

DFL Senior Caucus 2025

Mpls Board of Estimate and Taxation Questionnaire

Submit answers to these questions online at:

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Introduction:

Our population is aging, both in Minneapolis and nationwide. People over 60 now comprise more than 25% of the Minneapolis population, and people over 65 comprise nearly 11%. As part of this significant demographic, the Minneapolis DFL Senior Caucus is concerned about issues that affect the general community as well as issues that pertain specifically to them.

Candidate Name:

Candidate Email:

Candidate Phone:

Manager:

Manager email:

Manager phone:

1. As a member of the Minneapolis Board of Estimate and Taxation, what issue would be your top priority? Please describe how you would address this priority.

Q1 answer:

2. Why are you running to serve on the BET? What skills and background do you bring to fulfill that purpose?

Q2 answer:

3. Seniors face an increased tax burden due to increased reliance on residential property taxes:

A. What alternative revenue would you support in order to lower the tax burden for everyone, including seniors?

B. What methods would you consider that are targeted to assist seniors?

C. Do you support the concept of an income tax on very high-income Minneapolis residents? If yes — what would be your cut-off income for such a tax?

Q3 answer:

4. Have you considered the concept of progressive property tax brackets based on value of the property and/or income level of the property owners? What is your view of this idea? If you favor it, since it is not currently within municipal power to alter the property tax classification rates, what approach would you explore?

Q4 answer:

5. There is often a tension between city (Mayor/Council-controlled) taxation & the needs of the park board, which the city side can influence. How would you balance taxation between the two entities?

Q5 answer:

6. What can the BET propose that would help seniors age in place — whether that is in homes they own, or homes they rent?

Q6 answer:

7. In your view, what are the pros and cons of an independently-elected Board of Estimate and Taxation?

Q7 answer:

8. Do you favor the city continuing to maintain the BET?

Q8 answer:

9. As a BET member, what role do you see for yourself in working with the Mayor and City Council members regarding removing properties from the tax base?

Q9 answer:

10. Would you support adding a tie-breaking member to the BET, and how would you make this happen?

Q10 answer:

11. Is the Board of Estimate adequately staffed to carry out its functions?

Q11 answer: