

# DFL Senior Caucus 2025

## Mpls City Council 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.

Ward Sought:

Candidate Name:

Candidate Email:

Candidate Phone:

Manager:

Manager email:

Manager phone:

1. What would be your top 3-5 priorities as a member of the City Council?  
Please describe how you would address these priorities?

Q1 Answer:

2. How will you deter crime, including juvenile crime, to keep us all — including seniors — safe? Do you agree that we should bring the Minneapolis Police Department up to the level required in the city charter and if so how? How is the city doing on alternatives to policing, including violence interrupters, behavioral crisis response, and prevention? What would you change, if anything? Please answer each part.

Q2 Answer:

3. City property taxes have gone up 20% in the last 5 years. Seniors are disproportionately on fixed incomes, making them vulnerable to rising property taxes and city fees. Would you reduce taxation on residents and if so, how?

Q3 Answer:

4. In 2021 Minneapolis voters approved a charter amendment to change the structure of Minneapolis city government to an Executive Mayor/Legislative Council system. How would you rate the effectiveness of the system? What can the City Council do to make the system work more effectively? Please answer each part.

Q4 Answer:

5. The Charter Commission is currently studying reducing the number of council members and reducing their pay to part-time. Should Minneapolis move in this direction and why or why not?

Q5. Answer

6. Encampments have created public safety concerns but there are nights when the shelter system cannot take everyone who is unhoused. What should the city do to assure people overnight and long-term housing?

Q6 Answer:

7. Seniors face a variety of mobility challenges. Some are car-dependent; others cannot drive and rely on mass transit, walking, and dense neighborhoods with nearby services. How would you balance parking needs and transit priority, such as bus/bike lanes?

Q7 Answer:

8. Federal administration policies present a clear and present danger to the city, threatening financial support. Would you maintain city policies that the federal administration opposes, and if that results in funding cuts, would you support raising taxes and or cutting services?

Q8 Answer:

9. Many seniors want to "age in place" in their homes, while others want to move to easier-to-maintain units in their neighborhoods or multi-unit housing elsewhere in the city. Minneapolis zoning currently allows triplexes in former single-family home neighborhoods. Do you favor continuing that policy, or reducing/expanding the number of units allowed on former single-family lots? What other policies would you support or delete to increase housing choice & affordability, and please include your position on rent control/stabilization. Please answer each segment.

Q9 Answer:

10. How well is the city doing in reducing pollution and building climate resilience? As a city council member, what steps would you advocate to accomplish these goals?

Q10 Answer:

11. Do you think that the city should be involved with early childhood and youth development? Why or why not? If yes, what should be done?

Q11 Answer: