



# The Bancroft Banner

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## Statement from the South-Central Minneapolis Anti-Racism Collective on Minneapolis City Council's rent stabilization vote

On Wednesday morning [June 28], the Minneapolis City Council took an important vote despite the notable absence of three Council Members. Jeremiah Ellison, Jamal Osman, and Aisha Chughtai were with their families, observing the Muslim holiday Eid-al-Adha.

The lack of accommodations made for the three Muslim leaders is a civic failure. Thousands of Minneapolis residents are practicing Muslims, and as Ellison, Osman, and Chughtai said in a joint statement, "Our holy days and celebrations are not unknown or mysterious." This cannot be chalked up as a growing pain of a growing city. If leaders are not prepared to respect the basic civil rights of Minneapolis religious communities, then they are not prepared to lead.

Representation matters. When the Council took its vote Wednesday, 101,065 constituent voices were excluded from the conversation. This decision violated the trust of Minneapolis voters and betrayed the democratic process. This is not an isolated incident. America's "democratic" process has been manipulated time and again by those in power to suppress the political power of communities of color, renters, immigrants, and workers. A vast majority of residents in Wards 5, 6, and 10 are renters. A majority of residents in Wards 5 and 6 and a sizable minority of residents in Ward 10 are people of color. Wednesday's vote was straight from the playbook of institutional racism.

We, the neighborhood organizations of the South-Central Minneapolis Anti-Racism Collective, are disturbed by this blatant abuse of power. We will look to the leadership of Council Members Ellison, Osman, and Chughtai in the days ahead. Every person in Minneapolis deserves representation in the halls of city government, especially those who are

so often pushed to the margins, disrespected and disregarded. As such, we remain committed to building power within our neighborhoods to hold our elected officials accountable. Together we can disrupt and transform the systems designed to maintain imbalanced and unearned power for a few at the expense of our communities.

## Bancroft Ice Cream Social!

This year's Ice Cream Social will be held on Thursday, July 27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on the south lawn of Bethel Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave. S.).

We'll be bringing back the petting zoo, pony rides, games and art projects for kids, a bounce house, and FREE ice cream! As well as local organizations tabling with information for residents. Check out the BNA website for more information as things are scheduled:

[bancroftneighborhood.org/icecreamsocial](http://bancroftneighborhood.org/icecreamsocial)



# All Minneapolis City Council candidates will be on the ballot in 2025

*Submitted by League of Women Voters*

Because of the redistricting process completed in 2022, every Minneapolis City Council member will be up for reelection this year to serve a two-year term. In 2025, Council Candidates will be back on the ballot returning to the traditional four-year term. And this will be the first time the 13 City Council members will be elected following major changes to the City Charter (the City's constitution).

Charter Amendment No. 184, passed in the municipal election of 2021, has redefined the City structure. Before this process, the Government Structure Work Group described the City "as a complex

patchwork of existing laws that has been in place since 1920." Known for years as a "Weak Mayor-Strong Council" system, Minneapolis has been transformed into an "Executive Mayor-Legislative Council" form of government. But what does that mean? What role will the City Council play now?

The 2021 Charter Amendment No. 184 has consolidated all administrative authority under the office of the Mayor - the City's chief executive officer - in a single chain of command. All department heads are chosen and supervised by the Mayor alone. The City Council confirms all of these appointments. Previously, the Mayor had appointed only the Chief of Police.

Removed from the day-to-day operations of the City's administration, the City Council, the City's legislative and primary policy-making body, is charged with enacting local laws and public policies. Council members serve ward constituents as advocate and ombudsman. The City Council appoints the City Clerk, establishes an independent Audit Committee, and has general oversight authority, holding the Administration to account. Under the Charter "neither the City Council nor the Council committee or member may usurp, invade, or interfere with the Mayor's direction or supervision of the administration." Clear lines of authority and responsibility have been drawn.

While the Mayor represents the

## 2023 Bancroft Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale Saturday, September 9

Need an excuse to clean out your basement, closets, or garage this summer? Well, here it is—the Bancroft neighborhood garage sale! This year, we'll hold the garage sale on Saturday, September 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (although you can stay open longer). Be sure to take advantage of the promotion and marketing BNA will do through various media outlets. Handy guides and maps will be available at neighborhood businesses and at each garage sale location. If you're interested in participating in this event by holding a garage sale, please fill out the information below and return it to the BNA office. You can also access the electronic version on our website [bancroftneighborhood.org](http://bancroftneighborhood.org) (under Neighborhood News).

What types of items will you have at your garage sale?  
(i.e. baby clothes, furniture, tools, etc.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please register online or return this form to the BNA office no later than September 4, 2023  
to have your location included on the map.**

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entire city, each Council member serves a ward of about 34,000 people. Your Council person is your public advocate - a link to your community and its' specific issues. Who you elect can determine the outcome of which policies you care about; policies that are not only heard, but ultimately incorporated into decision making. Vote local. Your vote matters!

### Did you know...

You don't need to have a Facebook account to access neighborhood information on BNA's Facebook page. All information is public, so check us out today at: [facebook.com/bancroftneighborhood](https://www.facebook.com/bancroftneighborhood)



## BNA Calendar

\*All BNA meetings will continue to be held online. Call the BNA office at 612-724-5313 or email [info@bancroftneighborhood.com](mailto:info@bancroftneighborhood.com) for meeting information.

### July

#### *National Parks Month*

No board meeting in July  
27 Ice Cream Social, 6-8:00 p.m.

### August

#### *Immunization Awareness Month*

3 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
19 90's Car Show at Sabathani, 2:00 p.m.

### September

#### *National Preparedness Month*

4 Labor Day  
7 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
9 Neighborhood wide garage sale  
23 Autumnal Equinox



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## Bancroft In Brief

### **BNA to hire VISTA tenant organizers**

BNA, in partnership with the other South Minneapolis Anti-Racism Coalition neighborhoods (Powderhorn, Central, and Bryant), has a renewed focus on tenant organizing. We are currently in the process of hiring two VISTA tenant organizers. More information about the position and hiring steps can be found on the Bancroft website. Questions can be directed to [Mickella@bancroftneighborhood.org](mailto:Mickella@bancroftneighborhood.org).

### **Classic Car Show at Sabathani**

On Saturday, August 19, Minnesota's Black Community Project will host a new '90s Classic Car Show at Sabathani Community Center (310 E. 38th Street). In addition to cars, there

will be video games, clothing, food, and more! Check out the Sabathani website for more information as the event nears.

### **Construction update from CenterPoint Energy**

Happy Juneteenth! We are writing another update to let you know that CenterPoint Energy's work was pushed back to begin on Monday, June 26. Below is our anticipated schedule:

- From Monday, June 26 to Friday, June 30, the crew will close the intersections of 37th and 39th Streets East along Elliot Avenue South.
- From Monday, June 26 to Friday, July 14, the crew will close Elliot Avenue South from 36th to 37th Streets East.

- From Friday, July 14 to Wednesday, July 26, the crew will close Elliot Avenue South from 37th to 38th Streets East

One sidewalk will remain open at a time. For most of the road closures, vehicular traffic will be detoured to the next block over. When the intersection of 38th Street East and Elliot Avenue South will be closed, traffic will be detoured to Bloomington Avenue South, 35th Street East, and Park or Portland Avenues South.

### **Bancroft Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale is Saturday, Sept. 9**

*See registration form on page 2*