

**2023 Minneapolis Area DFL Senior Caucus
Questionnaire -- City Council**

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Return completed questionnaire to: Screening@MplsDFLseniors.org

1. In your personal and professional lives, what has been your exposure to seniors and their issues? What issues are most important to seniors?

2. Would you support or not support including the long-term care issue as identified by our Caucus, <https://www.mplsdflseniors.org/index.php/resolutions>, in the City's IGR program for the IGR staff to bring to the Governor and State legislature?

3. What would you do to provide quality, affordable housing for all including seniors? What would you do to get more income-limited housing built; both through the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority and by private, non-profit housing developers? Some private owners are

taking income-limited senior housing rentals and converting them to market rate. Do you favor this or not? If not, what action could the City take to prevent it from happening? How would you mitigate the loss of naturally occurring affordable housing?

4. Is the current funding for the Police Department adequate? Too high? Too low? Is the Charter staffing level requirement adequate? Too high? Too low? What do you propose to entice new police recruits to work in Minneapolis?

5. What is your position on the current administration's (Mayor, Public Safety Commissioner, Police Chief) plan to reform the police department? Please be specific about what you support or not.

6. What will you do to help seniors and other vulnerable groups to feel safe in their own homes? Are criminals being held responsible or released to re-offend?

7. Considering the desire to reduce crime and that Hennepin County closed the Youth Residential Treatment Facility, is new programming or space provision needed for youth activities to reduce crime? If yes, what specifically would you do about that?

8. Because of limited funds, you must find a balance between new initiatives and maintaining basic city services. How will you do that, which services do you consider to be basic services, and what services will you prioritize?

9. What will you do to ensure that new bike lanes & plowing procedures will allow seniors and disabled people access to parking in front of their homes? What will you do to ensure that all sidewalks, including corners, are safe and clear in the winter?

10. Are you for or against rent control? Are there specific rent control policies/regulations that you would want to include or that would convince you to support rent control? Please specify if so.

11. The previous Council passed an ordinance banning drive-throughs in the city. Are you in favor, or against that ordinance? What groups are advantaged and disadvantaged by the ordinance? Which groups would you prioritize? In your opinion, will Minneapolis lose drive through business to the nearby suburbs?

12. What is your position on the 2040 Plan housing section that allows triplexes in previous single family only residential areas? There is a lawsuit challenging the Plan; do you support or not support that suit? Parking, both on and off street, is limited by the Plan; do you support or not support this aspect of the Plan?

13. EEOC statistics show that discrimination against seniors is one of the common forms of discrimination in employment. What is your position about Minneapolis taking extra steps beyond existing programs such as (<https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/departments/ncr/inclusive-community-engagement/senior-strategic-plan/>) to protect seniors and devote funds to this issue?

14. Funding for our current Neighborhood Associations has been substantially reduced in recent budget cycles. Are these Associations desirable or not? If desirable, what funding level is appropriate? Why?

15. Not everyone in your election district will vote for you. Are you committed to providing services to all the residents in your election district?