



District 7 Voter Guide

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.

District 7 Neighborhoods: Bancroft, Bryant, Central, Corcoran, East Phillips, Midtown Phillips, Phillips West, Powderhorn Park and Ventura Village.

Candidates for District 7:

[Antoine Seaton Martinneau](#)

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The City-wide meeting to elect four neighborhood Commissioners will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 pm at the Crown Roller Mill Building:

City-Wide Election for Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7

Thursday, June 18, 2015

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Crown Roller Mill

105 5th Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55401

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

All votes must be cast on June 18, 2015

If you have any questions about the elections for Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7 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>.

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

Antoine Seaton Martinneau

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

I have lived in a number of Minneapolis neighborhoods over the past 30 years. For the past 3 years I have been deeply involved in grassroots organizing efforts across the state and I talk to community members on a daily basis about how various issues and policies affect their every day lives.

2. How have you participated in your neighborhood organization?

I have been an employee of my neighborhood association since last November. Although my title indicates my focus on housing and economic development I have also been engaging my community around racial awareness, artistic expression, gardening, food access, and quality education.

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

I want broad-based, intentional and effective engagement with local residents to be the standard of success for neighborhood organizations. I feel that the solutions to problems of poverty, racial disparities, crime and violence lie with the people that have to face these issues everyday; we will never find these solutions without effective and empowering community engagement. As a part of NCEC I will have the opportunity to bring my experience to the table in our efforts to build safety and stability into our neighborhoods.

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

As an employee of CANDO I have begun to establish working relationships with our neighboring counterparts in Lyndale, Corcoran, Powderhorn, Harrison, Bryant and Bancroft. I plan to continue building these relationships with the work that I am already a part of and by informing our allies of/inviting allies to support NCEC initiatives.

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

I find that door to door outreach can be highly effective in reaching people that tend to be under-represented in our work. I manage monthly events that encourage community members of color to speak out and take action on local issues. While I speak only English, I am slowly learning Spanish and am developing some familiarity with Latin@-American culture and their unique concerns about the community and make efforts to have newsletters, flyers etc. printed in both English and Spanish to increase accessibility to our programming. I also find that adequate food, child care and transportation remove many of the most common barriers to participation and offer these services whenever possible to increase participation in our programs.

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

TakeAction Minnesota (dues paying member)

Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en Lucha (CTUL, dues paying member)

Black Lives Matter Minneapolis (occasional volunteer)

Gardening Matters (occasional Volunteer)

7. Please list all current paid and unpaid affiliations.

Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization (paid full-time staff)