



## **The Jewish Metropolitan Council**

### **Call for Council Member Nominations**

***Fall 2017***

The Jewish Federation of Greater St. Paul and the Minneapolis Jewish Federation are seeking community members to serve on the Jewish Metropolitan Council, a body created by Federations to help achieve greater collaboration and cooperation across the Twin Cities Jewish community.

#### **Background**

In the Spring of 2017, the boards of the Jewish Federation of Greater St. Paul and the Minneapolis Jewish Federation approved the creation of a Jewish Metropolitan Council.

The Council is being formed at the recommendation of a joint panel comprised of representatives appointed by each Federation, which was charged with researching the current state of community collaboration and to make recommendations regarding how to:

- Enhance the “community” aspect of Jewish life in the Twin Cities.
- Enhance the quality of community programming.
- Achieve greater economic efficiency.

Creation of the Council was one of the Panel’s recommendations. *[For the full panel report go to: <https://tinyurl.com/enhancedcooperationreport>].*

#### **Purpose of the Council**

The purpose of the Council is to promote and provide feedback and high level strategic vision regarding collaboration and greater integration between the Jewish communities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, to be an ambassador for promoting bi-city collaborative initiatives, and to serve as a vehicle to enhance communication and ongoing reporting between and among each Federation board and other communal agencies.

#### **Call for Nominations**

Five Council members, including a Co-Chair, will be appointed by the President of each Federation. The St. Paul Federation has named Jon Parritz, and the Minneapolis Federation has named Howie Millstein, as Co-Chairs of the Council. The Federations are seeking nominations, including self-nominations, for the 8 remaining Council positions. Nominations will be received until midnight, September 13, 2017. Online nominations accepted at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NominationMetCncl>

***If you're nominating someone else, please forward this link to that person and encourage them to apply.***



## **Ideal Council Members**

Council members should be community members with deep experience in Jewish community leadership (commensurate with their age who are passionate about and/or skilled at driving collaborative initiatives. We seek to form a group that reflects the diversity of our Twin Cities community in terms of age, gender, and type of communal involvement. We desire people who are open to new ideas and new ways of addressing communal issues.

We are interested in people with the following attributes:

1. The ability to be a strong advocate for a healthy, vibrant community
2. Knowledge of the landscape and charters of Jewish agencies which serve the Jewish community of Minnesota
3. A firm belief that collaboration is central to building community engagement
4. View themselves as connectors and community ambassadors

All council members will also possess the following characteristics:

- Able and willing to work cooperatively within a team to arrive at consensus
- Able and willing to focus on the needs of the community as a whole without preference for a specific agency
- Able to think creatively and to participate with a positive, optimistic demeanor
- Able and willing to make objective, informed decisions based on research, testimony, and review of written materials
- Commitment to serve the full term and to attend meetings

## **Time Commitment & Term Length**

The Council will determine its own schedule, and is expected to meet at least quarterly. Members are expected to be responsive to email and/or phone communication in-between meetings.

Council members will serve terms of up to three years, renewable once at the pleasure of each Federation president for an additional term of up to three years. (Note: in first establishing the Council, each Federation president will appoint two people to terms of three years, two people to terms of two years, and one person to a term of one year, in order to allow staggering of terms.)



### **Nomination Process**

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| 1. Submit Online Nomination Form   | By September 13, 2017 |
| 2. Nominations reviewed by Co-chairs   | By September 16, 2017 |
| 3. Recommendations for Council Members made to<br>Minneapolis & St. Paul Federation Presidents | By September 23, 2017 |
| 4. Members Selected and Announced  | By September 30, 2017 |

### **Questions?**

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