

Dear Delegate,

I am running for city council because I have seen great things that we can accomplish when we all work for a common goal. In my neighborhood, I have led our focus to wisely develop our limited open space and aggressively improve our neighborhoods by making it easier to live, work, and play close to home. As president of my neighborhood, we have been able to accomplish much:

- Bike Trails: Funding for Minneapolis Diagonal and 18th Avenue Bike Paths
- Green Development: First LEED (certified energy efficient) home in Minneapolis, marketed NRP residential loans to improve home's energy efficiency.
- Pollution Mitigation: Planted trees and gardens on Grassy Knoll (18th & Johnson) in part designed to mitigate onsite soil pollution, InterPlastics (plant using heavy chemicals) oversight to ensure emissions compliance

I was raised by Minnesota Independent Republican parents who valued responsive government that cared for people. After my father died when I was 9, my family relied on the government for public school education, food stamps, reduced cost school lunches, and social security to make ends meet and survive. During this same time, my mother was purged from the Republican Party for her views on choice. Still, much of my family remained in the party and it was not until after I graduated from college (during the sprint to war after the 9-11 attacks) that I re-examined my party affiliation and recognized what my friends had known for years: **Doron Clark is a progressive pro-choice DFLer.**

After graduating with degrees in Economics and Religion from Hamline University, I soon became involved in progressive politics:

- 2003: Marched against the war in Iraq
- 2004: Campaigned for John Kerry
- 2005: Delegate for DFL ward and city convention
- 2006: Hosted fundraisers for Amy Klobuchar
- 2006: Organized Senate District 59 for Steve Kelley for Governor
- 2006: Delegate for DFL state convention
- **2008: Jill Davis for Minneapolis School Board campaign committee**
- 2008: Delegate for DFL state convention

As council member, I will continue to fight for progressive values. As a **labor-endorsed** candidate, I have demonstrated that we must invest in our workers and small businesses. I will advocate hiring small business advocates to make it easier for small businesses to open. I will push to make Hennepin an attractive entryway to Minneapolis and to have smart, clean development at Broadway and Industrial. The combination of my track record, experience, and plans will make our neighborhood an even better place to live.

Together, we can build on the great things that allow us to proudly call the East Side home. For that reason, I ask you for your vote on April 4th at the DFL Endorsing Convention.

Regards,

Doron Clark