

# Wyn Ray

**Candidate for:** Minnetonka City Council

**How long have you lived in your community?**

18

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

To be determined

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

Affordable housing Limited land available for additional new housing starts.

**The Twin Cities Metro is facing a housing shortage unlike any we have experienced in recent history. What will you do to increase the number of homes available to residents of your community?**

I would promote research into finding any vacant land left for development. Are there commercial or public buildings that could be converted into affordable housing? Minnetonka list 7 Affordable Housing Projects. My goal would be to increase that number to ten.

**REALTORS® hold Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as core values. Please describe how you view the importance of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in your role as an elected official.**

Being a Realtor, I am already in a profession that supports Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. I believe that I would champion these core values. My previous experience working for Realogy exposed me to annual certification training which included these core values. I also bring a global perspective with my adopting a village in Ethiopia.

**Minnesota has one of the largest homeownership gaps between Whites and Blacks, Indigenous, and People of Color. This is one of MAR's primary concerns. What would you propose at the local level to close this homeownership gap?**

My Minnetonka neighborhood has become a melting pot of people from around the globe. I consider myself to live in a diverse neighborhood.

**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 of Minnetonka may best balance the rights of tenants and property owners by holding down any additional costs associated by property owners in order to keep those costs from being passed along by increasing rents.

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

The property taxes are climbing and are affecting first time homebuyers affordability. Many life long homeowners in Minnetonka are faced with affordability issues due to rising taxes. I would take a close look at the budgets and the services provided to the citizens of Minnetonka. I believe that people are okay with paying taxes if their neighborhoods are holding their values and they feel safe living there.

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

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