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Twin Cities DSA 2025 Minneapolis Mayoral Endorsement Questionnaire

Thank you for your interest in seeking Twin Cities DSA's endorsement. Application for our chapter's endorsement includes completion of this questionnaire and receiving motions of support from 3% of chapter members in good standing. Submission of this questionnaire is required by February 7th, and support from chapter members must be collected by February 14th. Please contact electoral@twincitiesdsa.org to receive the for for collecting member support if you have not already. All answers to this questionnaire, except for questions regarding personal contact info, will be made available to the TCDSA membership. Questionnaires will not be released publicly.

This form is the Standard Questionnaire that all candidates must fill out. Answers to all questions are required. There is an explanation section for every yes/no question, but these explanations are optional. For both required and optional explanations, please keep your response to under 150 words. [You can also read a PDF version of the questionnaire here.](#)

The Electoral Committee of TCDSA will follow up with you on the next steps once these first two criteria are met, including scheduling a forum with TCDSA members and details about the endorsement meeting.

For any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the Electoral Committee at electoral@twincitiesdsa.org.

TCDSA Electoral Organizing Principles ([The full text of the Principles can be read here](#)):

We find ourselves faced with multiple and intersecting crises, exacerbated by nativist, racist and anti-labor forces. These issues will not be solved by continuing the failed policies of neoliberalism, nor by the cruelty of the capitalist system, nor can electoralism be our sole agenda. The broad struggles of the global working class, across every point of injustice, will only be righted through the collective efforts of all, working in solidarity towards the change we need, against every effort to divide us. Only through this mass organizing will we achieve a truly democratic society, where an empowered working class is centered, and the needs of people are acknowledged and addressed, rather than shut out and ignored.

Typical electoral campaigns are candidate-centric, think little of the residents they seek to represent, exhaust staff and volunteers, and are short-lived by design. Campaigns endorsed by TCDSA instead must reflect our commitment to change, and further the values of mass organizing while seeking to reshape institutions from within. More than just rhetorical alignment, their campaigns must be run cooperatively with staff and volunteers, and they must actively engage with the needs of their communities. They must not just mobilize people to vote, but activate people to both support their campaign and hold them to account, to organize within their own community, and to stay engaged beyond the election. The candidates we support must seek to not just represent their constituents, but to serve and uplift them.

1. What endorsements have you received so far? What do you see as your path to victory? *

My campaign is in the process of meeting and discussing with elected officials, community leaders, union and organization leaders to secure endorsements. I am proud to have earned powerful endorsements that my campaign will be announcing over the next few months. In February and March, my campaign will be co-hosting meet & greets across the city, including ones in Wards 2, 9, and 10 with council members Robin Wonsley and Jason Chavez, and council vice president Aisha Chughtai.

Since launching my campaign in December, I have raised over \$90K, have scaled up my campaign team, and am now focusing on securing endorsements, community outreach and organizing towards the DFL endorsement caucuses. I believe my path to victory is firmly rooted in a robust, data-driven and inclusive field program. To that end, my campaign has an overall budget of \$800K, including building up to a staff team of 20-25 people, a robust field program, and a digital ad and mailer program. I plan to build a broad progressive coalition that encompasses and empowers all of our communities and parts of the city. Through this coalition, I plan to mobilize thousands of volunteers and community leaders across the city to organize and build power. I know that working people, socialists and East African community members are the backbone of my campaign. I believe that working to organize and mobilize my existing base, and expanding it to include community leaders on the Northside and in Southwest Minneapolis, will lead to a victory for my mayoral campaign.

2. Do you commit to not to take any campaign contributions from real estate developers, big landlords and corporate lobbyists? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 2.

3. Do you commit to rejecting any political endorsement or campaign contributions by labor groups whose mission is primarily to organize and represent police officers? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 3.

4. TCDSA plans to engage in coordinated campaigning in support of its endorsed candidates and to build a socialist movement in the Twin Cities. We ask candidates seeking our endorsement to commit to coordinating with the TCDSA Electoral Committee for volunteer events in support of your campaign. Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 4.

5. Will you endorse other candidates that TCDSA democratically votes to endorse? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 5.

While my campaign will certainly take TCDSA's endorsement of other candidates into account and will consider endorsing them, I cannot commit to this at this time. Running a competitive and highly scrutinized mayoral campaign means that I will need to be strategic in my choices, and occasionally not endorse in specific races where I cannot contribute or it might be strategically risky for me to endorse.

Socialism

6. Are you a current member of TCDSA? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 6.

7. Will you publicly identify as a democratic socialist in your campaign? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 7.

8. Will you be seeking the endorsement of the DFL? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 8.

9. Will you urge supporters to join DSA to help build an alternative to politics as usual? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 9.

10. Will you critique the DFL establishment and corporate influence in DFL politics in your campaign? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 10.

11. TCDSA's Socialists in Office (SIO) committee coordinates with elected officials and provides * organizational support to build socialist power in the Twin Cities. We meet regularly with our endorsed elected officials to strategize on advancing policy goals and how TCDSA can provide support to elected officials. Do you commit to regular communication with the SIO committee? Y/N

- Yes
- No

Explanation to question 11.

12. Will you organize regular public forums to be in dialogue with multiracial, working-class * communities and give working people the opportunity to weigh in on policy decisions and city direction? Y/N

- Yes
- No

Explanation to question 12.

13. How will your campaign and election build power for and be accountable to the working class? *

From my first senate race in 2020, building power for and being accountable to the working class has been at the core of my campaigns and work. As a current elected official, I have leveraged my position as state senator to fight for real, tangible changes that meet the needs of working people in our city and state. This is reflected in my years-long work alongside Uber and Lyft drivers, pushing for raises and worker protections for all Uber and Lyft drivers in our state, despite facing vetoes from both the Governor and the Minneapolis Mayor. It is also reflected in my consistent presence and participation on picket lines, actions, and overall in the community. My mayoral campaign team is made up of working people and labor leaders from across sectors and different parts of the city. I plan on using my platform to uplift the struggles and campaigns of labor and working class organizations and groups throughout my campaign. My campaign is of working people and for working people, and that is how we are going to win. I am committed to being accountable to my community and the ones that make my campaign possible, and will continue to do all I can to build that power and seek accountability.

Climate Change and a Green New Deal (TCDSA 2024-2025 Chapter Priority)

14. Would you pressure Hennepin County to shut down the HERC trash burner by 2025? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 14. *

I fully support sunsetting HERC, and I support the resolution passed by the Minneapolis City Council to shut it down by 2027. It is imperative that the process of shutting down HERC be implemented well and with input from the community, especially those in surrounding areas that have been most impacted by environmental racism. Shutting down HERC by 2025 would leave this process in the hands of Mayor Frey. Given the lack of transparency and accountability that we have seen from the Frey administration, and given his track record of ignoring the community while prioritizing the interests of developers and corporate lobbyists, we cannot trust him to be in charge of this important project or to respect the needs of the community. If elected, in 2026, it will be a priority of mine to work closely with the County and community to make this happen.

15. Do you support the creation of the East Phillips Urban Farm, as advocated by the East Phillips Neighborhood Institute (EPNI)? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 15.

16. Do you support the Twin Cities Boulevard campaign to replace I-94 with an at-grade alternative, with transit alternatives and reclaimed land for housing and other social priorities? Y/N

Yes

No

Explanation to question 16.

17. Do you support the I-94 Rail Coalition's vision of replacing I-94 with rail between the two downtowns? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 17.

18. Do you support requiring carbon-free heating in all residential buildings owned by large landlords within 5 years? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 18.

19. If there is no shut down date for the HERC by the time you take office, would you be willing to take action at the city level, such as revoking HERC's legal nonconforming use permit, or utilizing other zoning or legal measures to close the HERC? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 19.

20. In the process of a HERC shutdown, will you commit to: centering frontline community leadership in what becomes of the site where the HERC is located, restitution for the harm caused by the HERC, and funding and implementation of a community-driven Zero Waste plan for Minneapolis? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 20.

Palestine Solidarity (TCDSA 2024-2025 Chapter Priority)

21. Have you publicly called for an immediate ceasefire and arms embargo in response to the genocidal actions taken by the state of Israel? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 21.

22. Do you support Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) for companies complicit in the genocide in Palestine? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 22.

23. Do you oppose efforts that penalize individuals, universities and entities that boycott Israel, and the use of force against protesters? (Y/N) *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 23.

24. Do you oppose any official adoption of a redefinition of antisemitism to include opposition to Israel's existence as an ethno-religious state, its policies or legal system, or support for BDS (e.g., support for IHRA definition of antisemitism)? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 24.

25. Do you oppose the criminalization or police repression of people protesting in support of Palestine? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 25.

26. Do you pledge to refrain from any and all affiliation with the Israeli government or Zionist lobby groups, such as, but not limited to, AIPAC, CUFI (Christians United for Israel), J Street, or Democratic Majority for Israel (DMFI) or JCRC? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 26.

Protecting Rights and Freedoms

27. What actions will you support to rectify the legacy of white supremacy, provide reparations for Black and Indigenous communities, and dismantle the structures which enable it? *

I believe community members are the experts in their own needs, and that as leaders and representatives of the people, it is our job to listen and find ways to implement solutions. White supremacy thrives on systems of oppression that are complex and intersecting. It is our job to make those systems transparent and make policies that center our most affected. I will work alongside community to lead this discussion, and I remain committed to creating the spaces needed to have these robust discussions.

28. How will you work to support immigrants, both documented and undocumented, and their families? *

As the proud son of Somali immigrants, fighting for immigrant rights has always been the center of my work and mission. As a state senator, I have worked closely with immigrant rights groups and organizations and within my own East African community to author and pass legislation to support and protect immigrants in our state. In particular, I am proud to have authored the Minnesota Northstar Act, which would prohibit local and state law enforcement from using state resources to deport our neighbors. In addition, in my position as the chair of Higher Education, I am working actively with students and administrators at the University of Minnesota to make sure that there is no collaboration with ICE and to resist any deportations or civil immigration enforcement on university and college campuses. Everyone in our state deserves to feel safe and welcomed.

If elected mayor, I will continue this work by strengthening, upholding and expanding Minneapolis Sanctuary City policy, and ensuring that no City resources are used to collaborate with ICE. I will also continue to work closely with immigrant rights groups like Unidos MN, COPAL, CTUL and more to inform how the mayor's office can best direct support immigrants in our city. Finally, I am committed to being a line of defense against President Trump's attacks on our communities, and will leverage my position to resist attacks on immigrants on the municipal level in any way we can.

29. Will you work to protect and expand Minneapolis' status as a sanctuary city, direct city authorities not to collaborate with federal authorities trying to carry out mass deportations, and support organizing efforts to resist these deportations? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 29.

30. How would you improve city policy designed to aid and protect people with disabilities? *

It is essential that we make all public spaces and transportation in our city as accessible and welcoming as possible. Currently, especially during the winter, many spaces and transportation in Minneapolis are severely inaccessible. This is unacceptable and if elected I will prioritize addressing it by:

- Support the municipal sidewalk shoveling efforts being led by the City Council, including piloting the program in the pedestrian priority network and pushing to expand these existing programs. Right now, during winter months, our sidewalks are slippery, icy and often do not get plowed at all in parts. This makes it impossible for differently-abled neighbors to be able to use the sidewalks or get on or off the bus. Our current system is failing us, and places the responsibility of shoveling on individual homeowners, which is not realistic and an ableist system as well. As a city that sees snow for several months a year, it is imperative that we invest in municipal sidewalk shoveling to make our city more accessible to everyone.
 - Support more frequent and accessible public transportation throughout the city. We must make sure that every part of our city can be easily accessed by public transportation. This is a priority for me, as well as ensuring that bus shelters, pedestrian walkways, train stations are accessible and clear of snow and fencing (currently being inhumanely used across the city to displace and limit access to our unhoused neighbors)
 - As a state senator, I have worked closely with disability justice advocates and groups to author a bill that would end the dehumanizing practice of subminimum wages in Minnesota. As mayor, I will continue this work and pursue ways to end subminimum wages at the municipal level as well.
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31. What will you do to support LGBTQ+ rights and fight discrimination, violence, and oppression against LGBTQ+ people, especially as it relates to the trans community? *

The Federal government has declared a proxy war on queer and especially trans communities. It is more important than ever that the City protect and empower LGBTQ+ rights, and follow the leadership of LGBTQ+ people, especially trans leaders. I am proud that as a state legislator, my colleagues and I have made important strides to ensure our state is inclusive of LGBTQ+ individuals by: creating the Council on LGBTQ+ Minnesotans to address issues facing the community and create solutions, passing the Trans Refuge Act to ensure transgender youth can access gender-affirming care, banning conversion therapy and requiring insurance coverage of gender-affirming health care. As mayor, I will continue this work at the municipal level by:

- Ensuring that events like the Trans Equity Summit are fully funded, prioritized, and yearly events. The current Mayor has underfunded and mismanaged this event, resulting in the cancellation of the 2024 event.
- Increasing funding to services that support housing, safety, and economic justice as trans people are some of the highest at risk for losing their housing, being over-criminalized by MPD, and being harassed by their employer.

- Decriminalizing sex work. Criminalization has a disproportionate impact on trans and non-binary BIPOC folks.

I remain committed to doing everything in my power and working with my colleagues at all levels of government to protect our LGBTQ+ and especially Trans and residents from the cruel and tyrannical efforts we are seeing at the federal level to re-segregate society and erase trans people.

32. How will you support the Land Back Movement and ensure tribal nations have autonomy and authority to protect their own people, such as supporting Indigenous organizers at Camp Nenookaasi and the East Phillips Urban Farm? *

I hold deep ties and relationships with Indigenous community leaders in Little Earth and East Phillips, as well as organizers at Camp Nenookaasi and the East Phillips Urban Farm. I am working closely with Indigenous organizers in my campaign, and some are part of my campaign team. I have always been an advocate and supporter of the East Phillips Urban Farm, and am committed to ensuring that funding for the project gets passed this session. My ties to community have and will continue to inform the policy I work on, and are integral to my vision for Minneapolis. As Mayor, I will continue to work closely with Indigenous leaders and support the projects that the community brings forth. A crucial part of this work is taking a housing first approach to unsheltered homelessness, as the housing crisis in Minneapolis disproportionately impacts our Indigenous and Black neighbors, and working with leaders at Camp Nenookaasi to provide culturally-specific resources and services to support our unhoused neighbors. In addition, I will listen to Indigenous science and community leaders in confronting the climate crisis that threatens all of, and follow the leadership of Indigenous community leaders that are fighting climate disaster and environmental racism.

33. Do you support an immediate halt to encampment sweeps and fully funding a housing first approach to end homelessness? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 33.

34. What will you do in office to address violence and harassment against women and girls, especially those facing precarious situations such as housing, immigration, or low-wage work?

One of the most common police calls is for domestic or intimate partner violence. Currently, we are failing the people making these calls by relying on a racist and violent police force, while also not providing sufficient resources to support domestic or intimate partner violence survivors. It is our job as legislators and elected leaders to ensure services and programs for people of all backgrounds looking to leave a dangerous situation are supported with funding, personnel, and safe physical locations.

Violence against women is intersecting and we need to be ready to address the culturally specific and nuanced needs of our residents. This includes taking a housing first approach to unsheltered homelessness and putting an immediate stop to encampment sweeps that further displace and endanger our unhoused neighbors, often forcing unhoused women and girls into more dangerous situations. I will also work with community advocates and the county, to ensure that resourcing and navigation centers are available and more easily accessible. Finally, I will center workers rights and fight so that everyone in our city, regardless of race, immigration status, or gender, earns a fair and livable wage. We need a mayor that will invest in solutions rather than cast them off as pet projects.

35. Will you work to sever contracts held by the City of Minneapolis with companies profiting from human rights violations? Y/N

Yes

No

Explanation to question 35.

36. Will you work to end the school-to-prison pipeline by fully funding wraparound social services for students like Stable Homes Stable Schools and school based clinics, especially for low-income students and students of color? Y/N

Yes

No

Explanation to question 36.

37. Do you support efforts to demilitarize police forces and ban tear gas? Y/N

Yes

No

Explanation to question 37.

38. Do you oppose increases to the current police budget? Y/N

Yes

No

Explanation to question 38. [Edit 2/11/25: Explanation to Q#38 Appended to Original Submission](#)

I oppose the indiscriminate funding of MPD that we have seen from the current administration. That said, due to prescriptions in the city charter, the outcomes of multiple court rulings from multiple lawsuits, and the costly reality of implementing two consent decrees, I cannot in good conscience promise a lower police budget or a full stop to increases in the police budget.

My vision for public safety in Minneapolis ensures that funding is dedicated to alternatives to traditional policing, including:

- Implementing the Safe and Thriving Communities Plan, an existing, actionable city policy that Mayor Frey has yet to implement.
- Investing in programs that ensure the appropriate responders come when we call 911. A City report shows that 47% of 911 calls can be diverted to non-police solutions.
- Working with every level of government to reduce recidivism rates, particularly among young people by investing in youth programming.
- Expanding the Behavioral Crisis Response (BCR) program which has successfully responded to instances of mental health crises and medical emergencies without any police involvement.

It is important to note that these programs are often lumped in with the police budget. Investing in alternatives to policing is essential to achieving the comprehensive public safety system that Minneapolis desperately needs. I will pursue increases to the police budget in order to fund these programs and solutions.

39. How would you expand public safety alternatives to police departments, such as unarmed traffic enforcement or restorative programs?

From the reforms outlined in both consent decrees to funding for public safety solutions that transcend and supplement traditional policing, I will implement the numerous existing reforms our current Mayor has failed to attempt. Minneapolis residents want a Mayor whose bold and transformative approaches to public safety will end the cycle of MPD's violence and brutality that has held our city captive for so many years – I am that Mayor. As a state senator, I am proud to have supported and voted for the bill that secured \$300 million in public safety funding for Minnesota, including \$19 million for Minneapolis, intended to fund innovative public safety solutions beyond policing, such as mental health resources for people in crisis. I also worked alongside community advocates to increase overdose prevention by authoring a bill that legalized fentanyl testing strips. In the first year of this law change, Hennepin County gave out 100,000 testing strips for free to residents in need.

As mayor, I will continue the work of expanding public safety alternatives to police by:

- Implementing the Safe and Thriving Communities Plan, an existing, actionable city policy that Mayor Frey has yet to implement.
- Investing in programs that ensure the appropriate responders come when we call 911. A City report shows that 47% of 911 calls can be diverted to non-police solutions.
- Working with every level of government to reduce recidivism rates, particularly among young people by investing in youth programming.
- Expanding the Behavioral Crisis Response (BCR) program which has successfully responded to instances of mental health crises and medical emergencies without any police involvement.
- Increase investment in the Fire Department.
- Invest in upstream solutions to lessen the amount of crime. Crime is caused by factors like poverty, lack of access to mental healthcare, lack of access to housing, and lack of access to public spaces.

Minneapolis can have and deserves a comprehensive public safety system that does not rely solely on a racist and violent police department. I am ready to make that vision a reality.

Economic Justice and Working-Class Power

40. What actions would you take to support public sector unions that are bargaining with the city? *

Ensuring that the workers employed by the City have a fair and just contract, and feel supported and respected at their jobs, is essential to the functioning and thriving of our city. As mayor, I will work collaboratively and closely with the unions representing City employees to ensure workers get a fair contract. In 2023, public works employees had to threaten to strike for the City to agree to basic demands and a fair contract. This is unacceptable, and I will work closely with the unions representing City employees to make sure that that does not happen again. In addition, I will work alongside public sector unions to develop a new approach to some of the issues that City workers are currently facing, such as overhauling the City's HR department and creating a labor plan that addresses the needs of City workers. Our current Mayor has an anti-labor record and has failed to stand with workers at the City and beyond. It's time to change that.

41. How have you supported ongoing union organizing, including restaurant workers, UMN workers under the newly expanded PELRA and contract fights at Minneapolis grocery stores and First Ave? *

I am passionately pro-labor and pro-union. Every Minneapolis worker deserves a fulfilling job and colleagues who treat them with respect. For too long, our city's wealthy corporations and business owners have enriched themselves on the backs of hard-working employees who often aren't compensated fairly or treated humanely. I have and will continue to champion any efforts to balance the uneven power dynamic between employers and employees. I have joined picket lines and marches for restaurant workers, First Ave workers, grocery store workers, nurses, DELTA workers and teachers fighting for their rights and organizing unions. I co-authored and championed legislation reforming the Public Employee Labor Relations Act (PELRA) - which restored the rights of 23,000 student workers, faculty, and staff to form labor unions at the U of M. I worked alongside Uber and Lyft drivers and fought tirelessly for years to pass the strongest legislation in the country giving Uber and Lyft drivers across the state wage increases and worker protections. Workers are at the heart of my campaign, and I will continue to stand in solidarity and use my position to support union organizing across all sectors and parts of the city.

42. Do you support protections for the rights of sex workers? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 42.

43. Do you support a \$20 minimum wage [as proposed by State Senator Zaynab Mohamed](#)? Y/N

Yes

No

Explanation to question 43.

44. Will you organize alongside working-class movements to overcome legal obstacles and expand municipal authority to tax the wealthy and large corporations in order to fund expanded support for working class people? Y/N

Yes

No

Explanation to question 44.

Supporting Working Families

45. The most impactful aspect of City government is how it spends its budget. Instead of supporting business-as-usual budgets, how will you use the process to fight for a fundamentally different budget that truly meets the needs of the working class and marginalized communities?

In my work as state senator, I take on the fights of our most vulnerable residents and our working families. I fought to pass higher wages and work protections for Uber and Lyft drivers, increase the rate of pay for PCAs, and voted for policies that made Minnesota a Trans Refuge and Reproductive Freedom Defense State. Our budgets visualize our goals and the issues we care about. I will work with our City Council to propose and pass a budget that reflects the diverse needs of our constituents from housing first policies, to wraparound community services to comprehensive public safety that prioritizes our residents. Business as usual in our budget isn't working. We need real investment in our working people, unions, and city services.

46. What is the role of the City of Minneapolis in supporting public education and reverse declining enrollment at Minneapolis Public Schools? Will you push for full investment in MPS in order to reduce class sizes and fund safe, healthy, zero-carbon infrastructure improvements?

I believe that equitable and affordable access to public education is a human right. In my time as a state senator, I have dedicated a lot of my work to making public education more accessible at all levels. In particular, I led the passage of the North Star Promise Act, a college financial-aid program the Star Tribune called "life-changing." The Act ensures that residents from families making less than \$80,000 annually will receive free tuition and fees at Minnesota's public colleges.

As Mayor, I will support Minneapolis Public Schools and use my position to support public school educators in every way I can. I will use the power of the City to lobby for increased funding for Minneapolis Public Schools and work with the City Council to pass a moratorium on new Charter Schools in Minneapolis. I also will work to make childcare more accessible and affordable in Minneapolis. With investments in daycare and early childhood education, we can start our children on a path to success; when all of us have universal access to public education, we can uplift our community and support learning as a lifelong pursuit. To that end, I will increase funding for free city leisure services and work with the Minneapolis Park Board to expand youth programming at every age. Finally, I will support the Stable Homes Stable Schools initiative, ensuring it is fully funded as well as pilot projects that are a part of it.

47. Do you support the implementation of a strong rent control policy, including: *

Yes

No

3% cap on rent increases? Y/N

No vacancy decontrol? Y/N

No exemptions for new construction? Y/N

Explanation to question 47.

I fully support and will prioritize working with the City Council to pass a rent control policy. In 2021, voters overwhelmingly passed a referendum to be able to vote on a rent control policy, and I will fight to make sure they are able to do so. As Mayor, I will be in an executive position, and will support the legislative policy direction that the City Council determines is the most adequate and powerful policy for the people in our city to vote on. The specifics of the legislation need to be decided by the legislative body of the City, which is the City Council.

48. Will you fight for public universal, high quality, safe childcare, free at the point of use with living wages for childcare workers? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 48.

49. Will you push for expanded bus and light rail service in the Twin Cities, including 24-hour service and fare-free transit? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 49.

50. What policies would you pursue to both support the expansion of public health infrastructure and ensure access to free health services (including abortion services)? *

As state senator, I was proud to work alongside my colleagues at the Minnesota Senate to pass legislation that not only enshrined abortion access into our state constitution, we also passed policies that required insurance coverage of abortion services, gender-affirming healthcare, and are working on a bill to require coverage of infertility services. There are also still discussions happening at the legislature around the Minnesota Public Option.

As Mayor, a fundamental priority for public health infrastructure is taking a public health approach to encampments and unsheltered homelessness. Currently, the City's inhumane and cruel response to encampments has meant that our unhoused residents cannot access needed public health infrastructure (such as bathrooms and hand-washing stations). I will work closely with the department of public health as well as community organizers and outreach services to ensure that the City takes a public health response to encampments and unsheltered homelessness. Furthermore, I will work with the City Council to pass policies that affirm bodily autonomy and expand low-cost and free health services for residents.

51. Would you support a mass program to retrofit homes to improve insulation and heating systems, subsidized by the City? Y/N *

Yes

No

Explanation to question 51.

52. Would you pursue the expansion of municipal functions and services by the City of Minneapolis, such as: *

	Yes	No
The creation of a municipal bank? Y/N	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Establishment of municipal grocery stores? Y/N	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preservation of public housing and expansion by building tens of thousands of additional public housing units over 10 years? Y/N	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Continued expansion of a municipal sidewalk plowing and clearance program? Y/N	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Municipal (publicly owned) broadband to provide high-speed Internet for all? Y/N	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Explanation to question 52.

In my time as a state senator, I have been a fervent supporter of public housing and have authored legislation to preserve, fund and expand public housing whenever possible. As Mayor, I will continue this work and will fight for the preservation and expansion of public housing whenever possible. It is important to note that funding for public housing and the number of public housing units allowed is determined at the Federal level.

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