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## Fighting the police unions



BY TONY BOUZA

On my birthday, The New York Times' lead editorial centered on police impunity and labeled arbitrators as the villains. Quite a gift. Thank you.

The Times are idiots. Union problems

got so bad here that they (city leaders) undertook a desperate nationwide search for a chief in 1979. That's how my interest—about which I'd already written extensively—deepened and widened.

What is/was the problem?

Power.

Lord Acton had it right. Look at the Church.

We agonize over the issue, but the equation is simple.

We elect mayors and they appoint police chiefs. These guys and dolls are always up-from-the-ranks functionaries (as I was) and union members.

The unions don't strike. They don't even picket—yet, a leader of theirs was a principal speaker at Trump's nomination, and they humiliated and defeated New York's mayor.

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Flower Power (Photo/Bernie Boston "March on The Pentagon," 21 October 1967)

## Disarm them with love

BY ED FELIEN

There is nothing more dangerous than a cornered rat. It is desperate. It will do anything to survive.

Donald Trump knows that when he leaves office there is an almost endless trail of criminal charges he will face. He will pardon his fellow felons: Manafort and Flynn after the election, and if he's smart enough, he will resign at the end of his term and have Pence pardon him for any federal crimes he committed, but that won't stop the determined New York state's attorney general from pursuing him for fraud in filing his state income taxes and other charges.

He is resorting to desperate measures. The Republican Party in California is setting up fake remote drop boxes for ballots made to look like official drop boxes to harvest votes and delegitimize absentee voting. Trump urged voters

in North Carolina to vote twice: vote by mail, then vote in person at the polls. But the most dangerous gambit Trump is trying will probably be in Powderhorn and the South Minneapolis precincts.

Anthony Caudle, the chairman of Atlas Aegis—a private security firm that uses veterans from Delta Force, Green Berets, Navy SEALs and Army Rangers—told the Washington Post that he was hired by a private client to "guard" Minnesota polls. He is recruiting former military to send a "large contingent" of recruits to Minnesota "to make sure that the antifas don't try to destroy the election sites."

Nobody believes that. Attorney General Keith Ellison and Secretary of State Steve Simon said that we are "strongly discouraging this unnecessary interference in Minnesota's elections, which we have not asked for and do not wel-

come."

It seems most likely these armed militia are intending to intimidate voters, especially in the inner city precincts. Trump lost Minnesota in 2016 by 1.5 percent. If he could depress voting in the heavily DFL precincts in the inner city, then his out-state advantage would carry the state.

What are progressive organizations doing to counter this interference?

DSA (Democratic Socialists of America) had an open Zoom meeting with about 130 in attendance on Oct. 11 to kick off their plan to respond to the transition of power, election day and beyond. A member who was in attendance said, "We are organizing in as many neighborhoods as possible, activating our over 1,000 members through personal conversations. The plans that will emerge will vary from one polling place to the next, and we may not have coverage for all of

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## Do your job!

**To the City Council Public Health and Safety Committee on "the current model of community safety and opportunities for change:"**

There are some very simple things this council, working with the mayor, could do to improve the efficiency and restore public confidence in the Minneapolis Police Department.

First, return to the one-person patrols originally instituted 40 years ago by Chief Tony Bouza. This would double the officers on the street responding to 911 calls. If there is danger to the officer and a potential for violence, the officer should immediately call for backup and secure the perimeter.

Second, stop the featherbedding promotions. Almost the first thing Chief Arradondo did when he became chief was to promote 20 of his friends. This takes officers off the street, increases the bureaucracy, reduces accountability and costs the taxpayers millions of dollars.

Third, when an officer kills someone they must be given the same rights as any other citizen, but they must not be given special privileges. When other officers arrive on the scene to investigate, they should immediately separate the officer from their partner and ask for a statement. The officer should be allowed to speak with an attorney, but they should remain in custody and isolation until they give their statement. When Dustin Schwarze and Mark Ringgenberg killed Jamar Clark, they were put together in the back of a squad car for an hour, taken downtown and released, and then given 72 hours to make a statement. This kind of special treatment destroys public credibility in the police.

Fourth, the people of Minneapolis deserve to know what happened to Terrance Franklin. On April 29 the city paid out a million dollars in lawyer's fees and awards to Franklin's family by refusing to answer their wrongful death suit. The city couldn't answer the suit in court because the officer's statements were obvious falsehoods and fantasies. Shouldn't your committee investigate the facts in this killing, and shouldn't the officers be held responsible?

Fifth, block clubs should not be under the purview of the Police Department, but rather, they should be organized by the Department of Public Health with an emphasis on treating the causes of crime and social alienation: poverty,

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# Cross Over the Bridge to Dinkytown

## Dinkytown in the 2020 Weirds



University Food Hall at Sydney Hall

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Dinkytown, as you know, is not like other neighborhoods. It's not even like other college campus-adjacent neighborhoods such as those in St. Paul, or in smaller college towns. So Dinkytown's response to things like the COVID pandemic is also a little bit different.

Dinkytown, with its huge nearby (or, increasingly, living right there) student population had a lot of spots to eat and drink heading into the pandemic. But the moving of classes to virtual and the "shelter in place" rules of the spring of 2020 kept a lot of that traffic away, so even those restaurants that were already heavily takeout lost business, while those with only dine-in options, as well as all bars, hair salons, tattoo parlors and many retail establishments, were forced to change fast or close completely until at least June.

With the George Floyd uprising, Dinkytown was not a target. Maps and lists show no businesses or buildings in Dinkytown were damaged. Only the Target Express in Dinkytown (about which more later) was lightly damaged in the rioting in the wake of the Nicollet Mall murder-suspect suicide on August 26.

A number of the profile areas we have covered had a tale of a business that had just opened or

been through a major change in the months or weeks preceding the pandemic, in that really weird (now, to think about it) time when COVID-19 was here, but not yet named or considered serious. In Dinkytown, that

2019 and just reopened in January 2020, was designed by modernist architect Ralph Rapson, mostly known in Minneapolis either as the designer of Riverside Plaza Apartments, or as the longtime head of



Southeast Branch Library, now the Arvonne Fraser Library

"business" was a library. And even though I was a frequent tourist in Dinkytown, and a well-known library buff, what used to be called the Southeast Branch Library was never on my radar before. But now I see that it's very interesting. In fact, thereby hangs a tale...

The building in which it lives, which was renovated throughout

the University of Minnesota's School of Architecture, or as the father of local lawyer, philanthropist and politico Rip Rapson.

Ralph Rapson didn't build this structure to be a library. It opened in 1963 as a credit union office, and was converted to a library in 1967. People have described the design of Rapson's buildings as "brutalist," but really, they are something different. They grew out of brutalism, but were a transitional style, bringing playful touches and light airy spaces into the canon of that design, softening its brutality. The library in Dinkytown has an example of a signature of Rapson's aesthetics—an optical illusion where a huge concrete slab of the roof seems to hover weightlessly atop delicate pillars. It's really rather beautiful.

So, to get back to 2020, the library was substantially remodeled, and reopened under a new name—the Arvonne Fraser Library. Now that's the really interesting part, because Arvonne Fraser was a mentor to the young Rip Rapson in the 1970s. Rip worked as a congressional aide under her direction when her husband was the 5th District congressman, and then Donald Fraser appointed Rip as his deputy mayor when he left Congress for a successful run for mayor. After having proved his chops at policy by largely writing the BWCA Wilderness Act in Washington, Rapson the younger in Minneapolis was the "architect" of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

The Arvonne Fraser Library was one of several chosen for early reopening in the COVID pandemic with new rules and restricted hours. The library is open Tuesday from noon to 8 p.m. and Wednesday

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# Cross Over the Bridge to Dinkytown

through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. They have set up outdoor study areas under that illusory slab roof. But who can say what the winter will bring?

Now on to more mundane considerations. With the opening of that Target Express I mentioned, which is located in the Marshall Apartments, grocery shopping returned to Dinkytown. The Target Express is rather Tardis-like: bigger than it looks from the outside. See the corporate website for hours, details and online shopping.

Services seem to me to be less numerous in Dinkytown than they once were. There is a print shop (there used to be several), at least one hair salon, a shoe repair place, a

The Book House has the most exquisite website. I have a lot of sympathy for business owners these days who have to somehow magic up a “web presence” in addition to whatever their actual skill in business is. But the Book House has done it. They have around 80,000 books in all, cataloged, browsable, buyable, but additionally their website is very attractive and easy to use. If you would prefer to browse in person, they are asking on the website that you make an appointment. But when I visited Dinkytown, there was a big “Open” sign in the Dinkydale Mall and an arrow pointing up the stairs to where their shop is, so I expect they would only turn you away if someone with an

takeout only. It looks like they tried to do social distancing dine-in (because there are rules and regs posted on the door), but I guess they’re just too popular to make it work! Check out their massive menu on their website <http://www.shuangchengrestaurant.com/index.php>, and either phone or swing by for some yummy takeout.

In the same arcade is another one we covered last year—Land’s End Pasty Company. Their space is tiny, but by only having two or three tables, they do manage to have a limited dine-in option. Pasties were originally invented as traveling food anyway and they do most of their business as takeout or delivery (through GrubHub, but they recommend calling first to check availability). They are also selling batches of frozen pasties, fully cooked, just thaw and warm in the oven.

Another place we mentioned in the above article was then not open—Avocadish. They were planning to open in the spring, and actually managed to do so, though in fits and starts. Sydney Hall on 15th Avenue now has a Food Court, and Avocadish was its first tenant to open, followed by Mi Tea and Korean Bowl, and soon to be followed by Hokkaido Poke and Sushi and Magic Noodle, a branch of a popular St. Paul spot. I tried out Avocadish—all



House-made puffy pitas at Wally’s Falafel

of their dishes and smoothies contain avocado—and it’s great and reasonably priced.

A final eating place to consider in Dinkytown is one I covered in The Dish, our last restaurant review column, in fact, my last review. It’s K-Bop, a quirky (for the U.S.) but

pretty authentic (apparently) Korean fastish food place in the Chateau Student Housing Co-op. Read our review here, where I highly recommend the Korean savory pancake: [southsidepride.com/2018/06/18/the-dish-lunch-around-the-world-korean-feast-in-dinkytown/](https://southsidepride.com/2018/06/18/the-dish-lunch-around-the-world-korean-feast-in-dinkytown/).



Hangover Avocado Toast from Avocadish

bike shop (an outpost of Erik’s Bike and Board). But a really thriving service there is Dinkytown Optical. They’re a full-service optician, with in-house eye exams, and accepting most insurance coverage. Although closed for a short while for everything but emergency orders and pickup (i.e., no exams), they reopened in early May and are now open pretty much as normal. Their reviews on Facebook and Yelp are good and on Groupon they have a solid 4.9 out of 5. See Facebook page for more information (and cute graphics).

Retail is also underrepresented with the plethora of restaurants in Dinkytown. There is one venerable bookstore there, and although I don’t visit it as often as I would like (I daren’t—the last time I intended to buy nothing and came home with almost \$100 worth of treasures. And I’m supposed to be downsizing!), it’s one of my local favorites. This is the Book House, which I covered more in depth a few years back.

appointment was already there.

So, to the restaurants. One that we covered somewhat in depth last year is Wally’s Falafel & Hummus. You can read that here: <https://southsidepride.com/2019/10/21/dinkytown-still-positively-4th-street/>. They never fully closed down, except for a few days in the civil unrest / curfew period. They pivoted to takeout and delivery-only at first, spent a lot of April and May sending free meals to frontline workers, and then took advantage of the uncertainty of the times to partially close (just the in-person ordering option) for a remodeling from mid-July to late August. So now they have a more spacious space for better social distancing. They offer lots of options for ordering—in person, by phone, by website, or you can use DoorDash or Bite Squad. Check their Facebook page for more.

Also, in the same piece linked above, we mention Shuang Cheng, the Chinese local favorite of great longevity. They are still open but for

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# Hard truths

BY TONY BOUZA

The writer has a unique series of responsibilities. The first is to truth. Relevance and humility follow. Gratitude and respect for the reader, and I'm sure there are more.

Facile, no? No. If our president has reminded us of nothing else, he has reminded us of the worth of such abstractions as truth, integrity, brotherhood, patriotism and other qualities he scorns.

Our society is racist—but not as bad as it was—slavery, Jim Crow, segregation, incarceration and so on. We have made progress and, I hope, more comes in the wake of George Floyd. How ironic is that?

My responsibility is to try and help by sharing the perspectives a great country enabled me to acquire. They easily could be grotesquely

off. Fallibility is my strong suit.

It's great to see so many Blacks on TV and waxing so eloquently to boot. I think we have the Ivy League to thank for that. They're doing such a great job that they've had to defend themselves in court in a suit brought by Asians who complained they were being deprived of places.

The Central Park bird-er, Christian Cooper—who behaved brilliantly—is probably a beneficiary. The Ivy League's secret sauce is knowing that, if you devise a system that collects the country's very brightest, they will educate each other. The professors facilitate the process.

Looking at the string of tragedies involving blue cops and mostly Black males, we can sort what I think are recurring themes.

The victims frequently

played minor, but not insignificant, roles in their plight. Poor choices (bad or dangerous relationships); lifestyles (petty crimes, drugs, etc.); mental issues unaddressed (bizarre behaviors, weapons use); escape into addictions, and such.

It is nothing short of craven to blame victims, but the sad truth is that these egregious incidents are not taking place—mostly—while the victim is engaged in responsible pursuits.

Mayors appoint chiefs, who are the only ones who have any real hope of controlling the thumpers, who are protected and enabled by police unions. But who chooses mayors?

The incidents attract rapacious hustler-lawyers and photo-op-ready “leaders.” Families squabble and fracture over the windfalls. I often pine for the return of

M. L. King, in whatever form.

Police departments have no strategy to cope with rioters. A riot is a disorderly mob wreaking havoc, but, within that mob, there is a variety of disparate elements.

Mostly the protesters are genuine reformers and seekers of justice; swimming among them are the predators and arsonists. The latter are profoundly alienated guys (yes) who hate a society that has bruised them badly.

The result?

Abandoned groceries. Shuttered drug stores. Empty liquor stores. And now you have to trek extra blocks just to find life's necessities.

Convenience no more.

What is to be done?

The ancient verities apply.

Do justice. Love mercy. Tell the truth. Reject racism. Deal honestly. Enroll in the Ivy League. It ain't either nuclear science or brain surgery. The

New Englanders got it right.

Editor's Note:

*I disagree that the ultimate aspiration of every parent should be to send their child to an elite Ivy League college. More importantly, my wife, Carol Hogard, who taught for 41 years at Minneapolis Community College, and began with others the first Women's Studies program in the state of Minnesota there, believes that genuine progressive leadership can only come from educating the general public. And that can be done best through a statewide community college system. It was the Finnish Communist moms on the Iron Range who insisted that a community college system be developed so that higher education would be convenient to everyone, everywhere. As Paul Wellstone said, “We all do better when we all do better.”*



## Cargill demo at MIA

On the eve of the six-year anniversary of Cargill's pledging to stop clearing forests, 30 Mighty Earth activists gathered at the Minneapolis Institute of Art, which houses a Cargill gallery, to commemo-

bottom for the signature of Cargill CEO David MacLennan.

In 2014, MacLennan shared the stage with U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, declaring he would stop destroying forests by 2020. With the deadline approaching, Cargill announced last year it was not on pace to achieve the commitment—and went as far as to encourage farmers in its supply chain to continue clearing. In the

Amazon, Cargill has adopted a nominal no-deforestation policy, but has gutted it with several loopholes. Meanwhile

in the Brazilian Cerrado forest, Cargill openly engages in forest clearing. The activists called on Cargill to not source grains from lands that have been cleared at any point during or after 2020. The anniversary action comes on the heels of a march in July for forests and climate that culminated at MacLennan's house in Edina. Cargill followed up on that march by announcing a plan to adopt regenerative practices on 10 million acres. Though the plan was a step in the right direction, Mighty Earth responded by noting the lack of specifics and the plan's failure to protect forests.



rate the commitment and sign an oversized renewal-of-vows contract. The document contained an empty line at the

Amazon, Cargill has adopted a nominal no-deforestation policy, but has gutted it with several loopholes. Meanwhile



# Meeting at George Floyd Square

BY ELAINE KLAASSEN

At 38th and Chicago, where George Floyd was killed on May 25, the streets are blocked off so traffic can't go through the intersection. Inside this space are many flowers, murals, a medic tent, daily community meals, a library, food giveaways and a group called Agape (unconditional love). People from the neighborhood are holding/occupying the space pretty much 24/7. These people are not a terrorist organization, lest there be any questions about that. They aren't even an organization. It's a loose group of people whose lives/souls have been deeply wounded by George Floyd's death on May 25. They call themselves a "leaderless movement." They are people who want to see life, love and flowers everywhere for people of all colors.

The people holding the space have given their demands to the city—what it will take for them to consent to opening the streets. There are 24 demands. At first, the city was willing to meet some of them, but on the evening I went to GFS for one of their two daily meetings (called "Meet on the Street"), they announced that the city had just sent a letter that didn't address the issues.

And now, the city was offering jobs to some of the people most active at George Floyd Square. If people took those jobs, it would be like establishing "sides" and it would be sad to have "sides." If the people of the square worked for the city, then they would be on the "right" side and their feelings and opinions would count. (Well, maybe.) Now, they're considered some kind of outlaws, I guess. They seem like anything but outlaws to me. They seem brave and heroic, willing to put their lives on the line to protect their neighborhood. To create peace and safety. To pursue justice and equality.

The ideal is for 38th and Chicago to be a place of safety, but the person most vocal in the group warned us at the beginning of the meeting that, we should assume that anyone in attendance could have COVID. We should assume that anyone could be armed. We should assume that what we say in the circle could be recorded. We should assume that not everyone in the square or even in the circle "has your liberation in mind."

It's a dangerous thing they are doing. They are standing up for themselves. This could have serious repercussions from the city, the county, the state, the

country.

And, they are committed, like many people in Minneapolis right now, to not calling the police if there is a situation of common criminality to deal with. So, it's dangerous in that way, too. (Even if they did want to call the police, at this point it's unlikely they would come.)

Before attending this meeting, I had not grasped the extent to which the entire neighborhood has been harmed. There is a palpable sense that these people have been assaulted, and the place where they live has been wounded, trampled, seriously damaged. They feel a deep need for recompense, restitution. Terrible harm has been done—of course to George Floyd, but also to everyone who calls 38th and Chicago home.

Seeking compensation for the harm is a huge part of creating the space at George Floyd Square. But finding a new way to live for everyone, in which racial equality is paramount,

tops the list of intentions.

The person effectively leading the meeting, who is Black and is a high school English teacher, described in gripping terms what it has been like for her throughout her life knowing that if she were ever killed, it wouldn't matter. Since childhood she has known she is expendable in this society. I had never heard it said in quite the way she said it and it made me understand the desperation in a new way. I have never had the experience of being Black in this culture so I only have my imagination and my willingness to listen to help me understand. In the '60s and since then, I have read Malcolm X, Eldridge Cleaver, Ralph Ellison, James Baldwin, Richard Wright, Toni Morrison, the story of Medgar Evers and more. Recently I read Ibram X. Kendi.

When I went out to look at the burned-out buildings in my neighborhood after the destruction following George Floyd's

death, I felt guilt. I thought, "We've known about redlining forever, we know what happened after Reconstruction, we know that Black G.I.s after WWII were not given the same benefits as returning white soldiers, we know about the racism

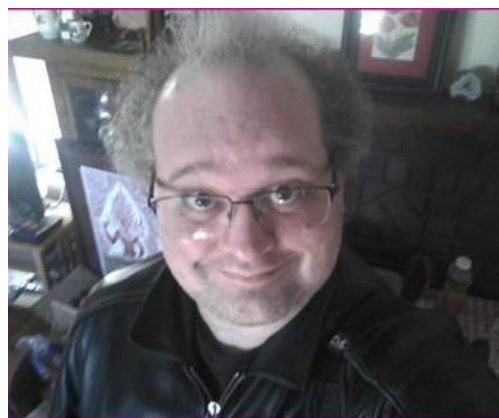
At the very end of the meeting, various people couldn't emphasize enough the importance of voting. And they stressed the extreme importance of voting at the most local level you can. Personally get to know the people running for park board,



of the police department—we know all of it, and yet we just keep thinking, well, maybe it will work itself out in a natural way, etc." How could we just let it go? Have we been throwing our hands in the air, believing there's nothing that can be done?

school board, community organizations, district judges, etc., so you know what kind of person you are voting for. The main changes we can make are at the local level—as demonstrated by George Floyd Square.

## David Wiester for Minnesota House of Representatives District 63A



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### Instead of asking why a burger flipper is worth \$15 per hour, we should be asking why a 2-bedroom apartment is worth \$1,500 per month.

Although a \$15 minimum wage is now needed due to the increased cost of living, there are additional measures that we need to take to properly implement this.

Large businesses like Amazon, Target, and Wal-Mart may be able to afford a large increase in the minimum wage. However, small mom & pop businesses (many of which have narrow profit margins) are more likely to have trouble. To keep small businesses viable, the state should provide a wage subsidy to businesses that make less than \$1 million in gross receipts per year. 3 years later, and after COVID settles down, a study would be commissioned to determine whether this subsidy could be reduced or eliminated. Robert Reich says that increasing income for the lowest earners would increase consumer spending and, thus, benefit small businesses. If he's correct, then the increased business resulting from poor people having more money to spend would make the subsidy less necessary after a few years.

One of the reasons for a \$15 minimum wage is the rising cost of housing. The construction of new affordable housing has not kept pace with demand. If this problem is not fixed, then it won't be long, after getting a \$15 minimum wage, that people will need a \$20 minimum wage. Let's try to delay that by allowing an adequate housing supply to be built. Local zoning restrictions on the construction of multi-unit buildings have been a big culprit. Virginia recently became the third state in the nation to prohibit local regulations that zone out multi-unit housing. Let's make Minnesota the fourth state so that we can have enough affordable housing and get rent costs under control.

For more information on my positions, check out:  
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

President’s response to virus unacceptable

The picture of the workers in their hazard suits and spraying the White House reminds me of the answer Senator Kirsten Gilibrand gave when she was running for president and she was asked, “What would be the first thing you would do if elected president?” and she said, “I’d clorox the Oval Office.” It has taken four years, but they’re finally “cloroxing” the whole White House.

Our president is still downplaying this awful virus by his antics since, and even before, he contracted this virus and upon leaving the hospital. He has been totally irresponsible. Let’s hope his “base” is not as dumb as he thinks they are.

Thank you.  
—Patty Guerrero

Robin Wonsley Worlobah for City Council

I was thrilled to see the news that Robin Wonsley Worlobah announced her candidacy for Minneapolis City Council for 2021.

I met Robin in 2016 during the campaign fighting for a \$15 minimum wage in Minneapolis. She was leading a large political meeting, energizing a room of diverse working class people to put pressure on our elected officials. Immediately I experienced Robin’s powerful speaking style and clear, fearless, political voice.

Since then, I have always known Robin to be a community leader with a great ability to help her neighbors understand and influence local politics. Robin has experience where we need it, in people’s movements: the fight for \$15 in Minneapolis, defending workers’ rights with Education Minnesota, and Black Lives Matter. Robin knows that social movements are the engines of change, and she will bring those movements into City Hall to fight alongside her.

These are just a few policy changes Robin will fight for:

- Implement rent control.
- Keep public housing public, oppose all privatization efforts within MPHA, and massively expand public housing.
- Support the movement to reallocate MPD resources and instead fully fund a public safety system with a diversified crisis response team, an expansive mental health program, and preventative and diversionary programs.

- Full community control of all public safety agencies.
- Tax wealthy corporations to massively expand public transit, making it fully electric and free.
- Work towards a publicly owned energy utility, and a municipal bank.
- Tax the richest individuals and corporations to fund the social safety net.

Her full platform is available at [robinformpls.org](http://robinformpls.org). You have to read it to appreciate the breadth and depth of the vision of the campaign.

Her program is far beyond anything I have ever seen from a City Council candidate in Minneapolis in my 30 years of following city politics. Despite what we’ve been told, changes like these are winnable if people’s movements have fighters like Robin in City Hall.

I am grateful for Cam Gordon’s work over these past 16 years. He’s been a great progressive at City Hall. I personally could only back someone other than Cam if they were truly exceptional and if their program showed a profound difference from politics as usual downtown. This is a historic moment in Minneapolis that calls for new leadership.

Robin Wonsley Worlobah is a Black socialist with deep ties to community and labor organizing in the Twin Cities—exactly the candidate this moment needs.

I encourage all my neighbors to look at [robinformpls.com](http://robinformpls.com) to learn more about her and support Robin for Minneapolis.

—Joe Hesla

What is Medicare?

Medicare isn’t just a single health plan. There are various parts, some of which you get from the government and others that you can purchase from private insurance companies. Parts A and B make up what’s known as original Medicare, which comes directly from the government.

**Part A.** You can think of Part A as hospital insurance. It helps pay a portion of the costs for any inpatient health care services you receive while in a hospital, a skilled nursing facility, or hospice care. It also offers coverage for some home health services. Part A is funded through a payroll tax. So, if you or your spouse worked for at least 10 years, you’ve probably already paid for it and won’t need to pay a premium.

**Part B.** This part of Medicare helps pay for basic outpatient health care services, medical supplies, and preventive care you get at the doctor’s office. You do pay a premium for Part B. The amount varies depending on factors such as your income.

While it may seem as if original Medicare covers a lot, there are plenty of gaps. Parts A and B don’t include any coverage for prescription drugs, for example, nor do they cover vision, dental, or hearing care. Original Medicare also doesn’t provide coverage for long term care. It’s also important to understand that coverage isn’t 100 percent for even the things parts A and B do cover, so you may still pay out of pocket when you seek care in the form of copays, coinsurance, and deductibles.

Medicare supplement plans, sometimes called Medigap plans, were developed to help cover the gaps. Medicare supplement plans are available from private insurance companies and can complement your original Medicare. These plans may help pay some out-of-pocket expenses, as well as add coverage for dental or other types of care.

Part D plans are a specific type of supplemental coverage for prescription drugs. They add coverage to help you pay for medications.

**Medicare Advantage plans**

Medicare Advantage plans, also known as Part C, offer an “all-in-one” alternative to purchasing original Medicare plus supplemental coverage. Medicare Advantage plans cover all of the same benefits as original Medicare, plus a lot of the benefits you might get from Medicare supplement plans, including prescription drug coverage. Only instead of having separate plans, you get it all from a single plan you purchase from a private insurance company.

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Bouza, from page 1

Whence?

The unions have a lot of members—it’s a growth industry—and a lot of money. They wander legislative halls—dispense cash and influence legislation. They also pick the principal villains cited in The Times’ editorial—arbitrators. It is a hotly sought perk that pays well. We’ll see how Minnesota deals with the recent proposal for gubernatorial selection of these beauts. The governor is certain to gain new friends among police unions.

The equation is a simple one, yet no one seems to get it: Legislators and mayors are elected—union leaders get laws passed and people elected. Mayors appoint chiefs—who are union members—the

principal task of the union (now that they’ve garnered all the wages, benefits and working conditions available) is to protect the leaders in the ranks who set the tone and shape the culture—blue lives matter. The 2 percent thumpers in the ranks don’t even get a mention in the august Times.

Jo, Jo, Jo, as they say in Spain.

Some hope.

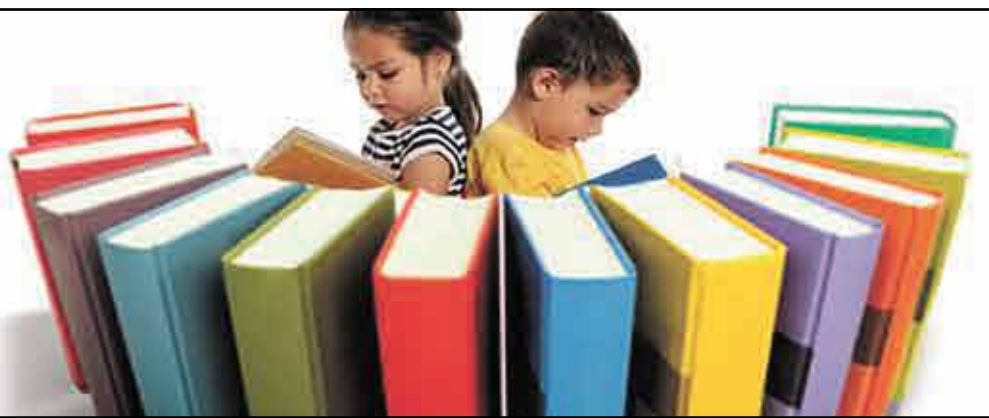
I met with a police executive. You are management—they are labor. It’s an adversarial relationship (Duh!). You’ve got to fight the union.

The city’s fate was sealed when he demurred. He needed their cooperation. He would work with them. They’d accomplish a lot more in a collegial effort.

Requiescat in pace.



# 2020 Education Section



## Minneapolis Schools' other issues on the back burner, but not CDD!

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

It's a complex landscape. You have the institutions—district public schools, public-private charter schools, alternative, private and parochial schools, as well as the districts themselves and some con-

tractors that fill in essential services, like food preparation or bus transportation. Then you have the stakeholders—students, families, teachers, other staff, both direct and contracted, and their various unions. "Other staff" is a huge collection of people: teaching assistants, substi-

tute teachers, counselors, administrators, social workers, cleaning staff, bus drivers, nutritionists, coaches, librarians, language specialists, safety specialists and food service. The two "new" learning modes—hybrid and remote—can increase the needs for some staff while decreasing the needs for others. (More on that later.)

What's it like being a district superintendent or school board member, a charter school principal or private school administrator, or the parent or guardian of a student in these fraught times? It feels like the expression "moving target" falls short. Imagine, if you will, an archery course where the targets move around, but also which target you're aiming for changes at random intervals, and the width of the rings and the size of the bull's eye constantly changes on each target. And also, you are wearing independently powered skates that move you around in a random manner, and some of your arrows are actually disguised boomerangs. That's what making learning-model decisions for students is

like right now. And it's not only a potentially life or death decision, it's also a quality of life (for the rest of their lives) decision.

Gov. Walz and his Education Department declined to make that decision for the whole state. Instead they issued these guidelines. School districts and charter schools (each of which is treated as its own district within the meaning of the act) are required to follow the guidelines. If they opt for only distance learning, they are fine, but if they want in-person or hybrid, they need to justify it with epidemiology data, reasons for exceptions, and their own detailed safety plan. Private and parochial schools are "encouraged" to follow the guidelines but don't have to report to the state. Get a PDF of the guidelines here: [tinyurl.com/yyr4wbl8](https://tinyurl.com/yyr4wbl8)

In terms of school districts, the three largest in the state are all here in the Twin Cities. Anoka-Hennepin (ISD 11) with 50 schools and 38,802 students, St. Paul (SPPS) with 99 schools and 36,888 students, and Minneapolis (MPS) with 100 schools

and 36,370 students. ISD 11 originally opted for the hybrid learning model, but delayed opening a week. They also kept grades 7 through 12 in full-time distance learning the first two weeks. Both MPS and SPPS went with full distance learning, although COVID rates before Labor Day (i.e., before the post-holiday uptick) would have qualified them for hybrid. In the Twin Cities, Bloomington and Roseville districts also chose full distance.

Only one metro area district—Dassel-Cokato (ISD 455) with four schools, fewer than 2,300 students, and spanning the rural counties of Wright and Meeker—is going full in-person learning. The rest, and the majority of charters, either chose hybrid across all grades, or in-person for grades pre-K through 6 and hybrid for the rest. However, by state guidelines, even if a school is full in-person, any student who requests it must be provided a full distance program as nearly equivalent as possible.

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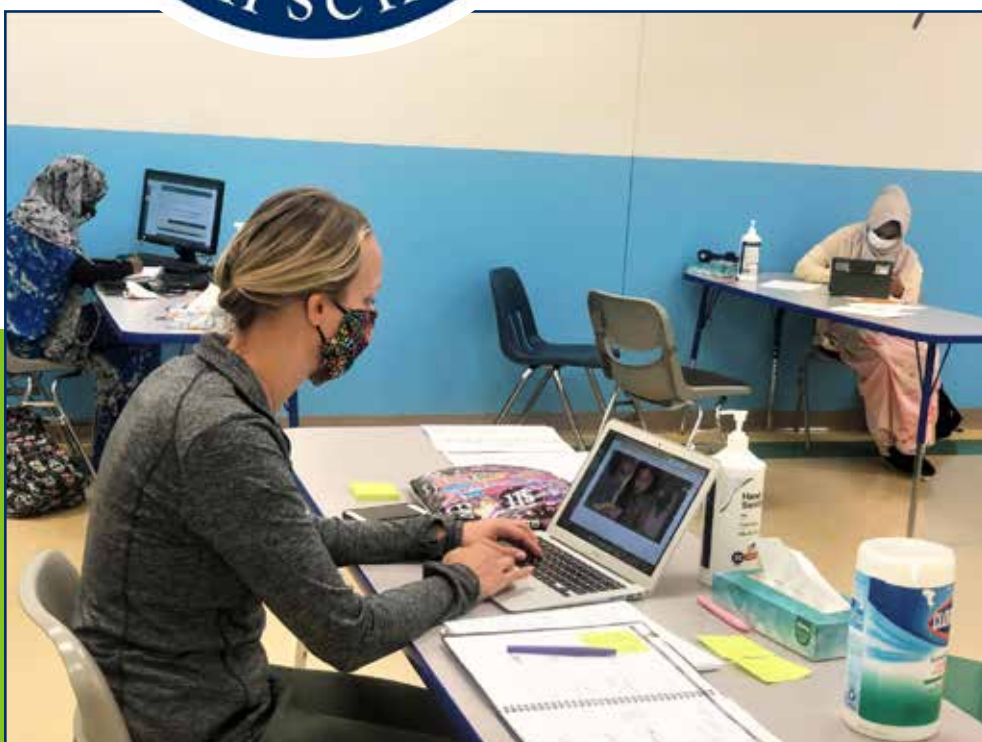
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# 2020 Education

## Education, from page 7

Teachers largely prefer full distance learning programs, and it's easy to see why. For one thing, they must provide distance learning in any case, and the thing most teachers worry and complain about—and in many cases, organize against—is the uncharted stress of having to provide two or three separate lesson plans with very different material needs and challenges. Many teachers have seen their already long days greatly expanded. They have seen their unmet lists of materials needed

also expand, and often end up paying for them themselves. Teaching in person during a pandemic is putting them in a frontline position similar to some health care workers, but without PPE, training or hazard pay.

Many support staff, on the other hand, have hourly jobs that cannot be done remotely, and may not be required in the case of distance learning. Others are required but often even more than usual, and also with high health risks. These workers have even more tough choices—change jobs, go work for a more suburban or rural

district that's having in-person classes, or try to subsist on unemployment and food shelves until the pandemic is over. With so little safety net, either choice is a fearful gamble. What if in-person learning leads to such a rise in school-based COVID cases that all in-person learning shuts down? What if the support staff person themselves

school because they want full in-person learning? Decide to homeschool if they're going to have the kids at home anyway? Or is it just part of the normal American mobility schools cope with every year?

In Minneapolis, this uncertainty is further compounded by the fact that the district is forging ahead with the

only thing being bused at all right now is school meals.)

I interviewed two workers in the center of this upheaval—a teacher and a part-time school bus driver. The teacher is currently in MPS, and the bus driver works for First Student, the large contracted school transportation company which is international in scope.

Beth is now in her tenth year of teaching at middle school level. Her previous nine years have been with two consecutive charter schools. She just recently quit the second charter school to take a similar job with MPS because she could not handle the workload and risks required for hybrid teaching. She described to me the incredible amount of work involved in a complex model of hybrid learning. One thing that stood out for me—teachers themselves were required to deep clean their workspaces in the small amount of downtime (ha ha) between classes. I thought of all the out-of-work cleaners in the area, and could not fathom why the school wouldn't contract that out, and I wondered how many teachers they lost when this was the final straw. Penny wise and pound foolish, perhaps, as the Brits say?

For Beth and other teachers in MPS and SPPS, there is still a greatly increased workload involved in providing distance learning. They are cognizant, too, of the huge inequities in access to not only technology, but also basic school supplies and even a space at home conducive to learning. (Even before the economic catastrophe of COVID shutdowns, MPS and SPPS had alarmingly high rates of students who were unhoused, housing insecure, and food insecure.) Beth said the social



## Teachers rally summer 2020

gets sick? What if they bring the virus home to their family?

Families and students face a similar gauntlet of scary options. Many schools are missing students they had last year and expected back. Did they move to another district? Opt for a charter school because they want some in-person learning but the district is all distance? Go to a parochial

unpopular Comprehensive District Design or CDD. This program is doing away with or greatly reducing combined elementary-middle schools, open schools, and magnets and the free bus transportation that supports them. Only English language learners can now be bused across boundaries of the district's subsections. (However, with full distance learning, the

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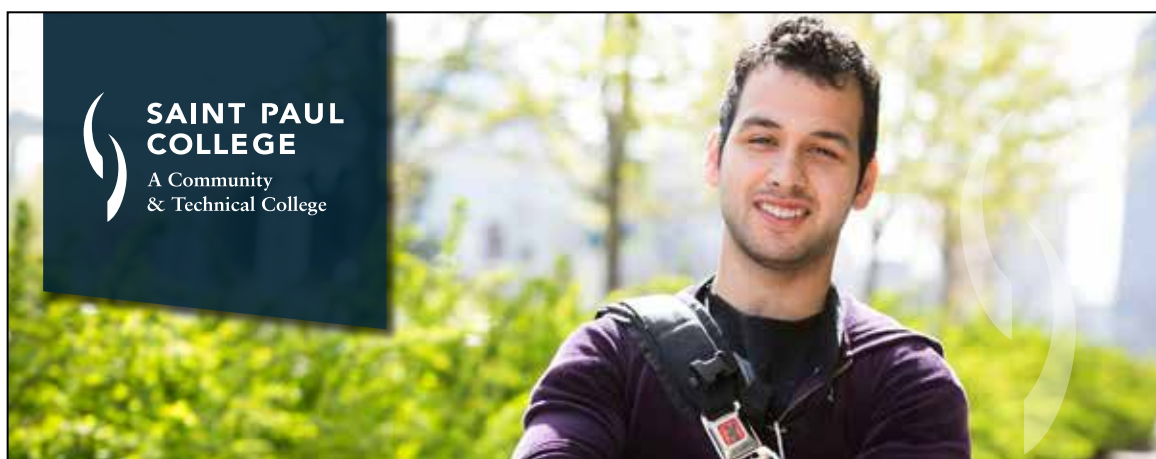
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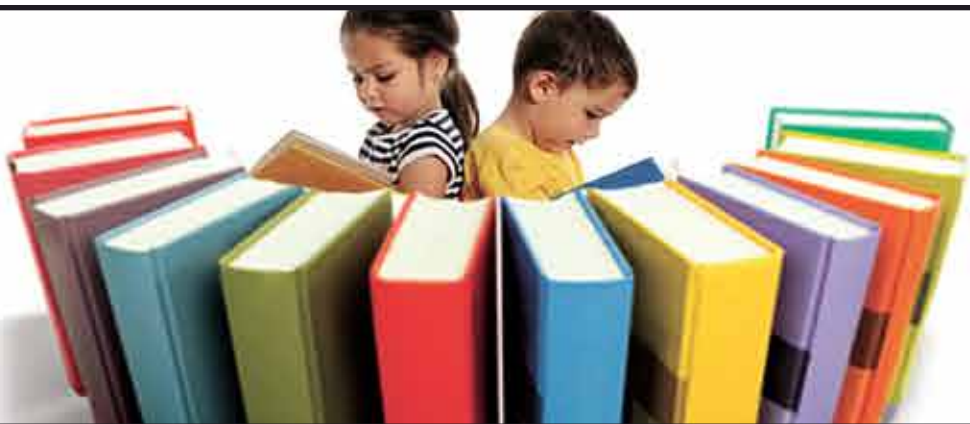


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# Section



### Protest against CDD in May

workers in the system are “run ragged” delivering supplies and making home visits.

The school systems are not ignoring these inequities. Every student in MPS is entitled to a Chromebook, and either a hotspot or greatly decreased rates for “internet essentials” (which are metered, adding another layer of stress for families who need them). SPPS and suburban systems all have similar programs, and charities also step in to help. In a recent story for MPR, [mprnews.org/story/2020/09/23/as-classrooms-go-online-theres-more-to-the-digital-divide-than-who-gets-a-hotspot](https://www.mprnews.org/story/2020/09/23/as-classrooms-go-online-theres-more-to-the-digital-divide-than-who-gets-a-hotspot), Riham Feshir detailed the gaps in both metro and outstate students’ families, and highlighted the additional equity work of Ini Augustine, a Minneapolis network engineer and business owner who has been helping families with limited access to online learning. Her volunteer work includes parents who have experienced homelessness, and whose children need not just electronic devices, but desks, school supplies, food, and even hotel rooms. “You’re not going to set a child up for internet for school in a home that has no electricity,” Augustine remarked.

KH has been driving school buses for First Student since he retired. Many school bus drivers are retirees or on part-time employment due to disabilities, so the work-or-don’t-work dilemma is particularly pointed for them. Also, as KH pointed out, hourly-paid support staff such as cleaners, bus drivers, food service workers and teaching assistants are more likely to be POC than teachers, who are still a majority white even in districts with a majority of students of color. And who is most at risk for COVID-19? Elderly people, those with certain disabilities

and some communities of color.

KH normally drives a route for SPPS, where First Student contractors are represented by Teamsters Local 120, while a fleet of direct district employed drivers is represented by Local 320 of the same union. Since KH wanted to continue driving, despite his risk status, he opted to take a route in White Bear Lake, where the learning model is hybrid. By state guidelines, buses are operating at 50 percent capacity, riders and staff are masked, and the buses are deep-cleaned be-

rise. Well-known Minneapolis school activist and parent Sarah Lamm posted this on Facebook:

“I’d love to know more about what online/hybrid teaching is like here in MPS. I know my 6th grader’s MPS specialist class has 150+ students in it. I also know a 6th grade teacher quit a few days before school started, and that another teacher who already has 153 students of her own is picking up the slack—apparently because MPS will not hire any short-term subs during distance learning. That means there is a 3-hour gap each week, thus far, for 6th graders at \*\*\*\*, because the teacher who is providing content already has other classes to teach...

“Is this approach sustainable? And why isn’t MPS dropping everything (including CDD planning/modeling/PPT presentations) to focus on providing more support to families, teachers and kids?”

As this complex story unfolds, teachers, administrators and support staff are all confronting the money-driven contradictions and paradoxes they face. Education Minnesota, the state’s largest teachers union, said “schools should consider pumping the brakes on planned in-person instruction” just a week before the first school openings. And on Sept. 30, educators from Minneapolis (MFT Local



St. Paul Federation of Teachers, Lake Street Bridge, Sept. 30



### White Bear Lake educators demo for distance

tween each pickup. KH is very cognizant that his needs to keep working are at odds with his comrades in the teaching profession and teachers’ unions. (First Student, by the way, is still desperate for bus drivers. Check their website for current openings.)

Parents are ambivalent, and span the full spectrum from all in-person to all distance in preference, with home-schooling also in the mix and on the

59) and St. Paul (SPFE Local 28), along with many supporters from the community, met in the middle of the Lake Street-Marshall Avenue Bridge at rush hour to demand no hybrid learning until safety precautions can be made for all members of the school community, free and reliable internet for all families, hazard pay for frontline staff providing child care, and other key requirements for equity and safety.



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# VOTE

BY CONNIE SULLIVAN  
MPLS ISSUES FORUM

There is absolutely no proof at all that the only “safe” way to vote is in person at a polling place on the day of Nov. 3.

In Minneapolis, as in Minnesota as a whole, our voting system is intact and carefully monitored. Ballots do not get discarded. Mail in your vote early, check its status online as the state provides, and fix any problem with it way before Nov. 3!

The biggest problem nationally appears to be voters not paying attention to the proper procedure for voting by mail:

First you have to fill out the ballot, then put it in the ballot envelope, then SIGN the ballot envelope—sometimes with a required witness—and put it in the mailing envelope. Then you find a post box or a ballot box downtown to place that mail envelope in.

So-called “naked” ballots (those not inside a signed ballot envelope that is inside the mailer) or those that lack a voter’s signature are the most frequent reasons a ballot doesn’t get counted as valid. You can fix a problem with your mail-in ballot, if you vote in time and then check on it. DO THAT.

No ballots get tossed out without reason, except where Republicans rule the process and are determined to suppress the vote totals, even at the last minute after ballots have been cast. As Trump has recently said, all he has to do to win is “get rid of the ballots” and—just this week!—have the Supreme Court decide the winner, “not the ballots.”

Trump’s campaign wants us all to doubt the security of our ballots. Don’t let them do that to us. Not in Minneapolis, at least.

## What are those two questions on my ballot, and why can’t I understand them?

BY DAVE TILSEN

Someone said that these are the most poorly written charter amendments ever, but I don’t agree. I have read others. There has been no attempt here to allow a citizen to understand them from the text, and no public explanation from the city. It’s like they were written by the same people that gave us the Charter “cleanup” a few years ago. Oh wait, it was the same people. Our Charter Commission.

### QUESTION 1 Redistricting of Wards and Park Districts

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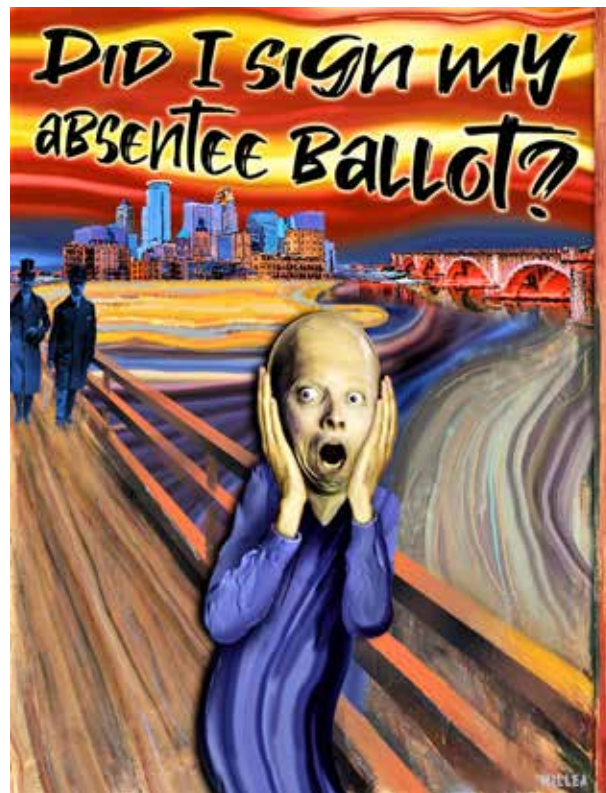
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What? Basically, the current state law conflicts with our charter when we have to redraw boundaries after a census. The amendment says that we can redraw the ward (and other) boundaries the next year (2021, a year ending in 1, see?) even if the legislature and congressional district battle is not done. Then we can have the City Council elected (along with the mayor) in 2021 with the new boundaries. But only for a two-year term, because the state law will require the City Council to be reelected in 2023 after the rest of the redistricting is done (which might change the ward boundaries again). Now, if we left it alone, that would make the City Council and the mayor out of sync, and require elections every year (we have state elections in even numbered years). Elections are expensive, so we are told, and people don’t like to hold their officials ac-

countable, says the City Council, which doesn’t want to return to two-year terms). To solve this, the 2023 election is also for only two-year terms, so everything is fixed. Yay! Well, only for seven years ’cause we have to do it all over again after the 2030 Census.

### CITY QUESTION 2 (Minneapolis)

#### Special Municipal Elections

Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to comply with Minnesota election law related to uniform dates for special municipal elections and to provide that a special election be held on a legal election day under Minnesota law that is more than 90 days from a vacancy in the office of Mayor or Council Member?

Another conflict between the charter and state law. This came up when Council Member Warsame resigned last winter to take another job with the city.

The charter says we needed a special election in 90 days, but the state law says there are only certain days that it is legal to hold an election. What to do? Change the charter, of course: eliminate the 90-day requirement.

Hope this is clear.

What happens if they don’t pass? I don’t know, but someone will certainly sue because no matter what the city does, it will violate either state law or the charter. So, unless your income is reliant on there being a lot of work for lawyers, vote yes on both.



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**Sandcastle**. Closed for 2020, back in spring 2021.

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## Bakery/Coffee/Deli

**A Baker’s Wife**. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Patio. Restricted hours.

**Butter Bakery**. Open with restrictions. Online order and delivery by Chow Now. No curbside pickup. Patio. Restricted hours. Pay it forward for sanctuary meals.

**Café Meow**. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Cat lounge experience by reservation. Still fostering cats—visit cats by video.

**Geek Love Café (in Moon Palace)**. Ordering window and pickup north side of building. Restricted hours plus during Midtown Farmers Market.

**Key West Bistro**. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, Door Dash, GrubHub & Uber Eats. Patio. Usual hours.

**May Day Café**. Open alternate Saturdays from 9 a.m. for fundraisers—baked treats, burritos, quiche for donations for community organizations. See Facebook for details.

**Mel-O-Glaze**. Open with restrictions. Call for information about delivery or curbside pickup. Usual hours. Grab and go.

**Riverview Café**. Open with restrictions. No online or phone orders. No delivery, no curbside. Patio. Usual hours.

**Sisters’ Sludge**. Open with restrictions. No online or phone orders. Grab and go. Patio. Usual hours.

**Sovereign Grounds\***. Open. Restricted

hours. Grab and go.

## Groceries

**Aldi (Lyndale & 26th)**. Open to public. Usual hours.

**Cub Foods (mobile site at Minnehaha Mall)**. Open with restrictions. Restricted hours.

**Cub Foods (46th and Hiawatha)**. Open with restrictions. Delivery available thru Instacart. Usual hours.

**Kowalski’s (Chicago Ave & 55th Street)**. Open to public. No online and phone orders. Order thru Shipt. No curbside pickup. Usual hours.

**Longfellow Market**. Open to public. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Oxendale’s Market (Minneapolis)**. Open with restrictions. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Usual hours. 7 to 8 a.m. shopping for at-risk customers.

**Seward Co-op / Friendship**. Open with restrictions. Check website for online ordering with curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Wedge & Linden Hills Co-op**. Open with restrictions. No phone orders. Online order for curbside pickup or order thru Instacart for delivery. Usual hours.

## Specialty/Convenience

**Coastal Seafoods**. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Mercato. Usual hours.

**Dokken’s Superette (42nd St)**. Open to public. No online or phone orders or delivery. Usual hours.

**Everett’s Foods**. Open to public. No online or phone orders. No delivery or curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**La Alborada\***. Open to public. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Produce Exchange at MGM**. Open to the public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Mercato.

**Tom Thumb (38th Street)**. Open to public. Usual hours.

**United Noodles**. Open with restrictions. No online orders. Delivery order thru Instacart. Usual hours.

## Delivery Services for Groceries, etc.

**Instacart**. Aldi, Costco, Cub Foods, CVS, Lakewinds Co-op, Lunds&Byerlys, Petco, Staples, Wedge Co-op

**Mercato**. Coastal Seafoods, Eastside Food Co-op, Produce Exchange @ MGM

**Shipt**. CVS, Fresh Thyme, Kowalski’s, Office Max, Petco, Target

**Uber**. A Baker’s Wife, Lunds&Byerlys Deli, Vegan East

## Farmers Markets

**Four Sisters Farmers Market**. Thursdays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Season ends 10/29! First hour for elders and first responders.

**Midtown Farmers Market**. Saturday and Tuesday. Season ends 10/31! Open with restrictions. Online ordering available. No delivery. Possible curbside pickup. Usual hours.

**Mill City Indoor Saturday**. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. No

delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Minneapolis Farmers Market Summer Season**. Open to public. Winter hours start in November. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

## Pharmacy

**CVS (Target - Richfield)**. Open to public. Usual hours.

**Present Moment\***. Open to public. Usual hours.

**Ritual Aromatherapy at MGM**. Open to public. Usual hours.

**Walgreens (E Lake and 31st Ave)**. Mobile pharmacy open in parking lot.

**Walgreens (Hiawatha & 46th)**. Mobile pharmacy open in parking lot.

**Walgreens (Hub - Richfield)**. Open to public. Usual hours.

## Retail

**Boneshaker Books\***. Reopening soon under new management. Frequent weekend curbside pop-ups. See Facebook page.

**Dreamhaven Books**. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by USPS. Restricted hours.

**Eastlake Craft Brewery at MGM**. Open to public. Usual hours.

**Electric Fetus**. Open with restrictions. Online orders, delivery USPS available. Restricted hours.

**Elevated Beer Wine & Spirits**. Open with restrictions. Call about ordering and delivery. Restricted hours.

**Groovy’s**. Open with restrictions. Usual hours.

**Habitat for Humanity--ReStore**. Open with restrictions. Both donating and shopping. Usual hours. Read safety rules on website.

**Irreverent Bookworm**. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by USPS. Check website for curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Mother Earth Gardens**. Open with restrictions. Online ordering. Curbside pickup. Usual hours.

**Moon Palace Books**. Closed to public. Online orders only for now. Delivery by USPS or curbside pickup Mon. - Fri., 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. (They call when ready, unable to answer phone calls at this time.) Restricted hours.

**Nokomis Shoe Shop**. Open to public. Online orders. Delivery by USPS--free for orders over \$100. Slightly restricted hours.

**Once Upon A Crime**. Open with restrictions. Online orders, delivery by USPS available. Restricted hours. See website for more.

**Repair Lair**. Open with restrictions. Slightly restricted hours. Also does repairs.

## Service

**Cedar Ave Repair**. Open with restrictions. Usual hours. Call before visit.

**Clyde’s Service Auto Repair**. Open with restrictions. Usual hours. Call before visit.

**Hennepin County Libraries (various loca-**

**tions)**. Some libraries now open for grab-and-go, short computer use sessions, or only computer use by appointment. See <https://www.hclib.org/about/locations> for branch statuses. Materials due dates extended to Nov. 18.

**Hub bicycle Cooperative (Minnehaha Ave)**. Open for repairs. Online shop with curbside pickup or delivery. See website or call for more.

**K9 & Kitty Cutters (Bloomington Ave)**. Open by appointment. Waiting list. Slightly restricted hours.

**Laundromat (37th & Chicago)**. Open to public. Usual hours.

**Massage Envy (Highland Park near Lund’s/Downtown Minneapolis)**. Open with restrictions, by appointment. Restricted hours.

**Nailish**. Open with restrictions, by appointment. Usual hours.

**Pedego**. Open with restrictions. Phone orders. Delivery available. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Open for all services but call first.

**Riverstone Salon and Wellness Center**. Open with restrictions, by appointment. Usual hours.

**The Grease Pit Bike Shop**. Open for outdoor DIY bike repair. Usual hours.

## Health Care

**CUHCC & CUHCC Dental**. By appointment. Usual hours.

**East Lake Animal Clinic**. By appointment. Usual hours.

**HCMC Whittier Clinic**. By appointment. Usual hours. COVID-19 testing available.

**Minnehaha Animal Hospital**. By appointment. Usual hours.

**Nokomis Pet Clinic**. By appointment. Usual hours.

**People’s Center**. Open with restrictions. Wellness Hub closed. Online appointment requests available. Telehealth available.

**People’s Center Dental Clinic (Minnehaha)**. Open with restrictions. Usual hours.

**Pet Doctor (Franklin Ave)**. By appointment. Usual hours.

**Spinal Frontier**. By appointment. Phone orders. Restricted hours. Chiro care and wellness products.

**Gyms, Wellness Centers, Training Facilities**

**Big River Yoga**. Zoom classes. Outdoor classes in Brackett Park thru fall. See website for details.

**Blaisdell YMCA**. Open by reservation with restrictions. See website for rules and reservation process. Online fitness classes still available.

**Five Elements Martial Arts**. Limited size classes with restrictions. Zoom classes are also continuing. See website for details.

**Midtown YWCA**. Open by reservation with restrictions. See website for rules and reservation process. Online fitness classes and personal training still available.

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EVENTS

**Invest in Healing Minnesota Stories Tuesday, Oct. 27 6:50 p.m. to 8 p.m. Online**

Join in supporting the transformative work of Healing Minnesota Stories, whose mission is “to create understanding and healing between Native American and non-Native people in Minnesota, including reparations, with a particular focus on communities of faith.” For more info and to register for the event, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZErfuyrrjkpGtzoCX8pQePkwjPG-9cornJXf>.

**Caritas Performance Helps Refugee Services Performance online and Donations accepted through Oct.** At their annual Community Concert Series, Prospect Park UMC hosts Caritas Vocal Ensemble in a fundraiser for Minnesota Council of Churches Refugee Services. “Attend” the concert by “listening to music by the featured musicians; reading about the work of the featured organizations and if you are so moved, by donating to those organizations; and finally, in the spirit of community, add a comment about the music you have experienced or the inspiration or appreciation you have gained from the featured organization on this web page [www.prospectparkchurch.org/calendar-events/community-concert-series/](http://www.prospectparkchurch.org/calendar-events/community-concert-series/) for that month’s ‘concert’ (while treating yourself to a cookie or bar or a healthy vegetable snack in solidarity with others in the concert-going community)!”

**LeaderWise Conversations on Race Monday, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Online** LeaderWise will host a free series of Conversations on Race this fall. Kelly Chatman will talk with us on Nov. 2 about the impact of engaging with changing community. On Dec. 7, Alicia Forde will help open our eyes to systemic obstacles that stand in the way of racial justice. Each event is free; registration is required. For

more info and to register, go to <https://leaderwise.org/>.

**Child Face Masks Needed for Refugee Families** Thanks to generous donors, our need for adult face masks has been consistently met. Our case managers have just let us know that families who arrived with refugee status are in need of child-sized masks for day-to-day needs and so they can be prepared if children return to school in person. If you are able to help sew and donate child-masks, please contact us at [rsvolunteers@mnchurches.org](mailto:rsvolunteers@mnchurches.org) for drop off coordination. Thank you!

**Bahá’i Center of Minneapolis** 3644 Chicago Ave., Mpls. Devotional gatherings, Monday-Saturday at 7:45 a.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. Please visit the Bahá’i community of Minneapolis website at [www.minneapolisbahai.org/](http://www.minneapolisbahai.org/). Here you will find information about upcoming and past Holy Day celebrations, as well as news, announcements and information.

**Calvary Lutheran Church** 3901 Chicago Ave. S. Sunday Worship at 10 a.m., via Facebook Live and Zoom. See our website at [www.clchurch.org](http://www.clchurch.org) for instructions.

**Catholic Church of the Holy Name** 3637 11th Ave. S., Mpls. Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. Limited seating, reserve online, and masks required. You may also watch Mass on our YouTube channel. [www.churchoftheholyname.org/](http://www.churchoftheholyname.org/)

**Catholic Church of St. Albert the Great** E. 29th St. & 32nd Ave. S., Mpls. In-person Masses with limited seating on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and noon. Masks and social distancing required. Enter through church front center doors only. Please see our website at [www.saintalbertthegreat.org/](http://www.saintalbertthegreat.org/) for more details. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass also streamed on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/StAlbert-TheGreatMpls/](https://www.facebook.com/StAlbert-TheGreatMpls/).

**Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church**

3430 E. 51st St., Mpls. [www.faithlutheranmpls.org](http://www.faithlutheranmpls.org) Sunday Worship (with safety measures in place) at 9 a.m. Those who are over 65, have pre-existing conditions, or live in proximity to at-risk demographics are encouraged to remain home. We will continue to post videos online for Sunday morning for those who can’t join us yet on YouTube and Facebook [www.facebook.com/felcmpls/](https://www.facebook.com/felcmpls/). Sunday morning Bible class 10 a.m.; midweek Bible class Wednesdays 10 a.m.; masks and social spacing required for worship and Bible class. NA groups Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. (Fridays temporarily suspended).

**First Free Church** 5150 Chicago Ave. S., Mpls. Sunday services 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (in person and online). Children and youth programs also. Visit our website at [www.first-freechurch.org](http://www.first-freechurch.org) for more information.

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church, LCMS** 1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy., Mpls. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship recordings online at [www.holycrossmpls.org](http://www.holycrossmpls.org). Scroll to mid-page on the homepage to see recordings and bulletins to follow along.

**Living Spirit United Methodist Church** 4501 Bloomington Ave., Mpls. Worship with us from home! Worship is currently being streamed on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings at [www.facebook.com/LivingSpiritMN/](https://www.facebook.com/LivingSpiritMN/). The weekly bulletin, children’s faith formation packet, and more will be posted to our website; that’s also where you can find resources and worship recordings from previous weeks. [www.livingspiritumc.org/online](http://www.livingspiritumc.org/online)

**Messiah Lutheran Church** 2400 Park Ave., Mpls. All services now online at [www.messiahlutheranmpls.org](http://www.messiahlutheranmpls.org). Each week we video services, viewable anytime, please join us! Visit our website for online devotions and bulletins.

**Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church** 4101 37th Ave. S., Mpls.

Sunday Worship online at 9:45 a.m. All services and programs are temporarily online. Please check the church website for any changes: <https://minnehahacommunion.org/>.

**Minnehaha United Methodist Church** 3701 E. 50th St., Mpls. Online Sunday worship available, either livestreamed at 9 a.m. or afterward on-demand. And our online Taizé service is back! Join us on our YouTube channel for a service of music, prayer and meditation. Next one is Friday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. Visit our website at [www.minnehaha.org/](http://www.minnehaha.org/) for more information.

**Mt. Zion Lutheran Church** 5645 Chicago Ave. S., Mpls. Sunday worship at 9 a.m. Please see our website for more information. [www.mtzioninmpls.org/](http://www.mtzioninmpls.org/)

**New Creation Baptist Church** 1414 E. 48th St., Mpls. Sunday Devotion 10:45 a.m. Masks and social distancing required. [www.facebook.com/NewCreation-BaptistChurch/](https://www.facebook.com/NewCreation-BaptistChurch/) <https://newcreationbaptist-churchmn.org/>

**Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church** 5300 10th Ave. S., Mpls. [www.nokomisheights.org](http://www.nokomisheights.org) Physically distant but faithfully together. Connect with our online community on Facebook and YouTube. A new worship goes up on YouTube every Sunday at 10 a.m., and all are archived, so you can view the ones you missed. [www.facebook.com/NokomisHeights/](https://www.facebook.com/NokomisHeights/)

**St. Joan of Arc Catholic Community** 4537 3rd Ave. S., Mpls. For video masses, musical performances, church bulletins, and other news, please see our website [www.saintjoanofarc.org/](http://www.saintjoanofarc.org/) or Facebook page [www.facebook.com/StJoanMpls/](https://www.facebook.com/StJoanMpls/).

**Trinity Lutheran Congregation** Augsburg College, Hoversten Chapel Riverside & 22nd Aves., Mpls. [www.trinitylutherancongregation.org](http://www.trinitylutherancongregation.org) Online worship available anytime on our YouTube channel: Trinity Lutheran Congregation

**Walker Community United Methodist Church** 3104 16th Ave. S., Mpls. Until further notice, Walker Church will be closed for all non-essential operations. Services will continue online via Zoom and Facebook Live at 11 a.m. to noon on Sundays. Visit our website at [www.walkerchurch.org/](http://www.walkerchurch.org/) or Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/walkerumc/](https://www.facebook.com/walkerumc/) for more information.

SHARING FOOD

**Bethany Lutheran Church 2511 E. Franklin Ave., Mpls. 612-332-2397** Soup for You! UPDATE: We are still spreading the love! The Soup for You!

Café will be closed to normal dining, but we plan to distribute bag lunches at the regular entrance to the Café, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. [www.bethanyinseward.org/](http://www.bethanyinseward.org/)

**Minnehaha United Methodist Church 3701 E. 50<sup>th</sup> St., Mpls. 612-721-6231** Yes, the food shelf is still open! In order to fight food insecurity in our neighborhood, the Minnehaha Food Shelf is open on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We have moved our operations outdoors, meter the flow of clients to help ensure social distancing, periodically clean our surfaces, and wear face masks. Should we have foul weather, we plan to move the distribution indoors, though still meter clients and encourage distancing. [www.facebook.com/Minnehaha-FoodShelf/](https://www.facebook.com/Minnehaha-FoodShelf/)

**New Creation Baptist Church 1414 E. 48<sup>th</sup> St., Mpls. 612-825-6933** We’re still here to serve you on the first through fourth Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until we run out of bags. Be safe and God bless! [www.facebook.com/NCBCfoodshelf/FoodShelf](https://www.facebook.com/NCBCfoodshelf/FoodShelf) Saturdays (except 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays) 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Brown door on the corner of 48<sup>th</sup> St. and 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.)

**Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and Friendship Community Service 2600 E. 38th St., Mpls. Food Hub** Free food, hygiene products, and some household goods. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please bring ID and wear a mask. Social distancing guidelines are in place.

**Calvary Lutheran Church 3901 Chicago Ave., Mpls. 612-827-2504, ext. 205** The Calvary Emergency Food Shelf is available for area residents on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. We will hand out pre-packaged bags of food with a Walk-Up table on 39th St. and Drive-Thru model at the parking lot entrance. Please stay in your car, and we’ll bring the food to you! Volunteers will be available outside to help you. There are eligibility requirements. On our website, [www.clchurch.org](http://www.clchurch.org), click on the “Food Shelf” link in the “Outreach” tab, or call the food shelf office at 612-827-2504, ext. 205.

**Groveland Emergency Food Shelf 1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls. Plymouth Congregational Church 612-871-0277** Monday – Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Entrance on Groveland Ave. between Nicollet and Lasalle. <http://grovelandfoodshelf.org/>



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# Keep it closed



BY ELINA KOLSTAD

The city has tried and failed to reopen the intersection at 38th Street and Chicago Avenue off and on since it was closed down by protestors after George Floyd was killed in May. These efforts have been unsuccessful and I, for one, am grateful to those protecting this sacred site.

The protestors have made it clear that they will maintain the closure until the verdict is delivered in the cases against the four officers depicted in the video. This is completely reasonable when one considers the travesty of justice that was the verdict against the officer involved in the shooting of Philando Castile, a rare case out of countless other instances of police misconduct in that it even went to trial. We need the city and state to be aware that eyes remain on this case. One method of doing that is to keep the street closed.

The protestors have accomplished so much out of this tragedy. We have seen a sanctuary movement spring up to support the homeless. We have seen

people come together to gather flowers and free face masks for those visiting the site. We have seen community and mutual aid efforts grow out of the protests, and keeping the street closed has been an integral part of that. Recently, the City Council voted to officially add the commemorative name of George Perry Floyd Jr. Place to this section of Chicago Avenue. I doubt this would have happened if protestors had cleared out earlier this summer.

While I commend the protestors' occupation of the site for the duration of the trial, any discussion of the future of the intersection needs to consider leaving it closed in perpetuity. My husband and I visited the memorial a few weeks after the killing and were struck by how incredibly moving it was. The sacred nature of the space was palpable. People travel here from within the city, the greater metro area, and the country. Hundreds, if not thousands, have already made pilgrimage here, all in the middle of a worldwide pandemic that has largely shut

down travel. It already feels like the pedestrian zones found in Europe.

This may seem macabre, but as hinted at before, many tourist attractions in Europe are rooted in martyred saints or tragedy. There is also the important fact that maintaining this memorial pushes back against those who want to minimize or contradict the need for real change in how we police our communities. In the wake of World War II, a deliberate decision was made to preserve Nazi concentration camps and open them to the public. The idea behind this was that it would provide a way for people to bear witness to the horrors perpetrated in the name of white supremacy and xenophobia in the hopes of preventing future tragedies. These are incredibly moving and compelling experiences. Millions of people visit the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum every year <http://auschwitz.org/en/visiting/attendance/>.

Keeping the street closed also offers a community resource. Again, I look to Europe, this

time to their pedestrian zones. These often occupy town or city centers and commonly contain a cathedral. These spaces combine somber, sacred functions with joyful, vibrant interactions. Think of the unprecedented opportunity to foster a community space, a space that could include a farmer's market, performance space, large outdoor seating areas for restaurants, gardens, trees, and public art, just to name a few options. The exciting thing is that there is already a community that has a vested interest and is currently building up infrastructure within this zone. A large impact could be achieved with a fairly small investment from the city. Organizers have already formed a variety of amenities on George Floyd Square (as the protestors call it), from art, to community resources, and even a garden!

Those who have built the memorial should be recognized and organized into a council or committee to direct the future of the site. The city should then take its cue from European pedestrian zones and construct parking

lots at the periphery, for example in the streets that dead-end at the intersection. When doing this, engineers and designers can build in access for emergency vehicles as necessary for safety. Once that is done, the planning and implementation of the stretch of asphalt should be turned over to the community. The city should provide resources such as designers and engineers, any large construction help needed, but otherwise stay out of the way.

I understand that shutting down the streets and rerouting traffic are difficult for many to fathom. It could cause some inconvenience. But the space that would replace the thoroughfare would be a community asset rarely achieved in our state, let alone our country. We have the opportunity to replace cars and traffic with community, green space, and a true destination. The opportunity to recognize the tragedy and injustice of our society while fostering positive change for the future. We should seriously consider the option.

## About smiling



BY ELAINE KLAASSEN

During the 1990s, my friend Marie was the director of a shelter for homeless women and children sponsored by a small Christian denomination.

I visited her once at the shelter and I could see that she gave her whole heart to her work. She smiled at residents as they went out and came home. She smiled at them consulting with them about their plans. She smiled at strangers in need or at kids walking down the street. Her smile revealed her deep awareness of the vulnerability of another person. Her smile was completely reassuring and affirming, full of compassion and devoid of pity.

I had already seen this quality of hers when we were not even 20 years old and I went with her to visit the children who spent weeks alone in the ward at the hospital where she worked. She smiled with such unselfish kindness it seemed to me. She took seriously the isolation of these children with inconclusive diagnoses, and she knew how those scared, lonely children would feel when someone smiled at them. It was one of the gifts she gave them.

In Marie's office at the shelter, she handed me the heart-shaped pin given to supporters. "You should wear this," she smiled. It said, "A loving heart sees the need." That's when it registered with me that Marie smiled a lot. I suddenly understood Thich Nhat Hanh's statement: "Sometimes, your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your

smile can be the source of your joy."

I knew Marie had many reasons not to be filled with joy, from an abusive childhood to a disastrous marriage to chronic health conditions, but she nevertheless embodied joy and generated happiness for herself and for others in her sphere, smiling.

On a bright, windless afternoon in March of 2008, I walked to a coffee shop in Minneapolis to meet my friend Mary. It was a day when smiles came out of me naturally. I don't know if I was smiling because I felt full of joy or felt joyful because I was smiling, as Thich Nhat Hanh suggests.

I passed a scruffy, shabby, bulky young man who looked like he wasn't doing very well. I smiled and said, "Good afternoon," an old-fashioned greeting that lets people know you may be from another country or another generation. It makes you more dignified. The young man grunted a faint but friendly reply, as though confirming my sense that things were not going well for him.

I passed a young mother pushing her baby in a stroller. I admired the baby, smiled and said, "Good afternoon." Endearing pride shone from her face and she smiled back effusively, glad for the human contact, it seemed. (I remembered my own days at home with my baby daughter.)

I passed a young boy of maybe 8 or 10 sitting on the steps in front of his house. He was swinging a switch from his willow tree back and forth in a lazy arc.

I smiled and said, "Good afternoon," and he answered with a full-throated, drawn out "Haieeee ....." His smile said, "Look at me. I'm alive. Ain't it great?"

Fear of smiling often overcomes me and I lower my eyes to avoid human contact. Sometimes I feel like if I smile at people, they will think I'm weak. Or I doubt my smile will be returned and I don't want to take that chance.

When my children were growing up, I realized I rarely smiled. I realized that my mother had rarely smiled at home either. When I became aware of that fact I was stunned. It was something I wanted to change. It seemed imperative to change that. Once, in an experiential workshop in a prison, in a small group exercise, I said, in response to one of the exercises, that I wanted to smile at my children more often. I wanted to become a smiling mother. The inmates in my group were strangely affected by the sadness of an unsmiling mother and they strongly encouraged me. They were shocked at the idea of an unsmiling mother. I still smile when I think of their encouragement.

In the fall of 2007, my friend Barbara in Spain practically forced me (she begged me many times and arranged to pay some of my expenses) to come to New York City for a weekend Hindu healing workshop led by Dr. S. Mohanambal, Barbara's physician, who practices both Western and Ayurvedic medicine. The workshop was sponsored by the One Spirit seminary (a theo-

logical seminary that studies all religions—dear to my heart) on 38th Street in Manhattan. The coordinator from the seminary told me I had a beautiful smile when I met her. I didn't take the compliment as manipulative flattery; therefore, I was able to receive it. This woman affirmed my smile as a source of power, not an obsequiousness, or vulnerability.

Then I started thinking of my smile as a gift I could give, one that people would like to receive. It helped me continue smiling at my family.

And it helped me later that year when I went to Kansas to visit my mother, who had been diagnosed with Parkinson's. She was comfortable but lonely in the care home where she sat all day long doing nothing. She couldn't communicate with words any more. If you asked her a question and she heard the intonation, the end of the sentence rising as questions do, you could feel the little ping of dread that went to her heart because she knew she wouldn't be able to answer. She would try to talk, but it was hard. Once in a while everything came together. But usually nobody had the time to wait around for that to happen.

On the first day I smiled all the time and hugged her and held her hands. I tried to talk with her but felt cruel every time. So, I kept smiling. I thought it was probably the best thing I could give her. Maybe I was passing along some healing from the Hindu healing seminar.

When I was leaving, my mother stated, "You're doing real-

ly well, aren't you." It wasn't a question. It made her very happy, I could tell, to think that I was doing very well. I know, as a mother, that for mothers (whether or not they can talk, no matter how lonely they may be, whether or not they remember anything), the most important thing is the well-being of their children.

Considering that I've had to learn to smile, I always have to smile to myself when I see someone just smiling for no reason, not at anyone, just smiling away, maybe from natural happiness.

When I went to visit Marie at the shelter, we went out to eat one afternoon and a young server, about 15 or 16 years old, smiled the whole time she refilled our water glasses (maybe she was stoned and enjoying every minute of it). I used to have a young piano student who always smiled broadly as he played. It's amazing how much joy a smile can generate.

Thich Nhat Hanh also said, "Today, give a stranger one of your smiles. It might be the only sunshine he sees all day." Of course, now, with COVID masks, people can't always tell when you smile—although the crinkling eyes are a good clue.

Whenever I can safely remove my mask, I try to take the opportunity to spread some smiles, some human-to-human affirmation, so we can confront the great challenges ahead at this time—our dying planet, our pandemic, our racism.



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them, but in general, we're talking about things like handing out water and snacks if there are lines, escorting people to the polls if they request it, and having some people trained in de-escalation we can call on if need be."

Our Revolution MN's board met and passed a resolution "in support of all progressive groups in Minnesota organizing to protect our democracy. This includes DSA's work on poll protection, poll observers and assisting voters. ORMN will be publicly promoting their events on our Facebook page."

I called the state DFL and asked what plans the Minnesota DFL has to meet the challenge of the probability that the Trump campaign will have armed militia at inner city precinct polling places to intimidate voters on Nov. 3.

They responded, "The Minnesota DFL Party is confident that voting will be safe, secure, and accessible for each and every Minnesota voter, whether they cast a ballot early or on Election Day. To ensure that happens, we have a large, well-trained, and well-resourced voter protection team at the ready. We encourage Minnesotans to call our voter assistance hotline, 833-335-8683, with any questions about voting and

we encourage everyone to visit [iwillvote.com/mn](http://iwillvote.com/mn) to get registered and make a plan to vote."

Maybe it will all work out.

Maybe there will be some peaceful discussions between progressives and Trump's militia, and everyone will go home happy.

But, maybe not.

Trump has said he will not recognize the election if he does not win.

Maybe he is planning on some crazed militia members (like Kyle Rittenhouse in Kenosha or the Michigan Wolverines who were planning to kidnap Gov. Whitmer) to provoke violence, kill some peaceful protesters in "self-defense," and use the ensuing protests and violence as an excuse to seize the ballots and declare the election invalid.

Maybe this is his burning of the Reichstag and his excuse to end democracy and "restore order."

The order he wants to restore is white male privilege. That's what this election is all about. That's why Trump has such a hardcore base that he could boast he could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot someone and not lose a vote.

His father was arrested and fined in Queens for refusing to remove his hood in a Ku Klux Klan march. When asked about

David Duke's endorsement (the last Grand Wizard of the Klan), Donald Trump said, "I know nothing." The Know Nothings were nativists and racists in the middle of the 19th century who formed part of the coalition that was the original Republican Party; whenever they were asked if they were part of that racist organization, they answered, "I know nothing." Trump's first wife, Ivana, said he kept a copy of Hitler's speeches by his bedside for late night reading.

Donald Trump has a strong pedigree as a white supremacist and male chauvinist, and it would be a tragic mistake to underestimate the number and strength of his supporters.

On Jan. 20 of this year, Martin Luther King Day, 22,000 white males surrounded the state capitol in Richmond, Va., carrying AR-15s and Trump signs to protest the new laws restricting guns.

Meet them with love and fellowship on Election Day, but if there is violence, retreat immediately. We do not need more martyrs. We need common sense and organization.

But don't say, "It can't happen here."

That title has already been used by another Minnesotan, Sinclair Lewis, in his novel about how fascism came to America.

What's Open, from page 11

**The Fix Studio and Café.** Open for outdoor workouts, running, and biking. Call about other services. Restricted hours.

Nonprofit

**Ani-meals - Meals on Wheels for Pets.** Contact CES if you need pet food delivered to your home. Weekly.

**Boys and Girls Clubs of TC.** Open with restrictions. Restricted hours. Only open for food distribution.

**Briva Health.** Open with restrictions. Health care navigation by phone or appointment. Usual hours.

**Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.** Use link above to find needs. Uses Signup Genius App for volunteers. Distribution Tue, Thu, 2nd & 4th Sat.

**House of Charity (Elliot Park).** Open with restrictions. Restricted hours.

**Indigenous Food Lab / NATIFS\* (MGM).** Seeking volunteers to help prepare food for distribution. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040544a4a2e-abfa7-volunteering>.

**Macedonia Baptist Church\*.** Open with restrictions. Restricted hours. Call for more information. Only open for food distribution.

**People and Pets Together.** Open with restrictions. No delivery or curbside pickup. Usual hours. Pet food shelf - 1 client at a time.

**Sabathani Food Shelf\*.** Open with restrictions. Usual hours. Only open for food distribution.

**Simpson Food Pantry.** Open to public. Restricted hours. Outdoors, weather permitting.

**Sisters Camelot\*.** Random food distributions. Check Facebook page weekly. Sites include Walker Church, Bethany Lutheran, Park Ave UMC.

**Soup for You Café at Bethany Lutheran Church (Franklin).** Closed to public. Distributing bag lunches at the side door Monday thru Friday, 11 a.m. until gone.

**Walker Church.** Open with restrictions. Hot meals, bagged groceries. Email [office@walkerchurch.org](mailto:office@walkerchurch.org) or message Facebook page for information. Tuesdays only. Only open for food distribution.

**Walk-in Counseling.** Closed to public. Call for Phone or Zoom counseling. Usual hours.

**Pop-up Mutual Aid Sites / Pay-as-u-can / Pay-it-forward**  
See <https://twin-cities-mutual-aid.org/> for complete list, or for updates on needs of most of the sites listed below.

**612 MASH (Medics at Chicago & 38th).** Use link above to find current needs.

**Annie Young Meadows Sanctuary.** Use link above to find current needs.

**Acupuncturists without Borders (Calvary Lutheran Church).** Free community acupuncture outdoors Sundays 2-3 p.m.

**Augustana Senior Homes (Elliot Park).** Use link above to find current needs.

**Brian Coyle Center.** Free COVID-19 tests and free flu shots. Fridays. See link above for details.

**Café Racer at El Colegio\*.** Breaking Bread free meals. Free contactless hot meals to go Tuesdays 4 - 7 p.m.

**Food Not Bombs.** Taking a break, but contact via [foodnotbombsminneapolis@gmail.com](mailto:foodnotbombsminneapolis@gmail.com) if you want to get involved.

**Greenway Mutual Aid Project (10th Ave ramp).** New houseless encampment not on above link. More info later unless you just want to go there and ask what they need.

**Lake Nokomis Park Sanctuary.** Use link above to find current needs.

**Midtown YWCA.** Use link above to find current needs. Distribution by reservation, link in link above.

**Peace Coffee.** Distribution of food and supplies Tue and Fri. Drop-offs at Ricardo Levin Morales Studio next door. See link above for more details.

**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Park Sanctuary.** Use link above to find current needs.

**Sanctuary Movement Supply Depot (PPNA Office 35th Street).** Use link above to find current needs. Or inquire at the depot for more up to date info.

**Seward Café.** Drop off 10-5 daily. Use link above for current needs. Donate via Venmo or volunteer—see Facebook. Distributions: Fri (Food), Sat (Hygiene), & Sun (Baby stuff) noon-2 p.m.

Job, from page 1

lack of education and job opportunities.

Finally, 2020 has been a horrible year. To misquote Shakespeare: Some are born to horror, some achieve horror, and some have horror thrust upon them. Your immediate reaction to the horror of George Floyd's murder was to attempt to defund and abolish the Police Department. Now, with your cur-

rent proposal, you have gone to the other extreme. The elaborate proposal by city staff is to create more bureaucracy, and that creates more jobs for bureaucrats and an expensive labyrinth of unaccountability. The process becomes a substitute for action.

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I'm asking for your vote **by Nov. 3** to bring a *fresh voice* to the state capitol to address:

- ★ **Public Safety** We all deserve to feel safe where we live, work and play. I support directing state resources to the prevention, investigation and prosecution of crime, as well as holding law enforcement accountable for egregious actions.
- ★ **Education** Every child deserves an education focused on excellence, regardless of their needs, abilities, talents, interests or ZIP code. I fully support providing more school choice so parents can determine the best option for their child.
- ★ **Economic Opportunities** Burdensome taxes and regulations impede small businesses from either starting up or expanding. Businesses provide jobs, and jobs strengthen families and communities.
- ★ **Government Waste** We Minnesotans work hard for our money and deserve to have our tax dollars spent wisely and efficiently. This means reforms to existing programs and following the money to find out where it's going.

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