

# **Saint Paul Democrat-Farmer-Labor Party**

## **Ward 4 Special Endorsing Convention for City Council**

April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Saint Paul Murray Middle School

2200 Burford Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55108

### **9:07am Called to order by Beth Commers**

9:08am Flag Ceremony

9:08am Reading of Affirmative Action Statement

9:09am First Credentials Report

Adopted by the body by voice vote

9:10am Convention Chair(s) Election

Anne Friedrichs nominated by Beth Commers

9:11am adopted by the body by voice vote

9:12am Adoption of Rules and Agenda

9:13am Rules moved as recommended by the Rules Committee

9:13am Rules Adopted by the body as written by voice vote

9:14am Agenda moved as recommended by the Rules Committee

9:15am Agenda adopted by the body as written by voice vote

9:14am Appointment of Convention Secretary and other Convention Officials

9:15am Endorsement for ward 4

9:15am Nominations for ward 4 city council

4 names were entered into nominations

1. Shirley Erstad
2. Bill Harper
3. Amy Ireland
4. Mitra Jalali Nelson

9:20am Candidate speeches (10 minutes per candidate)

After drawing names from a hat to determine order, the candidates for Saint Paul Ward 4 City Council conducted their floor demonstrations in the following order:

5. Mitra Jalali Nelson
6. Amy Ireland
7. Bill Harper (withdrew his name, with the consent of the chair, at the conclusion of his speech)
8. Shirley Erstad

10:09am Question & Answer for the candidates

After drawing for the initial order for balloting, candidates answered questions in the following order: Amy Ireland, Shirley Erstad, Mitra Jalali Nelson

Question 1: Will you abide by the endorsement for the DFL?

Amy Ireland: Yes

Shirley Erstad: No

Mitra Jalali Nelson: Yes

Question 2: What are your 3 priorities for addressing the City's Budget Crisis?

Question 3: What will you do to curb police brutality in Saint Paul?

Question 4: What should Saint Paul do to combat wage theft?

Question 5: Rent and Home prices are becoming more unaffordable, what do you support to increase the supply affordable housing?

Question 6: What will you bring to the city council that isn't already there?

Question 7: Will you support a city supported and operated high speed community broadband?

Question 8: What is your plan to ensure responsible development at the Midway Super Block?

Question 9: Are you willing to work to implement a PILOT program (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes)? How would you make that happen?

Question 10: What is your plan for responding to constituent concerns?

10:42am Second Credentials Report

164 people 155 delegates, 5 auto-delegates, 5 upgraded alternates

10:44am Balloting

During the counting of the Ballots the following people gave speeches:

Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter

State Senator Richard Cohen

Amanda Karls, candidate for State House Representative for District 64a

11:11am First Ballot Results

Total Votes: 162, Spoiled Ballots: 1

Shirley Erstad	35 Votes	22%
Amy Ireland	23 Votes	14%
Mitra Jalali Nelson	95 Votes	59%
No Endorsement	9 Votes	.5%

**\*\*11:16am Candidate Amy Ireland addressed the convention and withdrew her name from consideration from endorsement**

11:19am Second Balloting begins

During the counting of the Ballots the following people gave speeches:

Saint Paul School Board Chair Zuki Ellis

Minnesota Human Rights Commissioner Kevin Lindsey

State Representative Ilhan Omar

**\*\*11:16am Candidate Shirley Erstad addressed the convention and informed the delegation that she will continue to run**

11:39am Second Ballot Results

Total Votes: 161, Spoiled Ballots: 0

Erstad	35 Votes	22%
Nelson	108 Votes	67%
No Endorsement	18 Votes	16%

11:44am Adjournment