

DFL Senior Caucus 2025

Mpls Mayoral Questionnaire

Submit answers to these questions online at:

<https://forms.gle/JLqY7cNaYoPdUvdg9>

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. Priorities: What are your top three priorities for our city?

Q1 answer:

2. Housing: What will you do to provide quality, affordable housing for all, including seniors? Since aging in place is often the best and most cost-effective way to house seniors, we are especially interested in your plan for how Minneapolis will achieve this.

Q2 answer:

3. Crime and public safety: How will you deter and fight crime, including juvenile crime, to keep us all — including seniors — safe? Please address

how you will work to bring the Minneapolis Police Department up to the level required in the city charter.

Q3 answer:

- 4. Local economic development:** Many of our community commercial corridors and hubs are struggling to recover from recent challenges and changes to our city. How will you approach economic development to provide needed jobs, products and services, and bring community commercial corridors and hubs back to life?

Q4 answer:

- 5. Financing the City:** Because the city's commercial tax base is decreasing, and funding from the federal government is in decline, an increasing amount of the property tax levy is falling on residential properties. How will you craft a budget that meets the City's needs and also protects renters and homeowners, especially seniors, from property taxes that threaten to make their homes unaffordable?

Q5 answer:

- 6. Planning for the future:** As the city's population grows and infrastructure ages, the city is facing increasing pressures on both built and natural environments, jeopardizing our health and quality of life. What is your plan, including financing, for addressing the pressure points from growth on aging infrastructure (water system, sanitation, waste disposal, streets) as well as our natural environment (tree canopy, air and water quality).

Q6 answer:

- 7. Good government:** Minneapolis's good-government reputation has been damaged by headlines alleging fraud and abuse. What will you do to ensure integrity in how the City awards contracts and to prevent even the appearance of cronyism or conflicts of interest?

Q7 answer:

8. Equity for seniors/ Increasing mobility: Recent urban designs limit some people's ability to get around the city to the services they need. How will you ensure that seniors and other mobility-impacted people are centered in the design of city streets and services?

Q8 answer:

9. Your relationship with seniors: Where do you get your understanding about issues of concern to seniors in Minneapolis? How will you consult with senior and disability groups such as the Minneapolis Chapter of the DFL Senior Caucus, Age Friendly and other senior advisory groups?

Q9 answer: