

DFL Senior Caucus Endorsement Questions for County Commissioner Offices

This questionnaire is for all counties except Hennepin

The DFL Senior Caucus promotes the active participation of Minnesota seniors in the political process, giving a voice to seniors in Minnesota elections and politics. Our goal is to affect public policy by bringing focus and accountability to senior issues, and by working to elect public officials who support these issues.

Responses to the questions below must be submitted in the online form accessible by clicking this link: [County Commissioner submission form](#).

The DFL Sr Caucus will revoke an endorsement if:

- 1) You are not endorsed by your convention, or
- 2) You support a candidate who is running against a DFL-endorsed candidate.

A copy of your responses will be emailed to the address you provide in the online form.

Taxes

1. Do you believe the senior citizens in your county are taxed fairly? (1 = yes, to 5 =no; required question)
2. What can and should be changed?
3. What ideas do you have to help seniors with their taxes so they can remain in their houses/apartments?

Senior Livable Communities

Age-friendly communities are places that enable all residents to be engaged, connected, and included across their life span.

4. What programs should your county provide?

Housing

5. What health care, mental health care, income protection, and social services for seniors, who wish to remain in their homes or apartments, should your county prioritize and fund?
6. What leadership role will you play in doing so?

Caregivers

Many families are caregivers to aging parents or grandparents.

7. What, if anything, do you propose your county should do to provide for assistance to these families?

Healthy Seniors

Counties may provide nursing services, exercise classes, social groups, ride-share transportation to medical services, etc., to allow seniors to stay in their home or apartment.

8. What services would you, as a county commissioner, advocate for?

Environment

9. How would you, as a county commissioner, promote protections of our environment, safe drinking water, and clean air?

Libraries

Seniors are frequent users of the library system.

10. What can your county do to add senior-friendly library services—for example: increase social engagement, make materials more accessible, use more volunteer or paid staff?
11. What role will you play to make these changes happen?

Public Safety

12. What role do county commissioners play in ensuring public safety?
13. What have you done (or what will you do) to ensure seniors can safely live in neighborhoods throughout your county?

Transportation

As seniors age, our transportation needs change. We need viable and safe rideshare options for seniors with and without physical disabilities. We need ride-share options for medical and non-medical purposes, including seniors providing rides for other seniors.

14. How will you work to sustain and expand options that can keep us mobile, safe, and engaged in our community?

County Governance

15. If this is germane to your county, what are your ideas to change the labor/management relationships with bargaining unit leaders and their members to foster and restore trust, communication, and partnership in serving county residents?

Communication

16. How will you keep the DFL Senior Caucus chapter informed on issues relevant to seniors and to solicit our input? (Posting on social media is not sufficient.)

DFL Values

17. Do you support these core DFL positions? (Source: Minnesota State DFL Platform) *
“No discrimination against any person on the basis of race, creed, religion, immigration status, sex, sexual or affectional orientation, HIV status, gender identity or expression, marital or homemaker status, disability or age.” (Yes/No; required question)