

Saint Paul DFL City Convention June 23, 2019

* * Results for Resolution Balloting * *

& the 2019 City Action Agenda

This document represents the consideration and distillation of over 420 resolutions provided to the convention's resolutions committee, which edited and distilled many similar resolutions into as few submissions as possible for the delegates to vote on; editing to preserve the intent of resolutions for ease of understanding by the voting delegates, and if approved, to provide a clear basis for action on the part of elected officials.

The resulting convention ballot distilled those 420 plus submissions into 79 issues to be considered and voted on. As part of their deliberation process delegates had the opportunity to listen to and to participate in a Period of Comment and Advocacy, where any delegate could address their fellow delegates from the floor (once only) for no longer than 45 seconds to advocate for or against any resolution(s) on that ballot.

Delegates were given ample opportunity (three hours) to deliberate and fill in their ballots, before balloting was concluded. To be included in this Action Agenda a resolution had to achieve affirmative support from at least 60% of delegates casting ballots. There were a total of 272 ballots received and tallied, representing well more than 80% of the delegates attending.

[The small figures in brackets at the end of some resolutions indicate the number of city precincts forwarding similar resolutions, and so reflecting more widespread interest or concerns. All unmarked resolutions came from single precincts.]

(The figures in parenthesis represent the % of ballots cast favoring this particular ballot resolution - all having achieved 60% or greater to be included.)

Agriculture & Food

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

..encourages the City to support programs to increase healthy food production and access, which provide fresh food from local farmers to schools and early child care organizations. (72.1%)

Business & Community Development

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

..encourages the City Council, with the Mayor, to support the development and growth of worker cooperatives in Saint Paul as one strategy of community wealth-building, and to develop a strategy to raise public awareness of worker cooperatives in the community and an action plan for helping individuals and local businesses start them. [12] (74.6%)

..urges the City of St. Paul, in the process of qualifying land use petitions (when meeting the requirement of support from 2/3 of the nearest neighbors), to include resident renters as qualified signers as well as property owners. (65.4%)

..urges the City of St. Paul to raise its age of sale for tobacco products to 21, without purchase, use, and possession penalties. (62.1%)

Budget & Finance Policy

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

..urges the Saint Paul City Council, in the interest of transparency, to hold at least two neighborhood budget review meetings in each of the seven wards between October 15th and November 15th of each year, to review the details of any significant changes to the Mayor's proposed budget, along with the rationale explaining any such proposed changes, including 30 days notice promoted and advertised in the ward for each meeting. [31] (62.1%)

Civil, Human & Constitutional Rights

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

..urges the St. Paul City Council to continue support in the 2020 budget for the single City Attorney focused on services to immigrant and refugee communities and also to continue in 2020 its partnership with Ramsey County in the Immigrant Legal Defense Fund at a minimum level of \$50,000. [16] (79.8%)

..supports a citywide ban on conversion therapy -- also known as sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts. (77.9%)

..urges the St. Paul City Council to support restoring voting rights to Minnesotans convicted of a felony when they are on probation or parole. [2] (76.1%)

..urges the City of St. Paul to support right-to-shelter for all. ("A place to call home.") (69.5%)

..supports eliminating cash bail in the St. Paul and Ramsey County courts. [12] (64.3%)

Education

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

..requests that St. Paul Public Schools commit to hiring more people of color, and to recruiting and supporting students of color to enter the education profession. [6] (87.9%)

..requests use of restorative justice model for juvenile crime and school discipline issues with an option for diversion; work with Ramsey County to do Restorative Justice. (77.6%)

..recommends that the St. Paul Public School Board include the community's religious observances in its school calendar; and excuse pupils for religious observances. [10] (76.8%)

..requests that St. Paul Public Schools fully fund the need for Guidance Counselors. [2] (73.2%)

..requests St. Paul Public Schools increase funding for Early Childhood Family Education. (ECFE) (73.2%)

..supports the St. Paul Public Schools adoption of Transportation Safety policy that includes training, qualifications and duties of bus monitors; and the enforcement of MN Statute 123B.91. (61.8%)

Energy, Natural Resources & the Environment

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

..urges St. Paul to fully fund and implement its Climate Action Plan, ensuring it meets or exceeds its goal of being 100% carbon-free by 2050, that it prioritizes low-income, most-impacted communities in all its solutions, and that it publicly leads in transitioning to a more equitable, clean energy economy. [20] (75.0%)

..encourages the St. Paul Public Schools and the City of St. Paul to adopt a cooperative model for the development of community solar on all appropriately sized buildings, and to further encourage private building owners to join in doing the same. (73.9%)

..supports the City of St. Paul in implementing curbside organic recycling (composting). [5] (72.1%)

..advocates mandating that all restaurants within the city use only compostable take-out containers and/or clear plastic [#1] take-out containers that can be recycled in the city's recycling program. (71.3%)

..urges the City of St. Paul to minimize the use of salt and encourage more responsible use of it to lessen its destructive impact on our lakes, streams, wetlands, and roads. (71.3%)

..supports the protection of the Mississippi River from dangerous toxins, which might originate in St. Paul; acknowledging that what we do to the Mississippi River affects not only us, but those downriver from us. (71.0%)

..urges the City to replace herbicides and fertilizers that are currently in use with more eco-friendly products on city properties; and additionally, to educate City residents how to choose more environmentally/people/pet-safe lawn care options. (70.6%)

..recommends that all development plans in Rusty Patched Bumble Bee critical habitats [e.g. the Bruce Vento Trail system] be designed to improve the habitat quality, not degrade it; and key to this is keeping urban wildlife corridors intact and in place for these Bumble Bees to recover. (68.4%)

..urges that St. Paul ban the use of glyphosate and other synthetic pesticides in our City. [10] (62.5%)

Government Accountability to the Public

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

..calls on the City of St. Paul and its Police Department to make comprehensive and complete policing data open, transparent, and easily accessible to the public. [5] (78.7%)

..encourages the City of St. Paul administration to work with civic and non-profit agencies to ensure a complete count of every person in St. Paul, regardless of citizenship status, for the 2020 census. (72.1%)

..urges the St. Paul City Council to increase the transparency in its decision making by sharing more meaningful details of proposals during planning processes, and by increasing dialog and incorporating recommendations from community groups, community councils, interested knowledgeable groups, and affected citizens and businesses. [2] (61.4%)

Health & Human Services

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

..urges the city of Saint Paul to advocate at the State Legislature for the adoption of a single-payer health plan guaranteeing universal access for all. (61.0%)

Housing

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

..supports the increased development of affordable housing in St. Paul, particularly in new developments (such as the Ford Site development in Ward 3); and supports providing subsidies for such housing at various allowable levels within each neighborhood, thereby enhancing the income diversity within every neighborhood. (69.1%)

..encourages the St. Paul City Council to support the Mayor's 2019 budget proposals for investment in affordable housing, and to seed additional investments in budgets for each of the following 3 years. [25] (68.8%)

..urges the City of St. Paul to permit multi-family housing, particularly buildings of two to four units, everywhere in St. Paul, and to use the 2040 process to relax zoning restrictions and promote transit-oriented development. [15] (64.7%)

..encourages the City of Saint Paul to prohibit housing providers from a) automatically rejecting tenants because of criminal history, b) requiring disclosure of criminal history, and c) carrying out any adverse action based on criminal history without a legitimate business reason specific to the person's conviction. (63.2%)

..encourages the City of St. Paul to provide incentives for repair, restoration, and rehabilitation of existing structures and preservation of historically significant properties and neighborhood amenities and character, in its efforts to provide more affordable housing. (61.0%)

..encourages the City of St. Paul to resolve the shortage of rental housing (1) in every neighborhood, (2) that is available to Section 8 voucher holders, and (3) that is large enough for large families. (60.3%)

Labor & Employment

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

..supports expanding the St. Paul earned sick and safe time ordinance to include announced snow days to ensure safety on the roads. (61.0%)

..supports expanding the St. Paul earned sick and safe time ordinance to include attending eviction court hearings. (60.3%)

Media, Telecommunications & Open Access

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

..encourages the City of St. Paul to adopt a "dig once" policy, so that fiber internet infrastructure is laid when road work is being done. (65.8%)

..encourages the City of Saint Paul to urge the state to regulate the internet as a public utility in a manner similar to water, eliminating the motive of profit in favor of the public good. (60.3%)

Municipal Waste, Recycling & Compost

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

..advocates that all restaurants and institutions within the City of St Paul, such as schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities, manage their food waste separately from other waste. Such management options include, but are not limited to: composting, animal feed collection, and donations to food shelves. (61.4%)

Party Issues

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

..commits itself to performing more active outreach to create a more inclusive party. (64.3%)

..challenges itself to budget for and to increase education about: the convention process, the delegate nomination process, and how to present a resolution at city caucuses. This outreach should take place at community centers, ethnic community and religious organizations, and any other groups that can increase voter participation in this grassroots process. (62.9%)

Transportation & Trails

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

..encourages the City to support initiatives to fund additional intercity passenger train services, including the NLX passenger trains to Duluth and a second Amtrak train to Milwaukee and Chicago. (65.1%)