

## League of Women Voters 2020 Candidate Questionnaire

**Some voters may not understand what the City Council does or how it impacts their daily lives. How would you explain that to them? (320/500 character limit)**

The Minneapolis City Council governs the city and is made up of representatives from different sections (wards) of the city. These councilmembers make decisions on zoning laws (where certain buildings and entities are designated to go), how law enforcement and other public services operate, and budget other priorities.

Commented [AS1]: Yeah... like I know what the MPLS city council does, but IDK how to describe it

**What is your position on the [African Village proposal](#), and why? (330/500 character limit)**

I am in full support of this project. This will give a space for small, minority-owned businesses to thrive and promote the city's rich cultural diversity. It is also amazing that the project also includes plans for affordable housing, youth and social services, connections to parks, and access to the light rail and bike paths.

**What priorities would you pursue to support the city and Ward 6 to recover from any economic fallout from COVID-19? (466/500 character limit)**

The best thing we can do to recover from the economic impacts of COVID-19 is to stop subsidizing corporations and start supporting small (primarily minority-owned) businesses and other community-driven initiatives. We should also do more to support workers and their right to unionize collectively bargain; unions lead to safer working conditions and better wages, so if we want a Minneapolis that works for everyone, we need to support workers and workers' rights.

**Please describe what specific actions or policies you would support, if any, to address these issues of policing, race, and racism as a City Council Member. (372/500 character limit)**

The Minneapolis Police Department is counterproductive to the city's public safety and we need to stop funding what isn't working; I suggest cutting the budget in half. Instead, we should fund mobile mental health crisis teams, community-based organizations and community watches, and expand access to social services for underserved and marginalized peoples in the city.

**What are the top three policy or funding changes you would work for if elected? (426/500 character limit)**

My top three priorities if elected to the City Council are:

- Defund the Minneapolis Police Department and invest in a community-driven alternative and other social programs

- Funding renewable energy projects, urban farming, and other initiatives that lowers our city's carbon emissions and protects and restores our natural environment
- Increase our supply of and improve living conditions and safety standards in affordable housing