

MICAH Saint Paul Chapter 2022 Legislative Breakfast



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Welcome to the MICAH St. Paul Chapter 2022 Legislative Breakfast

Greeting – Elaine Tarone,
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

*Please mute your mike during the regular
sessions of the meeting.*



THANK YOU – Legislators and officials who have said they would be with us today

St. Paul City Council: Nelsie Yang, Mitra Jalali, Rebecca Noecker, Chris Tolbert

Ramsey County Attorney John Choi

Ramsey County Commissioners: Toni Carter, Trista MatasCastillo, Jim McDonough,
Victoria Reinhardt

State Representatives and Senators: Aisha Gomez, Alice Hausman, Kaohly Her,
Athena Hollins, John Marty, Rena Moran, Erin Murphy, Sandy Pappas, Dave Pinto,
John Thompson, Jay Xiong

Met Council: Kris Fredson, Susan Vento

Ben Ellgen and Yemi Fadahunsi for US Senator Tina Smith,
Mai Chong Xiong for Dai Thao, Adam Yust for Chris Tolbert
Ken Iosso for Rafael Ortega



Faith Reflection

Pastor Hans Jorgenson
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, ELCA

MICAH and today's focus

Elaine Eyre
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church



Evidence of systemic racism

Current Racial Disparities in the Twin Cities

2020 Median Family Income in Twin Cities – Black Families \$38,000, White Families \$84,500

Black poverty rate in Twin Cities 25% White poverty rate in Twin Cities 6%

Rank of homeownership gap between black and white 3rd worst in county

Rank of income inequality between black and white 2nd worst after District of Columbia

Rank in disparities of high school graduation rates 2019 worst in country

Life expectancy in Minneapolis/St. Paul White 81 years, Black 74 years, Indigenous 61 years

Infants in Minnesota 3.8 white babies die per 1,000 live births; 10.5 indigenous babies die per 1,000 live births; 9 black babies die per 1,000 live births.

Black women in the U.S. are 3-4 times more likely to die during or after childbirth than white women.

Sources: Planet Money, June 2, 2020 also Center for Antiracism Research for Health Equity at the Univ. of MN



Personal Testimony: Renting with a Record

Junail Freeman Anderson

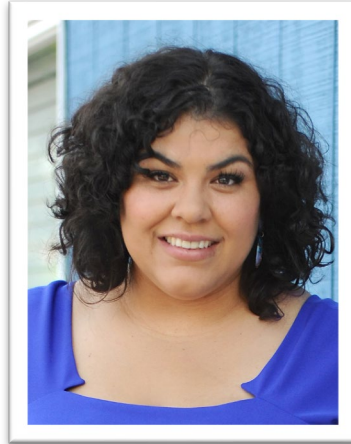
Founder, Freedom From The Streets/No More Streets

MICAHA board member



Renting with a record – what can be done?

State Representative
Athena Hollins



Ramsey County
Attorney John Choi



St. Paul City Councilmember
Mitra Jalali



St. Paul City Councilmembers:

What are you doing to bring back tenant protections, especially tenant screening reforms in 2022?

Slade – repeat back



Ramsey County Commissioners

What are you doing at the county level to make renting more racially just and equitable?

Slade – repeat back



State Legislators

Also US Sen Smith's aide Ben Ellgen

What are you doing at the state level to make renting more racially just and equitable?

Slade – repeat back





Homes for All




2022 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Policy Priorities

Equitable Access & Fair Treatment

-  Lead Safe Homes Bill
-  Require landlords accept Section 8



Build More Homes & Shelters

-  State match for local housing trust funds
-  Shelter capital projects
-  Focus on deeply affordable Housing (30% median & below)

Housing Stability and Anti-Displacement

-  Bring it Home Campaign



Preserving More Homes

-  Support Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing
-  Bonds for public housing

Homeownership for Wealth-Building

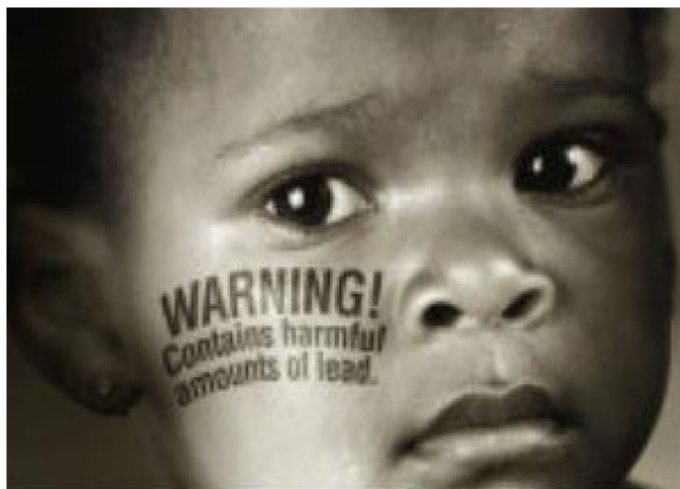
-  Manufactured Home Park Opportunity to Purchase

Protecting Rights and Advancing Equity

-  Shelter Residents Bill of Rights
-  Eviction Reforms



Lead exposure is dangerous for young children and can cause permanent brain damage.



- 🏠 In Minnesota, an average of 700 children are poisoned by lead each year.
- 🏠 It costs \$2,500/unit to make a unit LEAD SAFE from lead paint hazards.
- 🏠 A child disabled by lead poisoning may utilize \$100,000 per year for the rest of their life in State, Federal, and Medicaid benefits.
- 🏠 This bill allocates \$1 million/year to ensure more lead-safe homes in urban and rural areas.

**Will you support the Lead Safe Homes bill?
HF 616/ SF1077**



Messages:

"Please support and hold a hearing on the Lead Safe Homes Bill."

Senator Rich Draheim

Chair, Housing Finance and Policy

651-296-5558

E-mail: sen.rich.draheim@senate.mn

Rep. Hausman

Chair Housing Finance and Policy Comm.

651-296-3824

E-mail: rep.alice.hausman@house.mn

"Please use the Minnesota budget surplus and American Rescue Plan dollars to increase affordable housing opportunities."

Senator Jeremy R. Miller

Majority Leader

651-296-5649

E-mail: sen.jeremy.miller@senate.mn

Rep. Melissa Hortman

Speaker of the House

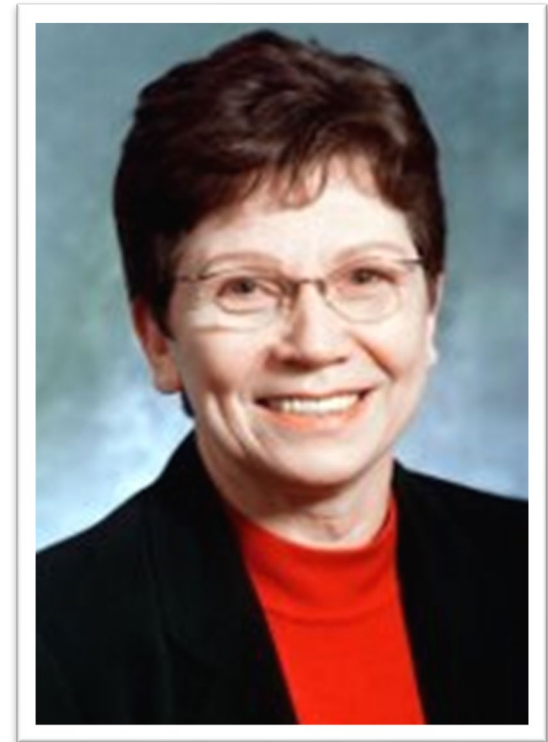
651-296-4280

E-mail: rep.melissa.hortman@house.mn



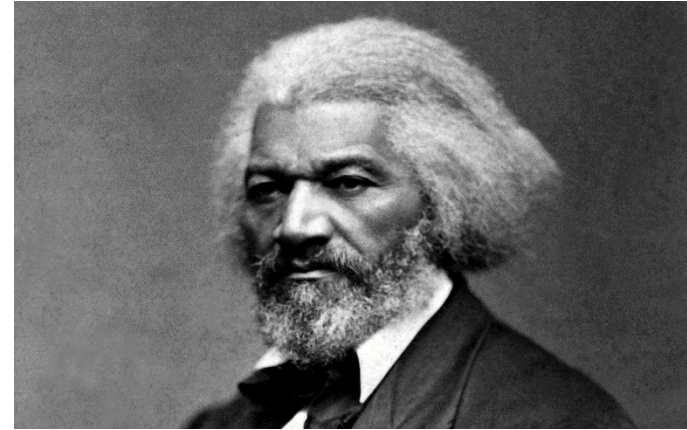
Alice Hausman MICAH Lifetime Achievement Award

Presented by Elaine Tarone,
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church



Faith in Action

The great orator, Frederick Douglass, told us this – **“Power concedes nothing without a demand.”**



We must demand all our systems and organizations do what is needed to guarantee everyone, without exception, a safe, decent, accessible, and affordable home.

Closing - John Slade, MICAH East Metro Organizer



Opportunities for Change:

Feb 2nd, 12-1:30 Homes for All Annual Launch; the Crisis Stops Here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/homes-for-all-annual-launch-the-crisis-stops-here-registration-244684747667>

MICAH Legislative/Policy Breakfasts/Lunch

Friday, January 28 - NorthEast Chapter 8AM-9:30AM
(Ramsey & Washington Counties)

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrce6spz0vH9Hb0igN_HIUIpd8gIglzagg

Friday, February 4 - Anoka County Chapter 8AM-9:30AM

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlvcOCprTgsGtLE_dVT9b0j-OA_Rn82H1Vc

Monday February 7 - Minneapolis Chapter at 1:30PM Lunch

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81916852388>

Friday, February 11 - Dakota County (South) Chapter 8AM-9:30AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMocemprDsvE9GAbcevYUx3GGFi1Z-Aggze>

Friday, February 18 - Housing for All Chapter (Hennepin County) 8AM-9:30AM











<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwscOqvrDktGdA7X4yGWqFEzTuNWhZOYIB>

JRLC 'Day on the Hill' (MICAH co-sponsor) - Tuesday, March 15 from 6:30 - 8:45 PM

Registration details on this day and preparatory workshops at <https://jrlc.org/2022-day-on-the-hill>



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-  Minnesota Foundation
-  The Alliance
-  Opportunity Starts at Home MN
-  Sands Corporation
-  Reuter Walton Equitable Development Partnership
-  Ramsey County Voter Registration

