

I want to start by saying a heart-felt thank you to Ward 8 and to the neighbors across the city for being a part of this incredible community-rooted campaign to see real change in our city. It was an incredible honor to win on the first ballot and send a message loud and clear that Ward 8 is ready for progressive leadership that puts our shared values first. This campaign has always been about making the changes needed for a kinder, safer city—together. Andrea Jenkins' election was historic in 2017 and she continues to be a strong figure for representation in Minneapolis. I called her to congratulate her on her victory. I wish her the best in her next term and hope she is successful in representing our values.

While the extremely close loss stings, there is much for us to feel proud of in being true to our values and elevating the conversation about how our city needs to be in alignment with our basic needs and core values. For that reason, and to allow for our campaign team and supporters to rest and grieve the loss of this election, my campaign team and I have decided not to pursue a recount at this time.

As neighbors, we have consensus that we need a public safety system that works for everyone—no matter what we look like, where we come from, or how much money we have. We agree that Minneapolis Police should be accountable to us, the residents of this city and treat everyone with dignity and respect. Both homeowners and renters are united in our belief that stable homes and dignified housing are fundamental rights for all of our neighbors—especially those who have been abandoned and marginalized by City leadership to sleep on the streets without care for their basic needs or even a recognition of their worth as people. And Ward 8 is in complete agreement that the climate crisis can no longer wait, we must take action now to meet the scale of the emergency.

Undeniably, monied and corporate interests were loud and played a big role in this election. Corporate interests represented by All of Minneapolis, the Downtown Council and Mayor Frey's allies, made it so that our people-powered campaign was outspent 4-1. Ward 8 neighbors were flooded with mailers and attacks on our campaign, often fueled by misinformation and scare-tactics that are far beneath the values that we hold as neighbors. While some of the most conservative forces poured half a million dollars into this race, I am proud that our campaign was firmly rooted in community and our shared values. Winning on the first ballot, and ultimately losing by only 38 votes, is a testament to the hard work and the incredible power that our community was able to build over the past 9 months. I have witnessed first hand just what is possible when we come together and organize for our shared values, and I firmly believe that community-centered power is what delivered an overall victory for a progressive majority in Minneapolis. Our fight to see action and true representation of our shared values is not over, and despite our campaign's loss, this election did deliver Minneapolis a City Council that will be more accountable to those values and will elect a council president and vice president committed to seeing them done. The power that we built together despite corporate interests pouring money and attacks into our Ward, gives me a lot of hope and excitement for what is possible for what comes next in Ward 8 and across our city. I will continue to work with Families Supporting Families Against Police Violence, Faith in Minnesota, Twin Cities Democratic Socialists of America, Our Streets Minneapolis, Move Minnesota, and others to see the city that

we want as neighbors comes to fruition. We, neighbors, progressives, and Ward 8, will continue organizing for our shared values, and I know that a movement rooted in community will be even more powerful in 2025.