

*IGotzDaMastaPlan (Sam) is holding a campaign event, doubling as a rally and fundraiser, in the Twin Cities for a diverse crowd. IGotzDaMastaPlan emerges as the crowd cheers.*

“Man, thank you all for coming out today. Minneapolis and St. Paul are possibly two of the most beautiful cities I have ever been in. It reminds me of the reason we’re doing this, honestly. I took a walk along the riverbank earlier, witnessing the power of the Mississippi. It’s a mighty river. Beautiful. At first glance, you might think it divides our nation. It’s an easy assumption to make. There’s a lot of division in this country. I see something different when I look at it, though. I see water, rushing forward, ever forward. There are locks, and there are dams, but you can rest assured that the Mississippi’s waters will continue on. That’s how I see our nation, like a river, dammed, wanting to move forward. We have the chance to keep that dam open, that’s what we’re fighting for.”

“The most beautiful thing about these cities, though, isn’t the river that rushes through it. It’s all of you, the people here. The way you built up this city, this state, this nation. I see the Somali population and it reminds me of how important immigrants have been in the rise of the United States, how much immigrants have contributed to this community and the country as a whole. Nativism runs rampant in this country, and it seeks to destroy this way of life immigrants have found here. My campaign stands for immigrants, for the right of people to seek a home in the United States, to contribute to our society, and to seek refuge from war and ruin. I know that to survive the United States must integrate further with the global community, and welcome it.”

“Which, of course, reminds of the pain that the Midwest has suffered, the loss of its influence as manufacturing fades. When I look at Minneapolis, though, I don’t see that sort of loss. I see recovery. The Twin Cities took their own share of losses in the latter half of the 20th century, but they’ve found new progress in the service economy. Scores of companies are headquartered here, driving the economy of Minnesota and employing thousands and thousands. I see this as proof that the Midwest can transition and find its footing again, and people who feel their home state feels like a broken shell can see it whole again. We need to improve our retraining programs and education system in this nation, so that those without the human capital to do so now can thrive in sectors like finance, commerce, and healthcare. Minneapolis is proof the global economy can be the way forward, and I will do everything in my power to continue the growth of this region.”

*The rest of the event goes well, and much money is raised for the campaign. “Sam for Senate” merchandise is sold and distributed. Sam takes a picture with a person whose shirt says “KICK DDYT’S ASS OUT, GET THIS ASS IN!” It has a picture of the Democratic Party’s donkey logo with Sam’s head on it. Sam found this funny.*