



Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission 2014 Voter Guide District 2

For Neighborhood Representative Members on the City's Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission

Voter Guide prepared by the Neighborhood
and Community Relations Department.

Voter's Guides are available online:

[http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/boards
/ncec/WCMS1P-122610](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/boards/ncec/WCMS1P-122610).

District 2 Neighborhoods:

Armatage
Cedar-Isles-Dean
East Harriet
Fulton
Kenny
Linden Hills
Lynnhurst
Tangletown
Windom
West Calhoun

[See the NCEC District Map](#) (pdf)

As part of the neighborhood election process to elect 5 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's 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.

Candidates for District 2:

(To quickly navigate to a candidate's information, hold Ctrl and left click on candidate's name)

[Denis Houle](#)

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The City-wide meeting to elect five neighborhood Commissioners will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm at the Crown Roller Mill Building:

City-Wide Election for Districts 2, 4, 6 & 8

Thursday, June 12, 2014

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Crown Roller Mill

105 5th Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55401

[\(Click here for a MAP and DIRECTIONS\)](#)

The building is ADA accessible. If any special accommodations are needed, please contact 612-673-3163.

All votes must be cast on June 12, 2014

If you have any questions about the elections for Districts 2, 4, 6 and 8 or the Voter's Guides, please feel free to call Howard Blin, 612-673-3163. You can also find more information on our website at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/boards/ncec/WCMS1P-122610>.

Denis Houle: (Page 2)

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

I grew up in a small Iron Range town, and from there I learned the importance of representatives knowing their constituents and neighbors, how these close relationships achieved so much for lesser-known small communities throughout the state, and how much one person can affect local and state policies and politics.

2. How have you participated in your neighborhood organization?

I have served on the Armatage Neighborhood Association board for the past thirteen years. During that time I served as president for three years and treasurer and vice president for one year each.

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

When I first joined NCEC I considered it a smaller version of NRP, and I saw my role as primarily to represent my district's interests. However, during my term I have realized the board's work includes more than just representing my district, but learning about the entire city's needs, how much my district both resembles and differs from other districts, and how each district can both help and learn from other districts. In addition my lengthy experience at Armatage and my first term increased my communication, listening and motivational skills, skills crucial to a successful NCEC membership.

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

Due to a busy personal schedule I cannot guarantee attending every neighborhood meeting in every neighborhood, but I will communicate frequently with neighborhood leaders via email, attending meetings and neighborhood festivals, and personal conversations.

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

I intend to use the NCEC's budding equity plan to approach District Two's under-represented groups to increase their participation and membership in various neighborhood and city boards and organizations.

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

Armatage Neighborhood Association; NCEC; NRP Policy Board

7. Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

None