

Dear Council Member Jalali,
My name is Ginny DeLuca, I live in ward 4 and I'm a leader with ISAI AH.

Every St Paul resident, whether you're Black or white, indigenous or newcomer deserves to be treated with dignity. Having secure, safe, affordable housing would help create a better city for us all. Access to deeply affordable housing and housing assistance, so that people can stay in their homes, will go a long way to making sure dignity in housing happens. I'm happy for low income homeowner support programs to be funded. Residents can feel like the city doesn't care about the rise in housing costs. It's not always easy to understand how to fill out forms like property tax refunds and guidance on how to fill out forms needed, people need support. Please continue this critical support.

It's also important that the City of St Paul increase its commitment to respond to our ongoing housing crisis, including connecting people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to support, services, and resources, supporting affordable and deeply affordable housing, and ensuring residents can secure stable, accessible, and fair housing at all ends of the continuum. A few years ago my neighbor offered assistance to a woman living in her car with a toddler on our block. We searched city sites and tried to send her to the correct place for help. It was challenging. These services need to be easy to access and fully funded. Let's use the money from the Federal American Rescue Dollars to support key housing strategies.

Thank you for your support of these services.
Thank you for your public service.

Ginny DeLuca