

**SUB DISTRICT A**  
**BIOGRAPHIES**

**Michael A. Boyd Sr.**  
**Sub District A**



I moved to the Twin cities May of 2009. I have been a resident on the eastside of St Paul since 2011. I currently attended National American University where I am perusing a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. I also have an engineering degree in Electronics Technology.

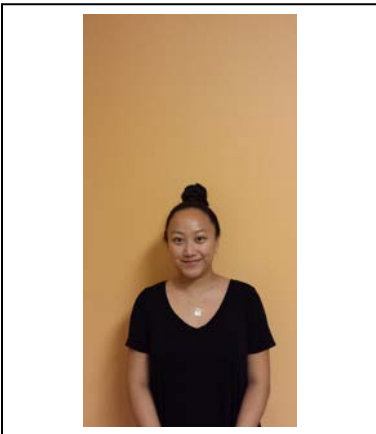
As for my community involvement I coach youth Basketball for Dayton's Bluff Recreation Community Center. Plus, I am a football coach for Lower East Side (L.E.S.) Football association. I love being involved in the community because it helps me to stay abreast to the problems we face as a community and it allows me to help people.

If am elected as a board member I will be your advocated to the powers that be to get your concern heard and work towards to getting our needs met for the community. Furthermore, I will work on bringing the community closer together so we could

become more powerful in improving our community.

I am full of East Side Pride. No matter what my future holds for me; the East Side of St Paul will always be a part of my heart.

**Yingya Vang**  
**Sub District A**



Yingya is running for Sub District A. She has a B.S. degree in Food and Nutrition Science. She's part of Racial Equity organization on the East Side. She feels that there need to be more representation from the Hmong community. She feel that there isn't enough people of color represented within the East Side, plus feels that law enforcement doesn't make an effort to know the community better.

**SUB DISTRICT B**  
**BIOGRAPHIES**

**Kirstin Scanlan Madore**

**Sub District: B**



This is my 10th year teaching at Community of Peace Academy, a public charter school on the east side of St. Paul. I have lived on the east side for 17 years, the last 3 on the corner of 4th and Maria, in Dayton's Bluff. I live with my husband and 3 daughters.

I think Dayton's Bluff could be the best neighborhood in Saint Paul. We have ethnic diversity, mix of income levels, rentals and owned homes, historical architecture, parks, trails, and natural beauty. We are a walkable urban neighborhood, connected to downtown.

I would like to help Dayton's Bluff be a model for other neighborhoods by welcoming new immigrants, making sure our housing is healthy for all families to thrive, supporting businesses that make the neighborhood walkable and interesting to live in.

I want our neighborhood to prove that people of all ethnicities, incomes and backgrounds can live happily together.

**Housing:**

Many of my neighbors live in sub-standard housing. Often landlords find loopholes that allow them to keep tenants (usually families with children) in dirty, lead paint filled, roof leaking, mold growing homes. This cannot go on. Dayton's Bluff should not have a reputation for being a bad neighborhood. Income level should not indicate the healthiness of a home.

**Walkability:**

People need walkable (and bike able) routes to other parts of the city, especially downtown. The 3rd street bridge is a problem. Many people use it to walk downtown and back each day. It is dangerous to cross Mounds blvd and the bridge is terrible to walk or bike on.

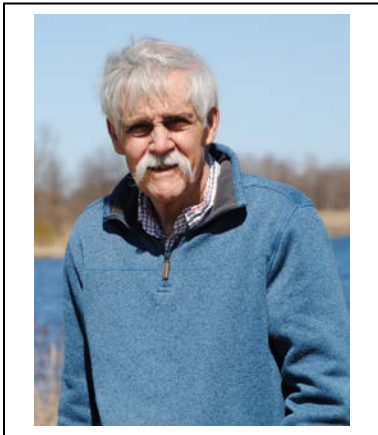
Residents should have access to food shopping, necessities, and entertainment in Dayton's Bluff. This has improved with the addition of Mississippi Market. Although, I think we could do better. Most of my lower income neighbors shop for food at Phoenix Market or the Blue Store. I notice people eat regular meals at Burger King. Better access to inexpensive, convenient, healthy food is necessity.

**Crime:**

Nobody deserves a crime ridden neighborhood. In my experience, most people don't feel they have energy, time, or power to battle this. Relationships with neighbors and police are a great beginning. It is empowering to have the tools to stop quality of life crimes: When people know how to make things better, they feel ownership in their neighborhood. When people feel ownership of their neighborhood they care about making it better.

**SUB DISTRICT B**  
**BIOGRAPHIES (continued)**

**David Durant**  
**Sub District B**



My wife, daughter and I moved to Dayton's Bluff 11 years ago, so that Tammy could enjoy walking to work at Metro State and I could revel in retirement. Meg attended the east side's French Immersion school, where I was active in the PTA, as a volunteer in the classroom, and on the school's Site Council, which I chaired for two years. I've been active in the Land Use Committee for years. During the uproar that followed Metro State's early plans, I worked in the committee that addressed community concerns in designing their new parking garage, student center, and science building. I continue to serve on the community input committee with Metro State. I coordinated some of the group efforts to ensure that the Mississippi Market fit smoothly into our neighborhood.

I'd do my best to see that Dayton's Bluff continues as a vibrant, diverse community. We should build on such recent successes as the development of the 7th street hill, with its Mississippi Market, new affordable housing stock, coffee houses, and street

friendly Metro Student Center. We should build on the community's achievement in heading off the wide scale destruction of vacant housing stock. We need a culture of front porches, affordable housing, storefronts, kid filled parks, coffee houses, restaurants that spill over onto the sidewalk, strong public transportation, and responsible social services. As we develop replacements of our erstwhile employers like 3M, we must prioritize the strength of our community, not just fill empty land. We have to insist on our say in the development of city and regional transportation plans. We have to ensure that our streets aren't simply freeways from the city to the suburbs, but part of a streetscape that prioritizes our walkable community. We need to urge the city to give us our share of its tax dollars.

As a community between the newly vibrant Lowertown and the cancerous growth of the eastern suburbs, Dayton's Bluff has to cling to and enlarge its strong identity. We have a strong multi- cultured, young population; a variety of new and developing stores, restaurants, and businesses; an incredible, underpriced housing stock; and anchoring institutions like Metropolitan State University. But the threat's always there that the city's press and people will see our strengths as urban perils and that city government will continue to undervalue and grievously under-support us. Good transportation is vital for us, but we're threatened to be skipped over between the suburbs and the city. And if our recent developments intensify, as we hope they will, we need to resist a yupification that prices us out of our own community.

**Cesar Ortega**  
**Sub District B**

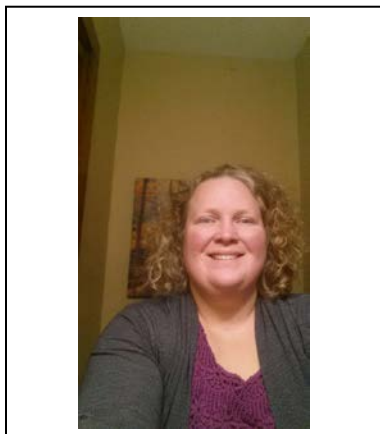


Cesar has a B.A. in Criminal Justice. Would like to work on getting the communities of color more involved with issues such as violence and crime and taking action to start fixing the issue. He would like to increase the communication within the community and break down any and all barriers that stop us from truly getting to know one another.

**SUB DISTRICT B**  
**BIOGRAPHIES (continued)**

**Elizabeth Matakis**

**Sub District: B**



We celebrated our 5 year anniversary last month living in the Dayton's Bluff community. I have worked for Panera Bread for the last 10 years, 3 spent in the MN market and the last 7 spent working for the corporate office. I have 2 children, 2 dogs and a cat. I currently serve on the DBCC Board, Co-Chair the Neighborhood Development Committee, serve on the Saint Pascal Baylon School Board, Co-chair of the SPB Marketing/Enrollment committee. I also served on the 2011, 2013, 2015 CIB committees. I am passionate about our community, education reform, historic preservation, equitable decision making at all levels of government and advocating for social justice.

1. Continue building a long term strategic plan for our community council. A road map of where are we now, where do we want to be in 2, 5, 10 years.
2. Continue to identify gaps in funding, programing, support service within the community and help bring people, resources together to close those gap.
3. Leverage our relationships with other Saint Paul Community Councils. How can we partner and share services..
4. Identify, develop and get approved, a CIB project for Dayton's Bluff
5. Continue to advocate for historic preservation, affordable housing, equitable investment in park & rec (space, programming & budget)

There are so many wonderful things happening in this community, and so many people dedicated to making Dayton's Bluff a better place to live.

1. I think one of the challenges is to make sure everyone in the community has a voice and is represented in the long term vision of Dayton's Bluff.
2. I also believe there is opportunity to leverage resources and relationships within our community to more effectively gain a cross cultural view point on project/initiatives/ideas
3. Kids.....one of the things I have noticed during my time living in DB is that there are so many children in this community, from so many different backgrounds. We have such an opportunity to leverage this and make our community great starting with the youngest generation.

**Tamara York-Tallman**

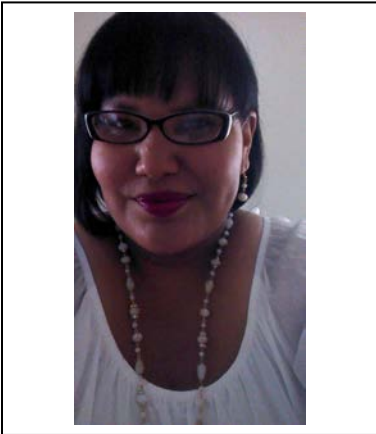
**Sub District B**



My name is Tamara York-Tallman and I have lived on the East side of St. Paul for some years now. I'm the mother of two boys who are 11 and 4 years old. I have a compassion for my community and always being pro-active to make it a safe place for all. I have background knowledge in culturally specific teaching and training's. I took my 5 years of culturally specific teachings and applied it to my children's homeschooling curriculum. I'm really looking forward to spreading my knowledge to the East side community.

**SUB DISTRICT C**  
**BIOGRAPHIES**

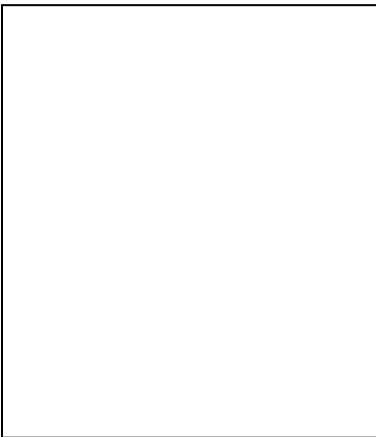
**Crystal Norcross**  
**Sub District C**



Han Mitakuyepi, Hello friends, my name is Crystal Norcross. I am enrolled member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Dakota and a lifelong Saint Paul resident. I mainly grew up on the East Side particularly the Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood. I am currently renting but have plans to buy a house. I am a mother of 2 beautiful children I want them to have the same experiences I had on the East Side. My educational background, I attended school at Minneapolis Community and Technical College for my RN licensure. I am active with the following agencies: *Ain Dah Yung, American Indian Family Center, Saint Paul Indian Education, IN Equality (social justice) and The East Side Enterprise Center*. It would wonderful to have more opportunities for youth here on the East Side. My plans are to have my children be active members in our loved community. Having an opportunity to be able to share my wealth of knowledge to young mothers and former youth participants would bring me great joy. Youths are our next leaders why not encourage them to become involved and have a greater understanding of their environment. Our youth should be proud of who they are and

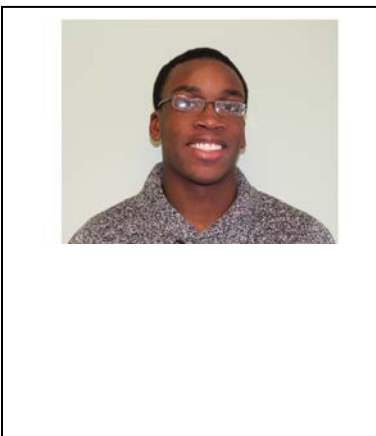
where they come from. Let's show them that we as a community will support them in their future endeavors. The East Side will always be my home.

**Nicole Smith**  
**Sub District C**



Nicole is running for Sub District C. She is a business owner on the East Side. She would like to work on issues such as housing, safety, and jobs.

**Rasheed Wade**  
**SubDistrict C**



I am a lifelong resident of Saint Paul who moved to the Eastside as a child in 2000. In 2012 I graduated from Johnson High School and in 2015 I was proud to become a homeowner on the East Side. Currently, I am in the 2nd year of a 4-year Heat and Frost Insulator Apprenticeship program with Local #34 in St. Paul.

I enjoy wildlife, birds, sports, basketball, and fishing. What I like best about living on the East Side is the opportunity to do those things, the convenience of transportation and services, a healthy small business community, and clean living environment. I'm interested in participating in neighborhood discussions that affect me and my property. I want to promote and encourage homeownership on the Eastside; especially with young people. There are many great things about our Dayton's Bluff community, but I know more can be done. We need to find solutions to make our neighborhood safe for both people and property.

**SUB DISTRICT D**  
**BIOGRAPHIES**

**Dorian Petty**  
**Sub District D**



Hi my name is Dorian Petty, I graduated from Cardinal Stritch University of Milwaukee Wisconsin, and I completed a bachelor's degree business. Have been living in Saint Paul for 7 years.

I am an entrepreneur I currently work with Pathway Learning Center; I started as a board member and now work in the communities at large. I am interested in Dayton's Bluff community, I see our lives co-mingled. I believe in the power of our community working together to benefit all not just some or a select few.

I have always devoted my life in working with and for the betterment of all; Pathway affords me the opportunity to do just that work with refugees, immigrants and all minorities not just of color but all spectrums of life.

It is my summation that all people who are of the minority status be able to get their voices and ideas heard vetted and (not be reduced to noise) ideas on the table to always see there is a place at the table for all of us.

**Barry White**  
**Sub District D**



Barry is running for Sub District D. He has lived in Dayton's Bluff for 18 years. He was a past board member. Barry would like to learn about the community and voice his conscience on issues concerning the community. Barry is proud to live in Dayton's Bluff.



**SUB DISTRICT D**  
**BIOGRAPHIES (continued)**

**Holly Windingstad**

**Sub District: D**

I moved to Dayton's Bluff in 2006 and immediately felt at home in the community. My kids and I started attending story-time at the library, toddler playtime at Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center and ECFE classes. I am a member of First Lutheran Church. I served on the Indian Mounds Playground Advisory Committee and Dayton's Bluff ECFE Advisory Committee. During the summer I can be found gardening at Skidmore Park or helping distribute food at the Wellness Center summer food giveaways. Seven years ago, I developed Messy Fingers and Toes art class for toddlers, because the Recreation Center was not offering much needed programming. Now many families drive to the Eastside to attend the program. This past year I had the pleasure of representing District D on the board. I believe it is important for people to share information, communicate clearly and actively listen, so we may work toward solutions. To ensure that I am representing my neighbors well I promise to be available, transparent, and prepared.



Working with the board I would like to see continual improvements in transportation, neighborhood funding equality and increased dialogues with law enforcement encouraging neighborhood engagement. We are a vibrant and energetic community to be celebrated as a destination spot for special businesses and events. Improvements to commercial properties need to continue so businesses open and thrive along our commercial district. As people continue to frequent our locale they become invested in the neighborhood and possibly residents. We can encourage this development by continuing the beautification of 7th Street, expanding improvements to radial streets and broadening community events. Let's expand upon the already vibrant arts scene with more Eastside attractions.

Creating a safe environment in which we can work, live and play is an ongoing challenge. Bringing our community together with mutual respect for each other, better working and living conditions will move us closer to an alive and well community. We are also challenged by improvements coming to our district. While improvements in transportation and building development are greatly needed, we need to insure they are inline with the needs of a forward thinking community and historic character of the Eastside.

**Steve Watton**

**Sub District D**

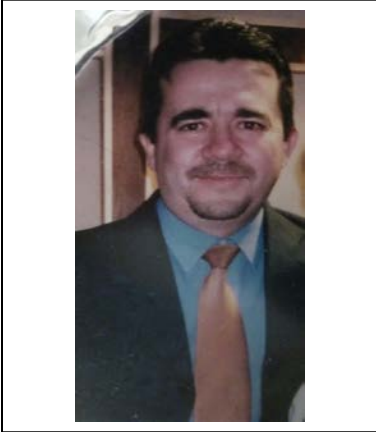


Steve is running for Sub District D. He has worked and lived within the community for 3 years. He believes there needs to more active voices within communities of color.

**DISTRICT: AT LARGE**  
**BIOGRAPHIES**

**Henry Garnica**

**District: At Large**



I am a graduate in Business and I am Hispanic. I have been in Saint Paul for 14 years and own the business on Dayton Bluff neighborhood. I was elected last period for the Dayton board to represent the Business District. In the last 3 years I have built a strong relationship with many people, authorities, neighbors and business owners. I proposed and supported initiatives about security, business improvements and others. My goal is to keep working in the same way, if we work together we can build a strong business on 7th Street extending to other areas in the neighborhood. We can build a safe environment for elders, youth, and children. I have the ability to connect with people and the ability to speak Spanish and English. Good business Good opportunities.

**Kevin Robinson**

**District: At Large**



I have a degree in sociology, and also a minor in youth studies. I have been a residence of the Dayton Bluff Community, on and off for the last 13 years. I am the executive director of ANEW BAM youth organization, where we serve around 50-75 who live in dayton bluff community. I also am politically active in helping register the dayton bluff community register people of color. I am also a member of The African American Caucus.

Some of the goals I would like to see would be:

1. Secure a location for an art based youth center for youth in the Dayton Bluff Community.
  2. Help finds ways to help single mothers who live in Dayton Bluff, open up businesses on the Dayton Bluff Community.
  3. Help with planning more based events with youth in the Dayton Bluff community
1. Lack of art based programming for youth.
  2. Lack of African American owned businesses.



**DISTRICT: AT LARGE**  
**BIOGRAPHIES (continued)**

**Maria Thor**

**District: At Large**



I am a chair of Pathway Learning Center, a non-profit organization in Dayton's Bluff. We have been in the Dayton's Bluff area for almost two years now. Our mission is to enrich the lives of families through early education, healthy life choices, art programs, cultural literacy, and leadership development for youth, adults, and seniors.

I've been a resident of Saint Paul since birth and have lived on the East Side over 27 years. Not only being a residence of East Side Saint Paul. I have my undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in Fashion Design (B.S.) and also a diploma from Dakota County Technical College in Early Childhood and Youth Development. I have been on the board with AFSME for Child Care Providers.

**Seanne Thomas**

**District: At Large**



I am a native Eastsider. I was a police patrol at Phalen Lake Elementary School where we would cross the kids at the intersection of Magnolia and Arcade; I played the clarinet for Cleveland Jr. High school; and I ran track for Johnson High School. I never really left the Eastside. After graduating from the U of M with a degree in Economics, my husband and I purchased our home here on the Eastside. We have raised three sons at Phalen Lake Recreation where we coached youth soccer for many years. I can speak with conviction to my sons when I say to them, "I have walked those same halls" at Farnsworth Aerospace - formerly Cleveland Jr. High and Johnson High School where my youngest son is currently a sophomore.

Fifteen years ago I left my corporate job to sell real estate so I could work around my family and earn a decent living. My real estate business has always been grounded in my community and has been a marriage of non-profit community development and for profit real estate sales and marketing. The last five years I spent managing the East Side Neighborhood Development Company Real Estate Brokerage which solidified the union of non-profit community development and for profit real estate sales and marketing.

I am taking my vast knowledge of real estate sales - I have sold more than 200 homes, and community development and have launched my own real estate brokerage, ABC Realty with a mission to provide client centered professional real estate services. To simplify the transaction process for buyers, sellers, lessors and lessees with knowledgeable high integrity professionals that are **Available**, **Business minded** and **Culturally competent**.

I am excited to be a part of the energy of the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood and welcome an opportunity to bring my knowledge and experience to the process and be a voice for the business community.