



Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission 2014 Voter Guide District 8

For Neighborhood Representative Members on the City's Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission

Voter Guide prepared by the Neighborhood
and Community Relations Department.

District 8 Neighborhoods:

Cedar-Riverside
Como
Cooper
Hiawatha
Howe
Longfellow
Prospect Park
Seward
University

Voter's Guides are available online:

[http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/boards
/ncec/WCMS1P-122610](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/boards/ncec/WCMS1P-122610).

[See the NCEC District Map](#) (pdf)

As part of the neighborhood election process to elect 4 neighborhood representatives on to the City's Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC), applicants interested in serving were asked to respond to the following statements on their applications to be used in the Voter's Guide:

- ❖ How have your life/work/cultural experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative on the NCEC?
- ❖ How have you participated in your neighborhood organization?
- ❖ Describe why you want to serve on the NCEC.
- ❖ How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent, if elected?
- ❖ How do you plan to engage with under-represented groups within your district?
- ❖ Please list any community-based organization(s) with which you are currently involved.
- ❖ Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

Candidates for District 8:

(To quickly navigate to a candidate's information, hold Ctrl and left click on candidate's name)

[Francisco Segovia](#)

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The City-wide meeting to elect five neighborhood Commissioners will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm at the Crown Roller Mill Building:

City-Wide Election for Districts 2, 4, 6 & 8

Thursday, June 12, 2014

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Crown Roller Mill

105 5th Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55401

[\(Click here for a MAP and DIRECTIONS\)](#)

The building is ADA accessible. If any special accommodations are needed, please contact 612-673-3163.

All votes must be cast on June 12, 2014

If you have any questions about the elections for Districts 2, 4, 6 and 8 or the Voter's Guides, please feel free to call Howard Blin, 612-673-3163. You can also find more information on our website at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/boards/ncec/WCMS1P-122610>.

Francisco Segovia: (Pages 2- 3)

1. How have your life/work/cultural experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative on the NCEC?

I am a Salvadorian/Latino immigrant that moved to Minneapolis in 1990. A few years later, in 1993, I became a home owner of my current property located in Longfellow Neighborhood. My two children born in Florida and Minneapolis now in college & University attended Minneapolis public school since pre-school.

For the past 23 years I have seen the increasing number of Latino-immigrants changing the face of this beautiful City. Like any other immigrant group, Latinos encounter a range of issues that prevent them from becoming fully integrated into the mainstream society. I think neighborhood associations are key City assets that could support that integration process a little quicker and effectible.

2. How have you participated in your neighborhood organization?

I became a board member for as short period of time when Longfellow association used to have the people of color designated seats. There were a few issues that prevented me from continuing my membership, among other things, I couldn't understand at that time the impact of my participation by attending meetings. However, my current job as a director of a community center has helped me to develop perspective and tools for impacting communities. I would like to learn from others and share my knowledge, so we keep working on building an inclusive Minneapolis.

3. Describe why you want to serve on the NCEC.

I have served for the last 4 months as the commissioner of district 8. The seat was available and so I ran in a special election to fill the vacant position. Now that the seat is up for election I am seeking to be re-elected to represent district eight.

After four month in the commission I have a better understanding of the history, vision, areas of action of the NCEC and the importance of connecting its work to our communities through neighborhood associations. If elected, I'll seek to become the connection between the NCEC and neighborhood associations and to represent better the needs and aspirations of our communities. District 8 represents 10 neighborhoods, so I plan to attend 3 meetings yearly per neighborhood to meet members. In addition to my plan, I'll be open to petitions from neighborhood associations requesting my presence.

As stated above, my current position as Director of Waite House Center has gave the knowledge base to understand neighborhood associations and ideas for impacting communities. My desire for joining NCEC goes with the plan of developing new leaders that eventually, if elected, will replace me after serving one or a maximum of two terms.

4. How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent, if elected?

I'll start attending neighborhood meetings and make myself available to support their work.

5. How do you plan to engage with under-represented groups within your district?

Coming from an under-represented community, that according to the 2010 US-Census Latinos make up 10.5% of Minneapolis's population, I plan to implement, as resources allows it, 2+ listening sessions with Latinos to get their ideas for building an inclusive Minneapolis. Also support other NCEC members to achieve their engagement goal.

6. Please list any community-based organization(s) with which you are currently involved.

I support the work of the following organizations:

Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en La Lucha- CTUL, the MN-Mesa Latina and Take Action MN.

7. Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

I have no affiliations at the moment.