

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Dear Nelsie Yang,

Thank you for running for a Ward 6 seat on the St Paul City Council. OR-GSP is endorsing your candidacy. Please use the following endorsement letter and our logo where you deem appropriate. Sincerely, Teri Lynn Bookless on behalf of the Board of Directors



Endorsement of Nelsie Yang in Ward 6 for Saint Paul City Council 2019

The Greater Saint Paul chapter of Our Revolution is endorsing five candidates running in 2019 for Saint Paul City Council. OR-Greater Saint Paul is endorsing the following candidates based upon our members' lengthy observations of City Council discussions and their decisions on issues, on a candidate questionnaire and upon knowledge generated by a recent candidate forum hosted by Greater Saint Paul at Rondo Community Library.

All seven seats are up for election. Saint Paul residents in all wards will be electing an individual to represent their community. OR-Greater Saint Paul is proud to endorse the following five candidates for City Council: Ward 2 Rebecca Noecker; Ward 3 David Rosenfeld, Ward 4 Mitra Jalali Nelson; Ward 6 Nelsie Yang; Ward 7 Jane Prince.

The Our Revolution Greater Saint Paul chapter believes these endorsed candidates will bring strong progressive leadership to the important and complex issues that confront the city. We believe they will prioritize economic justice, attainable affordable housing, lifelong learning, community-first public safety, and help make our city work for all of us. Our chapter encourages people to attend Ward events, to engage in discussions about important issue and to get out the vote.

The Greater Saint Paul chapter is concerned about families struggling economically and the fact that decent and affordable homes and rental apartments are very hard to come by. We need council members who encourage finding ways to help our homeless population, including the many veterans and people with disabilities. We need council members who work towards comprehensive and humane immigration reform policies. Recognizing we live in the richest country in the history of the world, we are concerned that this reality means little because much of that wealth is controlled by a tiny handful of individuals. We need a City Council that knows we need more than increased minimum wage, one that understands the importance of engaging with the county and the state in efforts towards the rebuilding of our infrastructure

and demands local hiring. We need members who understand the need for free college and training programs, increased youth jobs programs, affordable day cares, longer paid family and medical leaves.

People are angry and they have a right to be angry. Despite major advances in civil and political rights, our country still has a long way to go in addressing the issue of racial inequality, gender inequality, LGBT inequality, and the sovereignty of Native American and Tribal Jurisdictions.

We need a city council that understands the need to achieve true public safety through police accountability, a police force that interacts with the community in supportive ways, that is culturally sensitive to the needs of our diverse community. African-Americans are twice as likely to be arrested and almost four times as likely to experience the use of force during encounters with the police. This must stop.

We need a city council that knows climate change is the single greatest threat facing our planet and fights for the reduction of emissions released from burning fossil fuels, one that encourages green alternatives that create local jobs and promotes transit and environmental sustainability.

Every positive action we take at the local level in our city makes our lives better and is a crucial step and example toward solving our larger problems. To learn more about the Issues that concern Our Revolution, please visit the national web site.

This endorsement letter may be used by the five endorsed candidates and as a news release in newspapers, websites and on Face Book. -- OR-Greater Saint Paul