MICAH CAUCUS RESOLUTIONS 2018

Everyone, without exception has a safe, decent, accessible and affordable home (rental/homeownership)

Lead Safe Buildings and Homes
Issue: At least 700 children per year are being poisoned by lead in Minnesota.
Be it resolved that all buildings particularly rental housing and single family homes built before 1978 will be lead safe by 2020.

Affordable Housing

Issue: Fair Housing: Our diverse communities often face discrimination and limited affordable housing choices and opportunities in our communities.
Be it resolved that every community will obey Fair Housing Law and provide housing choice, opportunities, and equity in place for our diverse communities.

Issue: NOAH Units Currently 170,000 units of older rental housing are at risk of conversion – upscaling, repair, and rent increases. Current residents are being displaced. Currently about 100 units per week are being bought and made unaffordable for current residents including low wage workers, people on fixed income or those using subsidies(money provided by the government to help the pay rent).
Be it resolved - that all residents of older properties are allowed to stay in current unit for 5 years at current rent levels.

Issue: Increasing property taxes are forcing older Minnesotans out of their homes
Be it resolved: Property Taxes will be kept the same when a homeowner turns 62 years old, as long as they continue to reside in their home.

Affordable housing wage
Issue: In the metro area to afford a 2 bedroom apartment a family needs to make $20.88/hour
Be it resolved that the workforce housing wage in the metro area will be increased to $20.88/ hour and the statewide workforce housing wage will be a minimum of $15/hour by 2020.

Livable incomes
Issue: No public assistance benefits provide enough income to allow people to pay only 30% of their income for housing (unless they happen to have a subsidy- money provided by the government to help pay the rent)
Be it resolved that public assistance benefits be increased to a level where people receiving money from the government will spend 30% of their income to obtain their housing.

Civil rights: **Voting**

Issue: Currently over 9,000 people are homeless in Minnesota and thousands more are living doubled up in Minnesota. They may find it difficult to vote, especially for reasons they have no control over.

Be it resolved that anyone who has knowledge of where a person is currently living may vouch (say they know the person and where they live for that person) to allow them to vote. Repeal the current vouching limit of 8 people.

Issue: Over 63,000 Minnesotans cannot vote because of a felony.

Be it resolved that all felons will have their voting rights automatically and immediately returned at the end of incarceration.

Education -

Issue: Fewer Minnesota schools are teaching life skills of budgeting, credit management, and landlord-tenant law. Our youth at risk of being taken advantage of without these life skills.

Be it resolved that all Minnesota public, private and charter schools will require that all their students complete a life skills course before they may graduate.

Tenant rights

Issue: Due to the lack of data safeguards, regulations, and oversight of present private data companies, many people are permanently harmed by the information in data systems in accessing housing and jobs.

Be it Resolved: that the state will require that all businesses including landlords and lenders operating in Minnesota utilize a Minnesota-run background check system that includes outcomes on eviction notices (whether the landlord or the tenant won the case), drops off records after three years, and allows tenants and potential homeowners to obtain a copy and the right to immediately appeal any errors on the record. Tenants and potential homeowners will be allowed to buy a copy for $25 and bring that copy to any prospective landlords and lenders.