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AFSCME Endorses Jacob Frey for Minneapolis Mayor

Today, one of the state's largest and most politically active unions – AFSCME Council 5 – announced its endorsement of Jacob Frey for Minneapolis mayor.

“AFSCME members work very hard for the people of Minneapolis to make it a great place to live and work,” says Sarah Maxwell, president of AFSCME Local 9. “We believe Jacob Frey has the energy and vision to guide Minneapolis into being a safe and vibrant place for both the workers and residents of our great city.”

The union's endorsement followed a forum held March 11 with four mayoral candidates: Mayor Betsy Hodges, Ward 3 City Council member Jacob Frey, state Rep. Raymond Dehn, and Tom Hoch. Candidates Aswar Rahman and Nekima Levy-Pounds were invited but did not participate.

AFSCME has also endorsed seven candidates for Minneapolis City Council, including Jillia Pessenda (Ward 1), Cam Gordon (Ward 2), Barb Johnson (Ward 4), Blong Yang (Ward 5), Lisa Goodman (Ward 7), Andrea Jenkins (Ward 8), and Linea Palmisano (Ward 13).

In the coming weeks, AFSCME will schedule screenings for the remaining Minneapolis Wards, the Board of Estimate and Taxation, and the Minneapolis Park Board.

AFSCME represents 800 workers employed by the City of Minneapolis and 4,200 workers who can vote in the 2017 mayor's race. The union will communicate its endorsements to influence Minneapolis DFL Precinct Caucuses on April 4.

AFSCME Council 5 is a union of 43,000 workers who advocate for excellence in services for the public, dignity in the workplace, and opportunity and prosperity for all working families.

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