

**Council Member Cam Gordon's
Report to the Southeast Como Neighborhood
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Cam's Next Como Office Hours:

Thursday, October 12th, 9:30-11:00am

Black: Coffee and Waffles, 1500 Como Ave SE

- 1) Mayor's Proposed Budget
- 2) New Voter's Guide
- 3) Vision Zero
- 4) Hennepin County Sheriff Cooperating with ICE
- 5) New Workforce Goals Adopted
- 6) Fall Street Sweeping
- 7) Body Camera Audit
- 8) Openings on Boards and Commissions

- 1) Mayor Hodges delivered her budget address and full proposed 2018 budget on September 12th. Departments will be presenting their proposed budgets to the Council through September and October, with formal public hearings at 6:05pm on November 29th and December 6th. Prior to the hearing and final budget adoption on December 6th, the Council has reserved December 1st as budget "markup" day when Council Member amendments are presented and considered. Amendments may also be made after the hearing on the 6th as well. This year, the City of Minneapolis has launched a new website dedicated specifically for the budget at budget.minneapolismn.gov. The new site includes the full budget document, Mayor Hodges' budget address, past budgets, FAQs and calendar of upcoming budget meetings. The proposed budget includes:
 - Nearly \$6 million total in clean energy, cleaner businesses, and more efficient commercial and residential spaces in the city.
 - Raising utility franchise fees by half a percent, which will raise more than \$2 million in 2018 alone to ensure significant, predictable funding to move the dial on Minneapolis' climate impact.
 - \$24 million in housing investment across a number of programs, including \$6.5 million in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
 - A \$4 million investment in new strategies that will continue to build community trust and ensure public safety.
 - A \$1.2 million investment to protect and support the constitutional rights of every single qualified voter in the City of Minneapolis.

To learn more about the budget or the process and to give feedback, visit budget.minneapolismn.gov.

- 2) A new voter's guide has been released, and I encourage you to take a look. It's available at thisismpls.com.
- 3) With my strong support, the Council has adopted a resolution that commits the City to a goal of zero deaths and serious injuries because of crashes on City Streets by 2027, establishes a Vision Zero Task Force, and directs that Task Force to develop a Vision Zero action plan. I am very supportive of this effort, think that is consistent with the efforts already started, including in our Complete Streets Plan, and hope that our work on this plan can start make our streets safer long before 2017. For more on the vision Zero network see <http://visionzeronetw.org/>.

- 4) In September I received a very disturbing letter dated September 21 from the Hennepin County Sheriff, Richard W. Stanek outlining the County Jails close cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security and its Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) division. It appears to confirm some of our worst fears about what has been happening at the County Jail for decades now and I believe it should give us cause to reconsider, renegotiate and potentially terminate the contract we, the City of Minneapolis, has with them to serves as our jail. It is he states, "At the point of booking, Minnesota law requires that we ask each arrestee their "place of birth." Every inmate also is fingerprinted, the prints are sent to the BCA, which sends them to the FBI and then to the Department of Homeland Security and ICE. ... If an arrestee voluntarily discloses that they were foreign born, or a non-U.S. citizen, HCSO makes this information available to ICE, arranges a call to ICE, and offers the arrestee the option of speaking with an immigration agent. We notify ICE when an inmate is released *only* when ICE previously has served a Request for Notification. In 2016, we received 267 "Requests for Notification" (for 0.85% of inmates) and ICE actually picked up 68 inmates after their release (0.2% of all inmates booked in the Hennepin County Jail). We do not decide which inmates ICE picks up, and ICE never reports back on the status or result of their immigration proceedings." You can find the full text from the letter here <http://secondward.blogspot.com/2017/10/letter-from-hennepin-county-sheriffs.html>
- 5) The Council has approved following the recommendation of the State Department of Human Rights by increasing our workforce is increasing the workforce participation goal for women. Women comprise 50% of the working-age population and those between the ages of 15–44 in the region. Data indicates that 10% of women living in our region work in the construction industry and in the three years state data indicates that the female participation rate has exceeded the 6% goal by 1.5% to 3.5%. The participation goal of 32% for people of color remain for the Minneapolis will remain.
- 6) The City will begin curb-to-curb sweeping and leaf collection on streets throughout the city on Tuesday, October 17. During the four weeks of the comprehensive fall street sweep, crews will clean about 1,000 miles of city streets. To make sure the sweepers can do the best job possible, temporary "No Parking" signs will be posted at least 24 hours in advance so streets will be clear of cars when they're swept. The first signs will be posted Monday, Oct. 16, and sweeping will begin the next day. Anyone who parks on the street will need to follow posted parking rules or their cars may be ticketed and towed. In addition to the signs the City now uses social media, robo-calls and an interactive website to push out information about when your street needs to be cleared of cars for cleaning. See www.facebook.com/cityofminneapolis, www.twitter.com/CityMinneapolis, and www.minneapolismn.gov/streetsweeping. The fall street sweep takes four weeks, and visitors to the website will be able to find out which week their street is scheduled to be swept. Then, on the weekend before each of the four weeks, the schedule for the upcoming week will be broken down to show which day of the week streets are scheduled to be swept.
- 7) An audit of police officers' use of body cameras was released in mid-September. I am very concerned about the low rates of usage of the body cameras by officers, and hope that we can do more to ensure that the cameras are being used properly to record interactions with the public. However, I also have concerns about the process that was used to bring this audit forward, and that it did not follow the normal processes that all other audits have followed. I'm concerned that our audit function has been politicized and undermined. You can read more of my thoughts on this here: <https://www.facebook.com/camgordonward2/posts/847378775424483>
- 8) A number of board and commission positions are open for City Council and mayor appointments this fall. Visit <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/index.htm> for more information and to apply.