

Kim Vlasisavljevich – City Council – Ward 10

1. I am running for office because I am concerned about the financial well being of the city of Minneapolis and its direct effect on ward 10. The current level of property taxes and property tax increases will have a negative long term effect on residential and business property owners. My goal is to make ward 10 a beautiful and affordable place to live and own a business.

2. I have the knowledge and practical work experience to troubleshoot complex financial issues and deliver results. I am a consultant in the field of finance and accounting. I have worked with fortune 500 clients, non-profit, international, and in eight different industry lines. I believe my diverse background will complement the already existing talents of the Minneapolis City Council.

3. I want to work directly with all local organizations and groups to personally carry their recommendations and ideas to the city council. I want to encourage community involvement so we can effectively carry out our vision and make it reality.

4. My top priorities if elected are to improve the city budget process, implement controls over spending, reduce our dependence on local government aid, and most important open government with community involvement.

5. a. Neighborhood organizations in Minneapolis are the heart and soul of the community. If elected I want to directly work with them and allocate whatever time is necessary to help achieve our objectives. I am a strong advocate of community involvement and I am open to implementing new communication paths.

b. Ensuring the city of Minneapolis is financially healthy over the long-term:
 1. Look for alternate revenues sources
 2. Scale back or eliminate projects that have no direct benefit to the community.
 3. Implement a flexible budget process
 4. Review and implement “Best in Practice” processes for city departments.
 5. Examine and evaluate all mutual aid agreements
 6. Ensure financial controls are in place to account for outgoing funds
 7. Reduce dependence on local government aid

These are just a few ideas I have for improving the financial status of the city of Minneapolis. Developing a proactive management style will present more opportunities for us to save money and effectively utilize resources.