

WINDOM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

2020 BOARD OF DIRECTIONS CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

Michelle Hemingway Tatum (Incumbent)

I've been a Windom resident for the past 26 years and a block club leader for 25 years, while working within community outreach/marketing/medical education departments for Twin Cities premier healthcare organizations.

More recently, as block club leader, I've helped lead efforts to hold accountable the owners and potential purchasers and developer of the Aqua Inn and Metro Inn Motels. Currently I am Windom Community Board a member working to keep our neighborhood of the 2020 Census efforts and concerted efforts with Councilmember Schroeder's Office.

I hope to use my career experience to establish collaborative partnerships within the community to assist Windom remaining a safe and desirable place to live.

Katharine Krueger

Katharine Krueger has lived in Windom since 1991. She is a White, cis woman.

She is Founder and Director of Journey of Young Women, whose mission to train women to offer Mentoring Circles to girls, gender non-conforming youth, and parents. She also catalyzed Boys Mentorship Collaborative, a yearlong, local initiative to guide boys.

Katharine's past roles include mechanical engineer, industrial engineer, strategic planner, facilitator, co-founder of a Waldorf-inspired homeschool coop, and Director of Youth Practice at a Zen Center. She has served as a board member for Warrior Films who creates compelling movies, transformational documentaries and short films about spiritual warriors, rites of passage and journeys of the soul.

She parents with joy and respect two awesome young adults. Camping, gardening and growing her own food are passions.

"I believe in environmental and social justice for all. I would like to contribute to community conversations and mutual aid, and to generally support Windom's thriving."

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Veronica Walther (Incumbent)

Thank you for considering me for reelection to the Windom Community Council!

I'm an attorney working primarily with underserved communities in the Twin Cities and I've lived in Windom for nearly five years. I primarily practice in immigration law, as well as workers' compensation, and have a robust *pro bono* practice that's most recently taken me to the southern border to volunteer with asylum seekers.

I'm originally from Colombia, and moved around a lot before settling in Minneapolis. Now that I have a permanent home, it's important to me to be involved in my neighborhood. I first joined the council in hopes of bringing a different perspective to the table, better getting to know our neighborhood and neighbors, and finding ways to help and support our Windom community. The time has flown, but I'm proud of the work we've done. Over the past two years, WCC has found ways to better organize, including creating committees to better serve our community. We've increased our focus on outreach and engagement with our neighbors, to better understand our neighbors' needs and concerns.

I look forward to further pursuing this goal as I believe that we need to take cues and guidance from the community and listen to what is needed from us. WCC is facing funding uncertainty at a time when I believe neighborhood groups are needed more than ever. It won't be easy to find ways to do more with less funding, but I hope to continue being part of WCC and helping it overcome these new challenges.

Haley Canaday

My name is Haley Canaday and I'd love to be a part of the Windom Community Council!

My 3 kids and I have lived in the Windom neighborhood for 9 years now and love the diversity and sense of community this little corner of Mpls has.

I've also been a member of the community garden for 6 years now. I have a passion for organic gardening and helping others discover their green thumb has been so fulfilling over the years.

I am very social justice driven and would love to help brainstorm ways our community can come together and celebrate the diversity we have.

I look forward to being able to work alongside other board members to support the neighborhood my family and I have grown to love and are proud to call our home.

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Micah Stevenson

My name is Micah Stevenson and I would like to self-nominate for a seat on the Windom Community Council. I lived my formative years in Sioux Falls, South Dakota moving to Minneapolis in 2010 to attend the University of Minnesota. After college I decided to make the Twin Cities my permanent home enjoying our wonderful parks/trails, food culture, and robust arts scene.

I have been married to my wonderful wife Jaimie for 7 years, and we have 2 daughters Aletta (age 5) and Harlow (newborn) When deciding on a place to put down roots we were drawn to SW Minneapolis due to its proximity to the lakes, the parkway, it's perceived safety, the school district, and the general community feel that it brings. After searching for months, we found a home that met our criteria in the Windom neighborhood and purchased it July 2019. I work with local businesses as a Process & Technology Consultant for EO Johnson Business Technologies, and my Wife owns a hair salon named Tillverkare located on the border of Minneapolis and Saint Louis Park.

As small business owners, homeowners, and parents of young children we feel that we have a responsibility to ensure our neighborhood and city remain a desirable place for residents to live and work in.

Some issues I am interested in tackling:

- Increasing the safety of our neighborhood.
- Garnering a higher rate of community involvement.
- Community outreach to those inflicted by homelessness and drug addiction.
- Building a safe, and inclusive neighborhood that we ALL can be proud of.

Sean Morgan

Sean lives in Windom with his wife, Caryn, and one year old daughter, Myla- having relocated to Minneapolis in 2018. His professional career has been focused on fostering consensus among diverse groups of people to create and implement public policy. Currently, Sean leads strategic government partnerships for the world's largest cybersecurity company. Previously, he worked in Washington, DC in a variety of public policy roles with the White House's National Security Council and the U.S. Department of Defense. Sean is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and the National Intelligence University, an Eagle Scout and lifelong ice hockey player.

Personal Statement

As I now establish my family roots in Windom, I'm driven by a strong compulsion to engage more deeply in public service at the local level- for its promise to create a more prosperous, safe, and equitable life for my daughter and all Windom residents. I believe my strong background in public policy, strategic communications and consensus building uniquely positions me to be an effective advocate for the Windom community.