demanding the state government remove the undemocratic state preemption law against rent control, and bring a legal challenge to it. Tenants, unions, and community organizations need to organize, and build major protests in the state legislature to demand an end to the broad preemption on rent regulation.

Tax big developers to fund affordable housing! Seattle and San Francisco have "linkage fees", a tax on big developers and the super-rich to pay for high quality affordable housing.

Build a public option. Instead of privatizing the existing public housing stock, like Glendale Townhomes, we should build thousands of high-quality, city-owned housing units, rented at below-market rates. This can be financed by selling municipal bonds, taxing developers and making use of currently vacant city land.

Minneapolis needs a Tenants' Bill of Rights! Notorious slumlords like Stephen Frenz exploit the lack of affordable housing, raking in massive profits with substandard housing by banking on the fact that his tenants can't find an alternative. Tenants should have six months' advance notice of a major rent increase, rather than the 30 days currently legally required. Security deposits and move-in fees should be capped at no more than one month's rent. Strengthen and support the efforts of renters' organizers like Inquilinx Unidxs who are fighting for more rights for renters in the Twin Cities.

Mortgage relief for homeowners! Tens of thousands Minneapolis families have lost their homes to foreclosure since 2008. The city needs to stop dragging its feet and finally implement a principal reduction program for underwater homeowners to keep more families from losing their homes. Instead of property taxes on ordinary homeowners, we should pay for services by taxing mansions and millionaire developers.

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

I support expanding the Truth-In-Housing inspections program to include city-funded training and continuing education programs for inspectors, funding of inspections by the city through taxes on big developers and the expansion of coverage to include all forms of housing.

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

I support the VBR ordinance. It is a positive step towards discouraging price gouging in housing through long-term sitting on property not in use. The standards used for assessment should be applied to all occupied rental properties as well, as they are much more rigorous.

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

The biggest threat to both tenants and small property owners are big developers who drive up prices and property tax rates, effectively pushing out both working class renters and owners. Ginger supports the strengthening of renters' collective power through organization and heavy taxes on big developers that would go to supplement rent and increased prices faced by small property owners in affected neighborhoods.

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

Ginger supports the creation of a progressive property tax that does not punish working class homeowners and instead has a strong tax on big developers and millionaire property owners who push their agenda on the city.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

Ginger calls for taxes on the super rich and large corporations in order to fund a massive jobs program and investment into 100% green and sustainable mass transit system.

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Yes

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Q1 Full Name

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Q4 Office Sought

Ward 8 City Council Member

Q5 Who is your opposition in this race?

Andrea Jenkins, April Kane, David Holsinger

Q6 How long have you lived in Minneapolis?

Since 2006

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?

No

Q9 Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

Raising two boys in South Minneapolis who attend public school and play sports. My wife and I have taken active roles in supporting their teams, the parks, and the schools.

Q10 What is your fundraising goal for your campaign?

\$10,000

Q11 How much have you raised to date?

\$3000

Q12 Are you accepting PAC contributions?

NO

Q13 Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

Cam Gordon

Q14 Briefly, what are the goals you want to accomplish, if elected?

Incorporate more renewable energy into the city's power grid, increase access to affordable housing, support future-focused programs and policies that grow Minneapolis in ways that strengthen community and fosters greater trust in the police force.

Q15 What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

People are afraid to move due to a lack of inventory and the rising cost of housing. People I speak with say they would like to move, but worry they will not find a house to buy that they can afford. Ward 8 has very little new development or inventory.

Q16 What, if any, role do you believe the city should play in overseeing housing and real estate transactions and why?

The city has a vital role to play ensuring that contracts and loans do not discriminate against people of color. Minneapolis has a history of redlining and loan discrimination that has led to segregation and harmed the community. Furthermore, the near financial collapse of the U. S. banking system demonstrated the downside of predatory lending. Clear, consistent regulations by the city can help prevent these practices from reoccurring.

Q17 What is your opinion on the Minneapolis Truth-In-Housing inspections program and why?

I've only ever bought a house in Minneapolis, but I found the Truth-In-Housing inspection useful. It increased my trust in the process. From what I've been told, the TiSH requirements are more stringent in Minneapolis than elsewhere, but that seems like a benefit to home buyers.

Q18 What is your opinion of the Minneapolis Vacant Building Ordinance and why?

This ordinance is due for a review. It's not clear that it benefits the city. From what I know of it, the regulations can impede the ability to fix up empty houses, which would seem to run counter to the greater need for more housing.

Q19 How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

I'm concerned that real estate funds from as far away as China and Russia are investing in Minneapolis. Housing means more than just profit, it means safety, community, and stability for the city. These, in turn, lead to a better future and stronger city. The city plays an important role ensuring that property owners maintain their property at adequate standard and do not exploit their most vulnerable tenants. Landlords like Steph Frenz and Sprios Zorbalas push the city to implement regulations that might be burdensome to the majority of property owners, but the city must protect the vulnerable in situations where the power imbalance is so significant.

Q20 What are your views on property tax rates in Minneapolis? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate and other fees? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

One of the main motivators of my campaign is rising property taxes and the lack of transparency on how this money is spent. For example, the city promised significant revenues from the football stadium, and yet they are asking for another 5.5% increase in property taxes. Until the city can do a better job of explaining how our money is being spent they should not be increasing property taxes.

Q21 Describe solutions you would like to pursue to address the city's transit and transportation infrastructure needs.

The city is creating an express bus route along Chicago Avenue. I fully support efforts like this one that develops the transit system in a way that is economically efficient and serves a significant number of residents. The challenge with the transportation system is that many employers and employees are outside of Minneapolis. A thorough needs assessment that includes employer and community input is needed in order to address the city's future needs. I believe climate change is real and impacting our cities. Minneapolis can do more to decrease greenhouse gas emissions and more mass transit is part of that solution.

Q22 The Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS(R) may plan to interview some candidates in person, would you be willing to participate, if contacted? (Yes or No) (If no, please explain)

Yes, I'd be happy to listen and share my views.
