

District 2 Voter Guide



As part of the neighborhood election process to elect neighborhood representatives on to the City's Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC), applicants interested in serving were asked to respond to the following statements on their applications to be used in the voter guide:

- ❖ How have your life/work/cultural experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative on the NCEC?
- ❖ How have you participated in your neighborhood organization?
- ❖ Describe why you want to serve on the NCEC.
- ❖ How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent, if elected?
- ❖ How do you plan to engage with under-represented groups within your district?
- ❖ Please list any community-based organization(s) with which you are currently involved.
- ❖ Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

District 2 neighborhoods:

Armatage Neighborhood Association, Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association, East Harriet/Farmstead Neighborhood Association, Fulton Neighborhood Association, Kenny Neighborhood Association, Linden Hills Neighborhood Council, Lynnhurst Neighborhood Association, Tangletown Neighborhood Association, West Calhoun Neighborhood Council, Windom Community Council

Candidates for District 2

- [Barbara Lunde, Linden Hills](#)
- [Paul Junek, Windom](#)

The citywide meeting to elect neighborhood commissioners will be held on:

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Crown Roller Mill, 105 5th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55401

[\(Click here for a map and directions\)](#)

To request reasonable accommodations, please contact NCR at 612-673-3737 or via email at ncr@minneapolismn.gov.

All votes must be cast on July 17, 2019

If you have any questions about the elections or voter guides, please feel free to call Cheyenne Brodeen, 612-673-2052. You can also find more information on our website at

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/boards/ncec/WCMSP-217782>.

Barbara Lunde, Linden Hills



1. How have your life/work/cultural experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative on the NCEC?

The best government is local government. I have seen this in the six states where I have lived. I have been a board member of CIDNA for the last five years. I was a reporter for a neighborhood board in another city for three years. At the Bakken and Pavek museums for five years, I have been an assistant teacher. I was a member of the Parents' Club of the Soutside Charter school for two years. I participated in a Kenwood School Masquerade. I attended the Community Connections Conference.

2. How have you participated in your neighborhood organization?

I have been a board member for five years.

I was on the Transportation Committee and made regular reports on the status of the Green Line Extension. I organized attendance at a meeting of Region 5 of the Federal Transit Administration with the Met Council and testified. I attended the judicial hearing about the extension.

I made the necessary many emails and telephone calls to work with my NRP Committee to get two benches installed by the Park Board at the Cedar Lake South Beach.

I have helped regularly with gardening at Park Siding Park, participated, and recruited others for a beach cleanup, and helped several times with the wine tasting event.

3. Describe why you want to serve on the NCEC.

I feel that neighborhood organizations are very important. They are the most accessible level of government. As Tip O'Neill said, "All politics is local." In particular, I hope to cultivate relationships and broaden representation. The NCEC is very important now, because of the 2020 plan. I want to support neighborhood organizations as the Neighborhoods 2020 plan evolves

4. How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent, if elected?

I have been a resident and board member of CIDNA. I now live in Linden Hills and intend to participate in my new neighborhood. I know people in the West Calhoun and Lynhurst. I would try to attend neighborhood meetings and visit parks in Armitage, East Lake Harriet Farmstead, Tangletown, Fulton, Kenny, and Windom. I am active on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn to establish and maintain relationships with them.

5. How do you plan to engage with under-represented groups within your district?

I am a woman and a renter, which are somewhat unusual for civic participation. I am a bus rider, so I tune in to neighborhood concerns. In parks and via the Southwest Journal, I would engage with under-represented groups.

6. Please list any community- based organization(s) with which you are currently involved.

CIDNA, church, Calhoun Beach Athletic Club, Minnesota Renewable Energy Society, Minnesota Public Radio, the Bakken Museum as an assistant teacher of Lego Robotics and Inventors Club, and the Ordway Theater as a volunteer usher.

7. Please list any community-based organization(s) with which you are currently involved.

Please list all current and unpaid affiliations.

Tax Professional with H&R Block, Lead for SMG, Board Member of the Minnesota Renewable Energy Society.

Paul Junek, Windom



1. How have your life/work/cultural experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative on the NCEC?

I have lived and worked in and around Minneapolis for over 15 years as a young adult, a student and a professional. I am actively engaged in my community and serve as the Volunteer Coordinator for my employer, where I organize volunteer and community outreach activities for my colleagues. My wife and I are raising our young daughter in the Windom neighborhood, which has further inspired me to look for new opportunities for community and neighborhood engagement as I want to seek additional opportunities to grow and better our community for all residents and families.

2. How have you participated in your neighborhood organization?

I have assisted in various events organized and hosted by the Windom Community Council and my wife has served as a Board Member of the Council for the past few years.

3. Describe why you want to serve on the NCEC.

I am passionate about my community and my neighbors. As a Wealth Planner, it is essential that I be an astute listener and observer of the wishes and desires of my clients so that I can help them create the best financial plan to achieve their goals. I want to bring these skills to the NCEC so that I can best serve my neighbors and our City. I wish to provide a voice to all of my neighbors and, in particular, those who are traditionally underrepresented and underserved.

4. How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent, if elected?

I will attend neighborhood association meetings and provide feedback on NCEC issues. Further, I plan to have an open line of communication with all neighborhood associations so that I can act as a resource and address residential issues with the NCEC and additional city councilmembers or other city staff members, as appropriate. I have relationships with several city officials that would be beneficial in this regard.

5. How do you plan to engage with under-represented groups within your district?

[No answer submitted]

6. Please list any community- based organization(s) with which you are currently involved.

For the purposes of disclosure, my wife, Jacky Junek, is involved in the Windom Community Counsel and Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ), to whom we donate money on an annual basis. I am the chairman of the community service committee at work and am hoping to further engage with our community through NCEC.

7. Please list any community-based organization(s) with which you are currently involved. Please list all current and unpaid affiliations.

No current formal affiliations outside of work. Please let me know if you would like my paid financial affiliations through my work as a financial advisor.