



**Como Community Council  
District 10  
Special Election Guide**

**May 21, 2019**

**7 p.m.**

**Como Park  
Streetcar Station**

## **Introduction**

This Special Election is to fill the remaining 11 months of a vacant At-Large position on the Como Community Council board. The board member elected on May 21 takes office immediately and serves until April 28, 2020.

## **Election**

**When:** Tuesday April 21, 2019, 7 p.m.

**Where:** Como Park Streetcar Station, 1224 Lexington Parkway N (at the northeast corner of Lexington and Horton)

On the next page is the list of neighborhood residents who will be on the May 21 ballot. These candidates submitted their names by the May 14 deadline. Additional candidates may be nominated on May 21; they will be considered write-in candidates. Voting will begin immediately, and continue until those present agree to close voting.

## **Voting**

All renters, homeowners, and other residents age 16 or older who live in District 10 are eligible to vote and run for office. So are authorized representatives from a business or nonprofit organization located in District 10. All eligible community members may cast ballots for the At-Large position. Community members must vote in person by secret ballot; there is no absentee or proxy voting.

## **Candidate Statements**

Candidates submit their own statements for the position they are seeking. These statements are reprinted below, with only minimal editing for clarity and consistency. Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.

The procedures for nominations, elections, candidate eligibility, and voter eligibility are governed by the Bylaws of the District 10 Como Community Council. The complete Bylaws can be found on our website at: [www.district10comopark.org/By\\_Laws.html](http://www.district10comopark.org/By_Laws.html)

If you have questions about voting or the elections, contact the District 10 office at 651-644-2889 or [district10@district10comopark.org](mailto:district10@district10comopark.org).

# Candidate Statements

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## Office: At-Large (vote for 1)

### **Jill Henricksen**

*Holton Street*

I've lived in the Como Park neighborhood for 15 years with my husband and two sons, who attend Capital Hill and Como Park High School.

After obtaining a degree in Urban and Regional Planning, I've worked in community planning, organizing, and development for more than 20 years. In addition, I have experience with nonprofit management and fundraising.

Currently I am a Community Development Manager at MN Housing Partnership, providing technical assistance to local governments, nonprofits, and Native Tribes.

I'm interested in a position on the Board of Directors as a way to serve my community.

### **Kelly McCormick**

*St. Albans Street*

Hello All,

I moved to the Como Park neighborhood in July of 2018. So far, I have enjoyed getting to know all of my neighbors on the 1200 block of St. Albans and those in the immediate surrounding area. I enjoy being engaged with neighbors so we can keep an eye on odd activity and discuss requests we would like to see in our community. I am excited to become more engaged in the community.

I currently work for the University of Minnesota as a Regulatory Affairs Manager. I have a BS in Molecular Biology, an MBA, and am working on my Master of Studies in Law from the University of St. Thomas. My business expertise lies with Compliance and Administrative Law. I approach items strategically with achievable results in mind and appreciate hearing all sides of an issue before moving forward with an approach.

Outside of work I spend my time enjoying Como lake and park, gardening, supporting animal rescue efforts, promoting local businesses, and keeping our neighborhood clean.

### **Mike Mitchelson**

*Avon Street*

My wife and I have lived in St. Paul for 20 years, and this summer will mark our eleventh in District 10. In 2012, our daughter was born, and while we loved the neighborhood before, our level of appreciation for it has deepened — a lot.

I've been fortunate to have a diverse professional background, the lessons of which I can bring to the Community Council. This includes writing about city government, politics and business as a journalist and photographer for 20 years, with a particular interest in land use and its impact. I've also led a successful company as COO, organizing its finances and managing the workforce.

Currently, I operate a business consultancy, focused on small to mid-sized operators' issues ranging from financial planning to marketing. The common thread, for me, has been to listen to people and take seriously their concerns and knowledge.

I appreciate the hard work the D10 Community Council has done over this last decade and would love the opportunity to supplement its efforts.