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Seat Details

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Term Start: 01/01/2025

Term End: 12/31/2026

Describe your education and training, employment history, and volunteer work related to this position. Include applicable experience with civic, professional, or volunteer organizations and other city boards and commissions, including any awards or special recognition:

I am deeply committed to advancing racial equity and driving systemic change that centers on equity. As the Director of Public Policy and Field Building at the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD), I oversee local public policy and advocacy initiatives that promote community wealth building, expand access to affordable housing, and advocate for resources to ensure housing affordability and accessibility.

Beyond my role at MCCD, I founded Ubuntu, a platform that highlights emerging issues affecting the global Black diaspora, and Synergy, a consulting business focused on supporting BIPOC and immigrant nonprofits and small businesses. I have strong connections within the Black and Muslim social justice communities in the Twin Cities, where I actively engage in advocacy and change-making efforts.

Additionally, I serve on the boards of the Center for Victims of Torture, the Twin Cities Media Alliance, and the Alliance for Metropolitan Stability. Through my work and activism, I aim to elevate issues of equity, inclusion, and accessibility in all areas of civic engagement.

I hold a Master of Public Policy degree with a focus on Human Rights from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs and a bachelor's degree in Anthropology and Women and Gender Studies from Luther College. My education has been foundational in shaping my approach to policy, advocacy, and social justice work.