

Mayor Chris Coleman

Saint Paul's residents have an inherent appreciation and love for our home. It comes from our culturally diverse and historic neighborhoods, beautiful parks, vibrant libraries and recreation centers, and thriving arts and culture—assets that define the livability for all residents.

Through recent years and work, we've improved our livability with access to quality educational opportunities, safe streets, economic opportunity, and sound stewardship. We've reclaimed the Mississippi River as the lifeblood of the City. We've created an energetic, growing Downtown neighborhood and positioned our urban center to power the fortunes of the region. We're investing in our neighborhoods, preserving the texture and culture and strengthening them with stable homes and business. We are opening doors for our children to succeed in Saint Paul's future.

We will be a national leader for education, safe streets, a thriving economy, and quality living. These are the goals of Mayor Chris Coleman's administration. With them, we will build the assets that make Saint Paul the Most Livable City in America.



Ready for School, Ready for Life

Saint Paul will strive to eliminate the achievement gap by ensuring that learning opportunities are accessible for all and quality-driven.



- *Expand Early Childhood Learning*—Improve access to quality providers; provide parents tools to prepare their children for learning; set children on a course for success in school
- *Enhance Second Shift Initiative*—Extend learning opportunities outside of the classroom and connect formal and informal opportunities throughout the community; increase graduation rates for children from different races and economic classes.
- *Open Doorways to Higher Education*—Better inform and prepare high school students for post-secondary educational opportunities; increase the percentage of students taking the ACT and the number of Saint Paul residents graduating with 2- or 4-year degrees

Safe Streets, Safe Homes

Families will feel secure on our sidewalks and in our homes as a result of our strong sense of community and confidence in our world-class public safety system.

- *Begin with Prevention*—Engage youth with quality recreational, educational, and youth organizing activities; address areas of disinvestment with revitalization; create strong community partnerships
- *Build World-Class Police Department*—Create the largest police department in City's history to serve a growing, diverse population; provide department the tools needed to confidently serve residents; target quality-of-life and domestic violence issues
- *Invest in 21st Century Fire Department*—Build department to respond to changing needs of City; provide personnel with state-of-the-art equipment and facilities to respond to emergencies
- *Elevate Emergency Management*—Create department to leverage resources and knowledge that will prepare City to respond to multi-faceted crises



Expanding Economic Opportunity

We will build our economic future on the foundation of the City's strengths – a well-educated and creative workforce, sound infrastructure, and local businesses rich with growth potential.

- *Build Central Corridor* – Create the East Metro's first light rail line and leverage \$1 billion in development; build the spine of a multi-modal transportation system linking the Saint Paul-Minneapolis to northern Minnesota, Wisconsin, and the economic centers of the Midwest; restore Union Depot to vital regional transportation hub
- *Bring New Development to Downtown* – Build the Penfield, Saint Paul's first major development in a decade; aggressively pursue commercial development on the site of West Publishing and county jail; extend the Minnesota Event District into Cleveland Circle; enhance amenities for downtown's growing residential population
- *Revitalize Neighborhoods* – Through Invest Saint Paul, stimulate growth by making strategic investments in neighborhoods of greatest disinvestment while coordinating and enhancing other services to these communities
- *Grow Green Economy* – Leverage resources and market for sustainable, environmentally friendly products to build new manufacturing economy with living-wage jobs; improve building performance and promote green building projects



Quality Way of Life

Saint Paul will set high standards for healthy urban living through civic leadership, quality assets, sound environmental stewardship, and a welcoming, diverse population.



- *Promote Strategic Capital Investment* – Improve, expand, and maintain our parks, libraries, and facilities that benefit the neighborhoods they serve
- *Improve Saint Paul's Streetscape* – Implement a public art policy to integrate into our public and private infrastructure
- *Lead in Sustainable, Urban Living* – Focus development on a more natural, urban, and connected city through an expanded system of parks, green spaces, bikeways, and trails; create the National Great River Park; take proactive steps to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and encourage clean energy production, waste reduction, and water quality improvement
- *Grow the Soul of Saint Paul* – Enhance the Minnesota Event District to attract regional and national events; make downtown a music, culture, and creative arts capital; amplify the City's creative and ethnic voices that bring identity to Saint Paul

This Vision – and goals and strategies for realizing it – is our legacy as residents and public servants of this great City. Working hand-in-hand and focusing on our common values will turn these shared hopes and plans into expectations. Only through high expectations will we affirm Saint Paul's well-deserved status as the Most Livable City in America.

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