

# Gillian Rosenquist

**Candidate for:** Golden Valley City Council

**How long have you lived in your community?**

19 years

**Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign**

Sen Ron Latz; Rep. Ryan Winkler; Mayor Shep Harris of Golden Valley; Mayor Kathi Hemken of New Hope

**What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?**

High cost of land; fully-developed community lacking open options for housing development; residual effects of covenants and red-lining; quickly increasing value of even modest homes; lack of options for down-sizing seniors

**The Twin Cities Metro is facing a housing shortage unlike any we have experienced in recent history. What will you do to increase the number of homes available to residents of your community?**

We've added row houses to our R-2 districts and are looking at developing returned MNDOT parcels. Discussing ADUs for certain districts now.

**REALTORS® hold Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as core values. Please describe how you view the importance of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in your role as an elected official.**

We hired a D&I Manager to staff and are doing comprehensive work across the city. I am working to be more intentional and innovative with outreach, listen and learn and let our community have more of a role in the changes of our systems.

**Minnesota has one of the largest homeownership gaps between Whites and Blacks, Indigenous, and People of Color. This is one of MAR's primary concerns. What would you propose at the local level to close this homeownership gap?**

Looking at different ownership options beyond the large-lot single-family homes like row houses is one way.

**How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?**

Pro-active relationship building and education of rights and laws is preventative work. We have a new Housing and Economic Development Manager who is going to be working on that. Our website should have easily accessible information for both. We have a STAR program that helps educate property owners and managers on the laws in our community and best practices so that our city staff can partner with them to keep buildings safe and healthy for all. Also, we recently changed our ordinances so that landlords do not have to take punitive actions against tenant guests re: disorderly conduct.

**What are your views on property tax rates in your community? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?**

Golden Valley has a higher tax burden but we believe that translates to high levels and quality of services and facilities. I do and have argued for the lowest increases possible but recognize that investing in staff like a Housing Manager is money well spent.

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