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553 Deer Ridge Lane South
Maplewood, MN 55119
County of Ramsey
Congressional District 4

President of the Senate

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed and commissioned you to have and to hold the office of:

DISTRICT 11 REPRESENTATIVE

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

Effective: March 4, 2019

Term Expires: January 2, 2023

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, March 4, 2019.



Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

Secretary of State

Replacing: Sandy Rummel

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SECRETARY OF STATE STEVE SIMON**

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Application for the position District 11 Rep.

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Metropolitan Council

Position: District 11 Rep.

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Susan Vento

Phone: (651) 491-8139

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County: Ramsey

Felony Conviction: No

Mn House District: 53A

US House District: 4

Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False



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Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

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Cover Letter	application/vnd.openxmlformats-officedocument.wordprocessingml.document	
Resume	application/vnd.openxmlformats-officedocument.wordprocessingml.document	

Additional Documents (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt)

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Part IV: Optional Statistical Information

Race and Natural Origin: White or Caucasian

Political Party: Democratic-Farm-Labor

Age: 64

Gender: Female

Disability: No

Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin: No

Part V: Signature

Signature: Susan L. Vento

Date: 1/9/2019 4:05:15 PM

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January 8, 2019

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Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan
Minnesota State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

President of the Senate

Dear Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan:

You and your strong, unifying One Minnesota message have motivated me to seek a way to be part of the administration in some way. As a result, I am applying for the position of District 11 Representative on the Metropolitan Council.

I was raised and educated in small Minnesota communities and taught in west central Minnesota, and I have lived in the east metro area since 1984. Strong communities in the metro region as well as throughout Minnesota are keys to a vibrant future for all Minnesotans. The Met Council plays a crucial role in ensuring thoughtful, collaborative innovation for both this region and the State.

I would bring to this position extensive experience from my careers with the Minnesota Education Association and Education Minnesota, my work with the Church of the Assumption, and an active commitment to nonprofits that focus on improving quality of life for all Minnesotans, and various roles as an active citizen.

My resume provides a brief recap of my education, work history and community involvement. I am happy to provide more information as requested.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my application.

Sincerely,

Susan Vento
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Education

College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN, Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education.

Harvard Trade Union Program, Cambridge, MA, 2004. Six-week program for union representatives. Curriculum included strategic planning, labor history, economics, legal issues, and case studies with faculty from Harvard, U-Mass, and Northeastern University.

Professional Experience

Church of the Assumption, St. Paul, 2011-2016. Director of Outreach, working with advocates for the homeless and those in need, working with parish volunteers, creating and coordinating grief support for parishioners, and representing the parish within in the community.

Minnesota Education Association / Education Minnesota, 1983-2010.

- Field Representative, 2005-2010. Worked with locals in the east metro area, advising on leadership and organizational development, contract negotiations, member rights, and political action.
- Field Representative, 1996-2005. Worked with locals in the west metro area, advising on leadership and organizational development, contract negotiations, member rights, and political action.
- Student Program Coordinator, 1989-2000. Coordinated MEA's/Education Minnesota's student program for college and university students in their preparation to become educators, including numerous presentations to college and university classes and student chapters.
- Field Representative, 1983-1984. Worked with 23 local associations in northwestern Minnesota, advising on leadership and organizational development, contract negotiations, member rights, and political action.
- Program Organizer, 1984-1989. Work included political organizing and lobbying on classroom issues, funding, and health insurance.
- Field representative, 1989-1996. Worked with Minnesota's technical college faculty and faculty employed in state residential settings, 1989-1996. Work included the move from local governance of technical colleges to the regional governance of numerous colleges and ultimately the merger of the technical and community colleges and state universities.

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- Trainer, 1983-2010. My career included extensive training opportunities as a trainee, trainer and training program development team member. Served as a member of several training teams for the National Education Association that focused on preparing new union staff for their careers.

Elementary Classroom Teacher, Jefferson Elementary School, Willmar, 1976-1983. Taught first graders and third graders, served on numerous school and district committees. Served two terms as president of the Willmar Education Association.

Community Engagement

Friends of the Mississippi River Board of Directors, 2011-present.

Currently serving as board chair, member of executive committee and development committee.

Mesothelioma volunteer advocate, 2001-present.

Lobbying on state and federal legislative proposals regarding asbestos and the legal rights of mesothelioma patients and their families. Engagement includes working with representatives of unions and veterans' organizations, testifying before congressional and legislative committees, speaking at organizational conferences, congressional staff briefings, and with media representatives.

Former board memberships:

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity (served as governance committee chair)

Friends of the St. Paul Library (served as chair of the advocacy committee)

Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation

National Park Trust

Neighborhood House (served as chair of the food shelf committee)

Carmen Pampa Fund (served as board chair)

Merrick Community Services

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Awards and Recognition

- Benedictine Service Award, College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph
- Eugene McCarthy Distinguished Public Service Award, Politics and Public Policy Alumnae Chapter, College of St. Benedict
- Michael J. Ehrlichmann Public Service Award, Minnesota Association for Justice
- Steven J. Sharp Award, American Association for Justice

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Statement of economic interest for a public official

Official: Vento, Susan

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Statement last updated: 3/19/2019

Occupation:

Employer:

Positions held

Agency	Position held	Appointment date	Appointment ends	Appointment authority
Metropolitan Council (/reports-and-data/officials-financial-disclosure/agency/4020000/)	Member - District 11	3/4/2019	1/2/2023	Governor

Sources of income

None reported

Business or professional activity categories

None reported

Securities

Name of security

Carey Watermark Investors

Real property

None reported

Pari-mutuel horse racing interests

None reported