

Twin Cities DSA Endorsement Questionnaire 2021

Thank you for your interest in seeking Twin Cities DSA's endorsement. To apply for our chapter's endorsement, please submit this Google Form. Submission of this questionnaire will act as your formal application for TCDSA's endorsement and will start your endorsement process. Once submitted, chapter members will be notified of your application. All answers to this questionnaire, except for questions regarding personal contact info, will be made public.

This form is the Standard Questionnaire that all candidates must fill out. Answers to all questions are required. There is an explanation section for every yes/no question, but explanations are optional. If you choose to provide an explanation, please keep your response to under 150 words.

Once you have submitted your Questionnaire, the Electoral Working Group of TCDSA will follow up with you on next steps, including TCDSA member motions to advance you in our endorsement process as well as an optional, but strongly encouraged, conference call interview with TCDSA members.

For any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the Endorsements Committee at electoral@twincitiesdsa.org.

General

Intro

- *Campaign Email:*
- *Candidate Name:*
- *Campaign Contact Phone*
- *Campaign Twitter Handle*
- *What Office are you seeking?*

Background

- *Will you publicly identify as a democratic socialist in your campaign? Y/N*
 - *What does democratic socialism mean to you?*
- *Are you a member of DSA? Y/N*
 - *If so, when did you join?*
- *Have you had any affiliation with law enforcement, criminal prosecution, or prisons (including but not limited to MPD, County Sheriff, ICE, Homeland Security, Etc.)? Y/N*
 - *If so, please elaborate on the affiliation.*
- *How long have you lived in your jurisdiction?*

Campaign

- *What endorsements have you received so far?*

- *What do you see as your path to victory?*
- *How would you approach the campaign given Ranked Choice Voting?*
- *Will you pledge not to take any campaign contributions from for-profit corporations or for-profit corporate PACs? Y/N*
 - *If not, please explain.*
- *Will you pledge not to take any campaign contributions from real estate developers and corporate lobbyists? Y/N*
- *If DSA endorses you, will you accept DSA running its own independent campaign on behalf of endorsed candidates, including training our own volunteers, running our own canvassing, and campaigning openly as DSA members? Y/N*

Community

- *If DSA does not endorse you, how will you relate to DSA?*
- *If challenging an incumbent: How would you be an improvement over the current incumbent?*
- *If an incumbent: How will your continued incumbency be a benefit to the community?*
- *How will your leadership be accountable to your constituents?*
- *How will your candidacy contribute to building long-term power for the working class?*
- *What local groups and issues have you been involved in organizing with?*
- *What organizations do you look to for guidance and leadership on issues?*
- *How would you approach community engagement when in office?*

Actions if elected

- *If you are elected, how will you engage with TCDSA?*
- *Do you commit to working in collaboration with other DSA elected officials? Y/N*
- *How would democratic socialist principles guide how you would act as an elected official?*
- *What actions will you take to rectify the legacy of white supremacy and dismantle the structures which enable it?*

Housing

Housing Affordability/Development

- *What actions would you take to increase affordable housing?*
- *Would you oppose the privatization of current public housing, such as the actions taken to utilize the RAD program or section 18? Y/N*
- *How would you support the expansion of public housing?*
- *Minneapolis: Do you support the rent stabilization charter amendment? Y/N*
- *Non-Minneapolis - Do you support the implementation of rent control policies? Y/N*
 - *What should the specifics of these policies be?*
 - *Do you support the removal of minimum parking requirements for new developments? Y/N*
- *Do you oppose the use or sale of public land for private development? Y/N*

Tenant Protections/Rights

- *Do you support implementing a Tenant Opportunity to Purchase policy? Y/N*
- *Do you support implementing the following tenant protections?*
 - *Just cause requirement for evictions? Y/N*
 - *Right to counsel for evictions? Y/N*

Right to Housing

- *Do you oppose the evictions of homeless encampments? Y/N*
- *Would you oppose using city resources and police to sweep encampments? Y/N*
- *What would your plan be to support houseless individuals in encampments?*
- *How will you respond to the wave of evictions due to COVID, specifically when the rent moratorium expires?*

Police/Public Safety

Community Safety

- *What is your vision for community safety?*
- *Is there any situation in which you would vote to increase police funding?*
- *Minneapolis - Do you support a public safety charter amendment that would:*
 - *Remove the minimum number of officers? Y/N*
 - *Disband MPD? Y/N*
 - *Create a department of community safety? Y/N*
 - *Give the city council oversight over the new department of community safety? Y/N*
- *Do you support efforts to demilitarize and disarm the police department? Y/N*
- *Under what circumstances would you support a national guard deployment in Minneapolis?*
- *Would you oppose allowing local law enforcement officers to suppress protests, both locally or in response to another jurisdiction's request? Y/N*
- *Do you oppose the racist, anti-Muslim Countering Violent Extremism program? Y/N*
- *Do you commit to rejecting any political endorsement or campaign contributions by labor groups whose mission is primarily to organize and represent police officers? Y/N*
- *Do you support legalization / decriminalization and expungement of conviction records related to marijuana / other drugs? Y/N*

Healthcare

- *Would you have supported the Minneapolis resolution in favor of single-payer Medicare for All? Y/N*
- *What policies would you support that enable access to reproductive health services, including abortion services?*
- *Would you support creating safe injection sites? Y/N*
- *What policies would you pursue to support the expansion of public health infrastructure?*

Economic Justice and Workers Rights

- *Would you support implementation of a local fair scheduling ordinance? Y/N*
- *Would you support implementation of a local paid family leave ordinance? Y/N*
- *Would you support just cause employment protection for service workers, such as was implemented in New York City? Y/N*
- *Do you support a local right to recall ordinance for laid off workers to have the first chance at their old jobs? Y/N*
- *Would you seek to lengthen and expand the scope of the city's sick and safe time? Y/N*
- *Would you support a local implementation of the domestic workers bill of rights? Y/N*
- *How would you support service workers at places that have closed due to the pandemic?*
- *What would your relationship be to labor groups, and what actions would you take to support labor organizing?*
- *Do you recognize sex work as work and support the decriminalization of sex work? Y/N*
 - *What specific proposals for the protection of sex workers' rights do you support?*

Environment/Climate Change

Environment

- *Would you advocate against the construction of Enbridge's Line 3? Y/N*
 - *What actions would you take to oppose it?*
- *Would you support the closure of HERC (Hennepin Energy Recovery Center)? Y/N*
- *How would you build environmental justice as an active process in government procedures?*
- *Would you support public ownership of gas and electric utilities? Y/N*
- *How would you support sustainability in both private development and public works programs?*
- *Do you support climate mitigation requirements for new housing developments? Y/N*
- *What steps would you take to prepare the city for the climate crisis and ensure equity in that process?*

Transportation

- *How would you advance transportation justice?*
- *Do you support creating a fare-free program for public transportation with the Metropolitan Council, such as is being implemented in Kansas City? Y/N*

Childcare/Education

- *Do you oppose privatization of public school services and the expansion of charter schools? Y/N*
- *Would you support enactment of Universal Pre-K? Y/N*
- *What policies would you support to enable access to childcare services?*

Local Government

- *What changes to the Charter Commission's role would you advocate for?*
- *When faced with obstacles such as decisions by other governmental bodies, how will you react?*
- *Do you oppose the Upper Harbor Terminal project? Y/N*
 - *How would you approach the project's future and the future of the site?*
- *Would you support local/municipal public financing of elections?*
- *Would you support municipal sidewalk clearance? Y/N*
- *Would you support the establishment of a municipal public bank? Y/N*