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Twin Cities excitingly finds itself at the crest of convergent streams of energies and ideas, histories and interests, and, visions and cultures all finding voice in next week's general elections. The November 5th election emerges in the public mind of our communities like a precarious precipice challenging those who would lead us, and the citizenry as a whole, to fiercely leap forward into a world and community that we must simultaneously envision and actualize.

*Insight* endorses candidates that we feel are uniquely equipped for the challenges. They are game changers. They are proven leaders in their professions and communities. They are progressive visionaries who welcome the daunting problems of creating livable communities. These are women and men who witness and celebrate the power of civic engagement. They commit themselves to bringing all of us to the table of decision, acknowledging, defending, engaging and growing the power of the people.

*Insight News* endorses former City Council President, Jackie Cherryhomes for Minneapolis Mayor. With Ranked Choice Voting a new element in the process, *Insight News* ranks former Hennepin County Commissioner Mark Andrew as a second-choice for voters.

*Insight News* endorses incumbent Chris Coleman for Mayor of St. Paul.

*Insight News* endorses Brett Buckner for the Minneapolis City Council Ward 5 seat. Buckner has deep North Minneapolis roots and a lifelong history of advocacy on behalf of his Northside neighbors. He represents his generation and the youth of our community while remembering and building on the legacy of human rights and civil rights leadership North Minneapolis has consistently produced.

*Insight News* endorses Abdi Warsame, the powerhouse community organizer, businessman, and housing advocate for Minneapolis City Council Ward 6. Abdi Warsame, a masterful strategist and tactician, is delivering the power of the ballot box to both Phillips community Somali immigrants and to voters whose roots in the ward are multi-generational. His campaign ignited excitement and cultural activism which illuminates the prospect of shared gain and

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benefit through business, education, housing, and health for the community that is home to the Vikings Stadium, the largest development deal in Minneapolis history.

Though she runs unopposed, we endorse incumbent Elizabeth Glidden for Ward 8, as a nod to her effective leadership and support of Black community interests in South Minneapolis and in the city.

In St. Paul Ward 1 City Council election, we endorse Noel Nix, who received support of the DFL African American Caucus because of his commitment to ensure the authority of the St. Paul Human Rights department, and for his work to eliminate the education achievement gap and to address transportation disparities.

*Insight News* endorses Mohamud Noor for the Minneapolis School Board seat held by the late political and business pioneer, Hussein Samatar.

*Insight News* endorses Ismael Israel for Minneapolis Park Board.

We endorse Ruthie Dallas for the City of Brooklyn Center School Board.