





Voters Guide 2010

WEST SAINT PAUL MAYOR

Candidate (* denotes incumbent)	Where is the greatest opportunity for cost savings within the city's budget?	What is the biggest challenge facing the community's economic growth?	How can city government better represent the city's minority populations?
Mary Jane Duchene			
 <p>Mary Jane Duchene, 63, is single. She is self-employed and the owner of OpusArts LLC and the founder of Diabetics / Disabled Anonymous. She attended the Minneapolis College of Art and Design and the Minnesota School of business and has bachelor's degrees in fine art and computer science. She also had legal education in London at the Honorable Society of Grays Inn.</p>	<p>Continuing to spend big on city litigation as "the solution" for Quality Housing is a mistake economically and also creates a hostile environment for citizens. The alternative of creating a multi-purpose city charitable foundation: 1. would offer citizens / business tax relief for contributions 2. is a better, constructive use of public funds, to assist those who genuinely cannot maintain their homes, do so 3. allow expansion of education, art and culture.</p>	<p>The city is older and has blighted and dead business areas, like Signal Hills. The approach to business has been somewhat narrow and habitual, but to grow in changing times, new ideas need to be developed. The answer is creating more vital and creative environment in the city that business is attracted to, and involving very small, and medium sized business, not exclusively large business or franchises.</p>	<p>The city must stop enabling civil rights violations, such as the scandal with the Metro Strike Force, as minorities are the first to be victims of these violations. A salaried prosecutor with a commitment to civil rights would be a blessing. Better use of resources, including parks and recreation, and more, to enable creative, developmental and educational opportunities within the city.</p>
John Zannmiller*			
 <p>John Zannmiller, 43, is married to Laura and they have two young children and one grown child. He has been mayor of West St. Paul for the past four years. Zannmiller is employed at Hennepin County Corrections as a career probation/parole officer. He has a bachelor's degree from St. Cloud State University in sociology.</p>	<p>Deferred capital replacement and avoiding new debt. But that's only a short term solution. Regional cooperation on service delivery is the biggest long term solution we have.</p>	<p>Nationally it's the economy in general. But when you look locally it the lack of open space for development. Since we were virtually fully developed, we need to clear property to entice development. Developers want the clear land to build on, so were forced to entice them by absorbing the cost.</p>	<p>By being accessible, thoughtful, and responsive. Accessible means open to voices and concerns. Thoughtful means taking a hard look at the problem and solutions. Responsive means having the courage to put words, thoughts, and deeds into action.</p>

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