

Saint Paul City DFL – 2009 Resolutions Results

Resolutions require a 60% affirmative vote for passage. The highlighted resolutions are those that did not reach that threshold.

	Votes For	%
<u>BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</u>		
1. Be it resolved that: The City of St. Paul and its residents will access and develop the properties of vacant homes, absentee landlords and apartment buildings to improve and develop the community.	200	70%
2. Be it resolved that: The City of St. Paul support the efforts of the Auto Workers of Minnesota to convert Ford Rangers into electric vehicles and keeping people employed at the Ford Plant. Be it further resolved that: The City of St. Paul and the St. Paul School District set a goal of having an electric automobile fleet of 25%. Be it further resolved that: These government entities give higher priority to Minnesota-made electric vehicles.	236	83%
3. Be it resolved that: The City of St. Paul reexamine the cost/benefit of Holman Field (downtown St. Paul airport) with attention to issues of noise.	139	49%
4. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul DFL urge its elected city officials to explore and consider a natural swimming pool as an option to replace the Como Pool.	140	49%
5. Be it resolved that: The City of St. Paul limit any non-environmentally conscientious expansion of the Como pool and cease the production of any future parking structures on the park grounds.	148	52%
6. Be it resolved that: The City of St. Paul take a stand against the proliferation of digital billboards by refusing to allow any new boards in trade for removing older traditional boards.	213	75%
7. Be it resolved that: The City of St. Paul prevent the construction of digital billboards in the city.	199	70%
8. Be it resolved that: The City of St. Paul hold the billboard industry to maintenance standards similar to standards required of all other businesses that operate in this city.	239	84%
9. Be it resolved that: The City of St. Paul's public libraries' funding should be maintained or increased such that current service levels can be maintained or expanded.	221	78%
10. Be it resolved that: The City of St. Paul should adamantly encourage and promote participation in community arts ensembles and organizations.	201	71%
<u>CIVIL, HUMAN & CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS</u>		
1. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul DFL expresses profound disapproval at the suppression of legitimate political dissent which occurred during the Republican National Convention in September.	195	68%
2. Be it resolved that: We, the St. Paul DFL, call on Mayor Chris Coleman to convene a city-wide discussion on the importance of first amendment rights of free speech and free assembly.	169	59%
3. Be it resolved that: We, the St. Paul DFL, insist that Chris Coleman, Mayor of Saint Paul, immediately order the removal of the surveillance cameras installed before the Republican National Convention, which were provided through a grant by the Department of Homeland Security, from the public realm of this city.	126	44%
4. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul DFL endorse the creation of a domestic partner registry in the City of St. Paul and the addition of an equal benefits ordinance, requiring city contractors to offer equal benefits to same-sex partners of contractor employees as to spouses of employees.	197	69%
<u>EDUCATION</u>		

1. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul Board of Education ask the unions representing employees of the Board of Education to suggest ways to save money. Be it further resolved that: the Board of Education freeze salaries of all employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements as a sign of good faith.	165	58%
2. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul School District consider opening a technical high school.	184	65%
3. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul DFL strongly urge increased state funding for K - 12 education along with early childhood and adult education.	237	83%
4. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul Board of Education provide more funding and programs for the City of St. Paul schools to improve education and prepare our youth for college or employment.	215	75%
5. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul School District adopt physical and educational standards that align with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommendations for children.	202	71%
6. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul DFL support the Early Childhood and Family Education program, and specifically keep the class for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender families.	206	72%
7. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul School Board require the Superintendent to fully involve teachers, students, and staff in implementing the curriculum and organizational changes she is developing.	206	72%

ENERGY

1. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul DFL support construction of all new buildings for the City of St. Paul to maximize energy efficiency. Be it further resolved: that all existing buildings owned by the City of St. Paul be retrofitted, as far as practicable, to maximize energy efficiency.	237	83%
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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE PUBLIC

1. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul DFL call for a broader-based and more objective investigation into law enforcement responses to public protests at the 2008 Republican National Convention.	157	55%
2. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul Mayor and City Council shall convene a commission consisting of community members as well as political leaders to conduct a full and complete review of the use of force at the Republican National Convention, and issue a report regarding its findings and recommendations.	146	51%
3. Be it resolved that: The City of St. Paul City Council be restructured from a ward structure to city council members at-large.	38	13%
4. Be it resolved that: The City of St. Paul enforce the ordinances requiring people to shovel their damn sidewalks.	172	60%
5. Be it resolved that: All future taxpayer dollars going to corporations will have their use dictated by Congress	112	39%
6. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul DFL insist that the City council and Mayoral elections be held in staggered cycles	95	33%
7. Be it resolved that: The City of St. Paul will create a citizens' review board to screen all proposed private-public partnerships and to mediate disputes arising between citizens and the private partners.	150	53%
8. Be it resolved that: When the City of St. Paul initiates Permit Parking for a neighborhood, the process should be open and transparent and include input from the neighborhood.	232	81%

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

1. Be it resolved that: On adoption of this resolution, the executive officers of the St. Paul DFL will communicate through press releases (as well as direct communication) the following statement: The St. Paul DFL urges U.S. Representative Betty McCollum to co-sponsor HR 676, the US National Health Insurance Plan. Be it further resolved that: Rep. McCollum and all other DFL elected officials should use every opportunity to advance the passage of this bill into law in the 111th Congress.	193	68%
2. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul DFL endorse the Minnesota Health Plan (SF 118/HF 135) to achieve significant savings while providing truly universal health care.	196	69%
3. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul DFL should support single-payer universal health care system.	209	73%

4. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul DFL work to close the disparities affecting minority elders in the health care systems. Be it further resolved that: The St. Paul DFL work to enhance and evaluate the cost effectiveness of existing programming for elders. Be it further resolved that: The St. Paul DFL work to improve protections for the vulnerable and elderly against exploitation (financial abuse, including nursing homes). Be it further resolved: The St. Paul DFL work to make available opportunities for mental health, employment and life-long learning.	206	72%
5. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul DFL support uniform regulation of body piercing and tattooing with an eye toward increasing safe practice standards. Be it further resolved that: The St. Paul DFL support that tattooing be limited solely to those individuals 18 years of age and above.	162	57%

LABOR & EMPLOYMENT

1. Be it resolved that: The City of St. Paul make every effort to avoid losing the talent of city employees due to layoffs by instead resorting to reduced working hours and tax increases.	188	66%
2. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul DFL and the elected leaders of St. Paul work to maximize the creation of American jobs and restoring economic growth and opportunity by spending economic recovery plan funds on products and services that both create jobs and help keep Americans employed. Be it further resolved that: The St. Paul DFL and the elected leaders of St. Paul commit to purchasing only products and services that are made or performed in the United States of America whenever and wherever possible with any economic recovery monies provided to the City of St. Paul by the American taxpayers. Be it further resolved that: The elected leaders of St. Paul commit to publish any requests to waive these procurement priorities so as to give American workers and producers the opportunity to identify and provide the American products and services that will maximize the success of our nation's economic recovery program.	180	63%
3. Be it resolved that: The DFL Party reaffirm its support of public employees.	208	73%
4. Be it resolved that: All DFL candidates are clearly aware of the "L" in DFL. Be it further resolved that: The DFL communicate to the City of St. Paul that cutting labor to fix budget problems is unacceptable.	163	57%
5. Be it resolved that: If the City of St. Paul has to layoff or reduce its workforce, managers and supervisors should be reduced or laid off first.	123	43%

NATURAL RESOURCES & THE ENVIRONMENT

1. Be it resolved that: The City of St. Paul limit idling of vehicles as in Minneapolis.	195	68%
2. Be it resolved that: Landowners shall be required by state law to apply to the Local Government Unit and receive approval of all exemptions before conducting exempt activity in wetlands.	207	73%
3. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul DFL recommend that the City of St. Paul reduce its waste sent either to garbage incinerators or to landfills by at least 2% a year through waste reduction, reuse, recycling and organic digesting/composting.	230	81%
4. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul DFL recommend that no garbage-burning facilities ever be built in the city of St. Paul. Be it further resolved that: The City of St. Paul works rapidly towards ending its reliance on the energy created by incineration in the City of St. Paul and from the incineration of garbage from plants outside of St. Paul by the end of 2012.	136	48%
5. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul DFL urge the St. Paul City Council to encourage District Councils to hold workshops helping block leaders to consolidate garbage collection on their blocks.	200	70%
6. Be it resolved that: The St. Paul DFL Party will support and advocate for new directions in environmental policy and practices	181	64%
7. Be it resolved that: The City of St. Paul ensure the protection of designated shared green spaces.	224	79%
8. Be it resolved that: The City of St. Paul investigate odors, possibly petrochemical, in the area of MN 280, and that appropriate action be taken.	186	65%
9. Be it resolved that: St. Paul's share of economic stimulus money dedicated to transportation be directed to projects that reduce our carbon footprint.	202	71%

PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIME PREVENTION

Be it resolved that: The City of St. Paul continue to provide adequate police, fire, and code enforcement to maintain healthy neighborhoods and keep deterioration at bay. 232 81%

TAX & BUDGET POLICY

1. **Be it resolved that:** The St. Paul DFL support Sen. Mee Moua's and Rep. Sheldon Johnson's legislation to return commercial property at Holman Field to the tax rolls. 219 77%

2. **Be it resolved that:** If reductions are made in the budget of the St. Paul Public Library, the St. Paul DFL places priority on reducing hours at library locations over closing any library location. 205 72%

3. **Be it resolved that:** The City of St. Paul should keep as many of our public libraries, parks, and recreation centers open for as many hours as possible. 234 82%

4. **Be it resolved that:** The St. Paul DFL urges the Minnesota Legislature to limit reduction in Local Government Aid so that the aid reduction to St. Paul will be no more the \$10,000,000 in total for the 2009-2010 biennium. 196 69%

5. **Be it resolved that:** The St. Paul DFL endorse the mission of the Minnesota Legislative Commission to End Poverty by 2020. 198 69%

6. **Be it resolved that:** The City of St. Paul go on record applauding President Obama's stimulus bill. 151 53%

TRANSPORTATION

1. **Be it resolved that:** The City of St. Paul reinstate the stations, which were part of the original light rail plan, and located in low-income neighborhoods. 181 64%

2. **Be it resolved that:** The City of St. Paul add the missing light rail stations at Hamline, Victoria and Western by the time the Central Corridor light rail is completed. **Be it further resolved that:** The City of St. Paul add an additional light rail station at either Cleveland or Cretin. 179 63%

3. **Be it resolved that:** No further construction is done or funds appropriated for Ayd Mill Road until a supplemental EIS is completed. 148 52%