Joy Smallfield, Sheridan - District 1

1. **How have your life, work and cultural experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative on NRP Policy Board?**

My extensive experience as a board member for over 10 years in Sheridan Neighborhood Organization , including six years as president, has equipped me with a deep understanding of community dynamics, local issues, and effective organizational leadership. Interacting with other city neighborhood organizations and city officials has given me the understanding of city policies and government structure as well as the constituents it supports, enabling me to navigate and advocate for your neighborhood's interests within the larger context of city policies and procedures.

2. **How have you participated in your neighborhood organization?**

I spent a decade on the neighborhood board, including many years as president. I worked with city officials, constituents, various government entities, and other neighborhoods to address issues in my community and beyond.

3. **Describe why you want to serve on the NRP Policy Board.**

I want to serve on the board because I understand that city policies and funding are changing. This means it is important for neighborhoods to have a voice in how the policies reflect the community they serve. I have a strong voice and am amenable to working, listening, and collaborating with others. I understand that it is important for my voice to reflect the community I serve, not my own.

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

I already have a strong relationship with my neighborhood association and connect with my government officials on a regular basis to express concerns and community needs. I have collaborated many times with other neighborhoods on issues that concern people in and beyond Sheridan. I am looking forward to expanding and cultivating relationships across the city as a whole.

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5. How do you plan to engage with underrepresented groups within your district if elected?

This has been part of the work in Sheridan during my tenure and it continues today. We have done potlucks, door knocking, multi-lingual flyers, and community events to open our organization to underrepresented communities. I will continue to contribute to this work and look to other city entities that have had success and mirror their efforts. One success of note in Sheridan is our relationship with The Islamic Community Center of MN. I was instrumental in establishing a community garden there and have many years of working together to provide organic food to Every Meal.

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

Sheridan Neighborhood Organization
Leadership Building Group at North Memorial

7. Please list all your current paid and unpaid affiliations.

North Memorial Hospital and Sheridan Neighborhood Organization

By signing this form, you waive your right to raise money, conduct phone banks, and produce campaign literature of any kind for the purposes of getting elected to the NRP Policy Board.

Signature	Joy L Smallfield
Date	1/17/24