



District 4 Voter Guide

As part of the neighborhood election process to elect 4 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.

District 4 Neighborhoods: Audubon Park, Beltrami, Bottineau, Columbia Park, Holland, Logan Park, Marcy Holmes, Marshall Terrace, Nicollet Island/East Bank, Northeast Park, Sheridan, St. Anthony East, St. Anthony West, Waite Park and Windom Park.

Candidates for District 4

- Marcus Mills

The City-wide meeting to elect four neighborhood Commissioners will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 pm at the Crown Roller Mill Building:

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

Thursday, June 14, 2018

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Crown Roller Mill

105 5th Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55401

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

All votes must be cast on June 14, 2018

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 Cheyenne Brodeen, 612-673-2052. You can also find more information on our website at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr/boards/ncec/WCMSP-209652>.

The building is ADA accessible. If any special accommodations are needed, please contact 612-673-2052.

Marcus Mills

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

Two years elected to both the NCEC and its Executive Committee, working hard for neighborhoods and striving to create better relationships between the city, neighborhoods and residents of all walks of life have prepared me for re-election, should my neighbors in District 4 choose to grant it.

Also, I have spent the last four years on the board of my neighborhood association in Marcy-Holmes. There, on top of chairing multiple sub-organizations, including those specializing in Nominations, Environment, Housing Diversity and Land Use & Development, my unique perspective as both a 17 year renter, in the neighborhood, as well as a person of color contributes to the diversity of thought, as well as the diversity of skin color in matters concerning the neighborhood. This perspective and the willingness to stand up for those underrepresented (in so many ways) in our communities is sorely needed, and I intend to continue to bring that passion and fervor to the NCEC and its work in the next cycle.

My work as a Communications Consultant and the relationships that I have garnered in that role also suit me to seek out and make the connections that will lead to innovations in our neighbors' standard of livability. From renewable energy & energy efficiency opportunities to better understanding policy matters from the city, county and state levels, I offer to bring all of these potentials to bear for our neighbors to give every resident a leg up in comparison to how they're living, now.

2. How have you participated in your neighborhood organization?

As stated above: "I have spent the last four years on the board of my neighborhood association in Marcy-Holmes. There, on top of chairing multiple sub-organizations, including those specializing in Nominations, Environment, Housing Diversity and Land Use & Development, my unique perspective as both a 17 year renter, in the neighborhood, as well as a person of color contributes to the diversity of thought, as well as the diversity of skin color in matters concerning the neighborhood."

Also, I've spent countless days and hours helping to prepare the last several MHNA annual events, helping kick off our newly annual Ice Cream Social. Participating in the preparations, deliberations and special meetings devoted to crucial issues, such as massive controversial development projects, MnDOT highway decision-making and crafting our Neighborhood Master Plan.

I was quite active in the Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood, its association and the most poignant topics facing its present and future, effectively, for more than half a decade (I

participated even before joining the board, a requirement according to our bylaws), both before and during my tenure on the NCEC, as I am to this day and I look forward to continuing both for years to come.

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

Many grave and fortuitous circumstances sit at the edge of the periphery of our vision for the future of our neighborhoods and the city of Minneapolis, from livability interests, public safety, community policing, land use and governance, city-community relations, racial harmony, environmental concerns, and equity in all of its myriad forms, along with many others. I want to continue my service on the NCEC to tackle these issues head on and form the relationships necessary to capitalize on opportunities as they arise and quell the fires of division wherever they crop up. It is my belief that so very many of our local-level problems can be solved with sober-minded communication combined with the essential ingredient of goodwill. Positive relationships set the stage for those communications and grow the goodwill that will allow us to face any matter of our present or future from a position two steps ahead of the curve.

The NCEC is an organization designed to facilitate all of the best potentials in our discourse, and I wish to see through the work we've done into 2020, and, with your blessing and that of our neighbors, beyond.

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

My plan is to set up quarterly schedules with each of the 15 neighborhoods of District 4, to attend their meetings and present updates, while also working with other members of the NCEC to prepare regular email newsletters that can keep folks in the know on a more frequent basis. Of course, the NCEC itself also has public hearings at the beginning of its meetings and I intend to promote that our community also participate in those, often topic specific, forums, as well.

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

I am already in regular contact with folks from several underrepresented communities both in my area and beyond, due to relationships built in prior and present work with the NCEC, the DFL, Community Power, Marcy-Holmes and many other collaborative opportunities that I've seized over these past few years, continuing and growing these networks and the trust they foster will benefit my ongoing work with the NCEC and our city, at large.

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

Community Power

The Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association

Minnesota State Climate Table Equity Subcommittee

7. Please list all current and unpaid affiliations.

Community Power (Contractor and Board Vice President)