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Mayor of St. Louis Park

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Town of Residence

St. Louis Park

Q6

How long have you lived in your community?

17 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.

From 2017 to 2020, I served on the St. Louis Park Multicultural Advisory Committee. Our coalition worked to ensure that the SLP police department practices safe community policing and developed resources and opportunities for residents to connect with the police department. As a council member, I passed mandates and resolutions that have positively impacted our community. In 2020, We passed a mask mandate, which was essential to protecting the health of our communities during covid. Also during my time in office, the council was able to meet their MET council goals of providing affordable housing to SLP residents at the 80%, 60%, and 50% AMI. This has made living in St. Louis Park more affordable for working-class people and renters. I am proud of the work that I have been able to accomplish so far, and am eager to build upon the foundation that I have laid as St. Louis Park Mayor.

Q12

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

Our campaign is supported by a majority of SLP City Council members, School Board members, the SD46 DFL, and are awaiting confirmation from Women Winning, Stonewall DFL.

Q13

What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

We are in a housing crisis in the United States and in St. Louis Park. It is becoming increasingly more difficult for young people to venture out on their own and purchase a home for themselves to start a family and begin to accumulate wealth. As a council member, I advocated for the utilization of tax increment financing to ensure that developers are able to build percentages of affordable housing units. In 2022, we met our MET council goals of affordable housing at the 80%, 60% and 50% AMI; providing affordable options for residents who make less than the median income, but still want to call St. Louis Park home. I am eager to build on programs such as these that I helped spearhead during my time as a council member. Additionally, I would like to look into Mixed-income neighborhoods as a solution for affordable housing. With large apartments of public housing, communities can be targeted, and also fall into a negative feedback loop. Mixed-income neighborhoods would reduce the stigma and negative social pathology associated with traditional "low-income housing".

Q14

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

A practice that the City Council has looked into, and one that I would push for as mayor is rezoning; so that more homes are available for people and families in St. Louis Park. Ultimately, people should be able to live in St. Louis Park. We have done good work as a City Council to increase rental options, but I am pushing for more affordable Buyer options as Mayor

Q15

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

I took these disparities into consideration as your council member when I pushed for initiatives such as the First Generation Home Buyer Program in 2021, which allowed individuals to get loans interest free, and the Community Land Trust affordable housing program, which also lowered the cost of buying a home for our residents. The council has also explored zoning code reforms which remove barriers to housing. In 2020 we passed an ordinance allowing accessory dwelling units. These initiatives helped, but there is still more progress to be made. As Mayor, I want to expand these programs and work with our legislators, commissioners, and federal representatives to support affordable home ownership.

Q16

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

Balancing the rights of tenants and property owners requires a nuanced approach that takes into account the interests and needs of both parties. The St. Louis Park City Council adopted a notice of eviction ordinance requiring rental property owners to provide seven days' written notice to tenants prior to initiating an eviction action for non-payment of rent or other financial obligations. The 7 day notice is the right balance.

Q17

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

Our property tax rates increase yearly little by little at a natural rate, but city services alleviate some of the financial burden that might cause. For example Tax Relief programs for families that are experiencing hardship with home affordability.

Q18

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