

Last Update: 12/29/24

Timeline

June 2022

Thursday, June 2

Michael Rainville holds a meeting at the Barrel House in support of the Mill District Public Safety Project, an effort to support an MPD buyback program for the area.

Week of July 4th, 2022

Wednesday, July 6

A resident files an ethics complaint against Michael Rainville regarding the Barrel House meeting.

Friday, July 8

9-11 AM – Ward 3 City Council Member Michael Rainville makes racist and Islamophobic comments at an event at Kramarczuk's to discuss public safety efforts in the 3rd Ward

Comments reportedly include that Rainville is "going over to a mosque in northeast to meet with Somali elders and tell them their children can no longer have that kind of behavior." Loud applause is heard following the remarks. (Multiple audio and video recordings)

Comments also reportedly include that "95% of perpetrators are Muslim." (No audio recording known to be available)

9:22 AM – Rainville comments first reported by [Wedge Live](#)

11:35 AM – Board of Estimate and Taxation President Samantha Pree-Stinson issues [statement](#) condemning Rainville's comments

11:37 AM – Additional Rainville [comments](#) reported by Conrad Zbikowski

12:18 PM – Board of Estimate and Taxation President Samantha Pree-Stinson [announces](#) she will be filing an ethics complaint against CM Rainville

12:26 PM – Wedge Live shares [audio](#) of Rainville comments

12:41 PM - Board of Estimate and Taxation President Samantha Pree-Stinson confirms that CM Rainville will be at Dar Al-Qalam Islamic Center in Northeast at 1:30 PM

1:48 PM – CM Rainville is [photographed](#) leaving Dar Al-Qalam Islamic Center.

2:14 PM - Board of Estimate and Taxation President Samantha Pree-Stinson [confirms](#) with a friend who worships at the mosque that CM Rainville met with leaders at the mosque.

3:21 PM - Southwest Alliance for Equity issues a [statement](#) condemning CM Rainville's comments.

5:15 PM – The Minneapolis DFL issues a [statement](#) condemning CM Rainville's comments, calling for a public apology, and threatening to impose sanctions under the party's Code of Conduct policy. Statement is jointly signed by Chair Briana Rose Lee and Vice Chair Mike Norton.



"The Minneapolis DFL condemns in the strongest terms Council Member Michael Rainville's comments earlier today against our Muslim community. **Racism has no place in Minneapolis.** We stand in solidarity with our Muslim neighbors across Minneapolis and in elected office at all levels. We call on Council Member Rainville to immediately and fully apologize and take public, demonstrable action to learn why his words are harmful to our Muslim community and our City as a whole. If he refuses to do so, the DFL will revoke any provisional endorsement under the Code of Conduct policy in our Constitution and we will demand that he remove any and all DFL affiliation from his website and campaign materials."

Signed, Briana Rose Lee, Minneapolis DFL Chair
and Mike Norton, Minneapolis DFL Vice Chair.

5:34 PM – Star Tribune reporter Andy Mannix shares [additional audio](#) of CM Rainville's comments

5:35 PM – School Board candidate Lori Norvell issues a [statement](#) supporting the Minneapolis DFL statement

5:43 PM – Congressional candidate Amane Badhasso issues a [statement](#) condemning CM Rainville's comments and calling for his resignation

5:52 PM – State Senate candidate Sheigh Freeberg issues a [statement](#) condemning CM Rainville's comments

7:29 PM – MN Workers United issues a [statement](#) condemning CM Rainville's comments and calling for the City Council to censure CM Rainville

7:35 PM – AFSCME Local 3800 issues a [statement](#) condemning CM Rainville’s comments and calling for action by the City Council

8:57 PM – Senate District 63 DFL Chair (and Congressional District 5 DFL Vice Chair) Amy Livingston issues a [statement](#) in support of the Minneapolis DFL statement, condemning Rainville’s comments, and saying CM Rainville “doesn’t deserve a leadership role in our city if he can’t even muster basic decency.”

9:10 PM – The Minnesota chapter of the Council for American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) issues a [statement](#) condemning CM Rainville’s comments and calling for a public apology.

10:01 PM – CM Rainville issues a brief [statement](#) apologizing for his comments.



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I want to address a comment I made earlier today and apologize. I was trying to convey that we need more support for our youth. But the fact is that what I said and the way I said it was not appropriate and I wrongly singled out Somali youth. I recognize and acknowledge the hurt and anger my statement caused. I am sorry.

I look forward to meeting with community members and continuing our shared work to make Minneapolis a safer city for everyone.

10:21 PM – Council Members Jamal Osman (Ward 6), Jeremiah Ellison (Ward 5), and Aisha Chughtai (Ward 10) issue a [joint statement](#) condemning CM Rainville’s comments, calling for a public apology and a meeting with the community regarding his comments, and suggesting that council members will work to take “formal actions at our disposal – whether it be ethics complaints, censure, or something else” to hold CM Rainville accountable.

Earlier today, our colleague Michael Rainville, the Council Member representing Ward 3 (Northeast, Southeast, and Downtown Minneapolis), held a community event through his Council Office to discuss public safety. When discussing the uptick in crime over the 4th of July weekend, he made incorrect, inappropriate, and disturbing comments stating that Somali youth overwhelmingly perpetrated crime.

Council Member Rainville's statements are dangerous and promote the over criminalization of Somali and Muslim communities. He added that he would visit a mosque in Northeast Minneapolis to tell leaders and elders "their children can no longer have that kind of behavior." However, none of the suspects from this weekend are from Council Member Rainville's Ward, the 1st Police Precinct (Downtown), or the 2nd Police Precinct (Northeast). Multiple are not from Minneapolis.

Throughout the day, we've spent time connecting with residents, elders, leaders, and youth in the Muslim community. We share in the hurt they've expressed to us, and we're committed to ensuring our community isn't targeted. Council Member Rainville perpetuated hurtful stereotypes which have historically been used to rationalize law enforcement action targeting our already over-policed communities.

We urge Council Member Rainville to:

1. Make a formal statement apologizing to the Somali community for making Islamophobic and racist comments
2. Hold a public community meeting to allow any member of the community to come and share how his comments have affected them.

This is one of the holiest weekends in Islam. Eid Al-Adha is an important celebration for all Muslim communities. When we return from the holiday, we will work with our Council colleagues to take the formal actions at our disposal—whether it be ethics complaints, censure, or something else—to ensure CM Rainville is held accountable for the harm he has caused.

We're looking forward to spending the weekend connecting with our family and our community.

Eid Mubarak.

In solidarity,
Jamal Osman - Ward 6 Council Member
Jeremiah Ellison - Ward 5 Council Member
Aisha Chughtai - Ward 10 Council Member

10:27 PM – Council Member Elliot Payne (Ward 1) issues a [statement](#) supporting the Osman/Ellison/Chughtai joint statement and expressing solidarity with the Somali and Muslim communities.

10:28 PM – Council Member Aisha Chughtai (Ward 10) issues a [statement](#) further condemning CM Rainville's comments and calling for holding CM Rainville accountable.

10:54 PM – New Brighton City Council member Abdullahi Abdulle issues a [statement](#) condemning CM Rainville's comments and calling for a public apology.

Time Unknown - Elected official [inquires](#) about filing a complaint against another elected official. Due to timing, it appears this may involve this incident. Ethics Officer Susan Trammel's response indicates the city's Anti-Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation policy may also be relevant.

7/8/2022	EO inquired about filing a complaint against another EO.	Complaint Process	15.230	Provided both the EPB complaint process and also a brief overview of the process employed when subject of the complaint potentially falls under the City's ADHR policy.
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Saturday, July 9

9:11 AM – Council Member Robin Wonsley (Ward 2) issues a [statement](#) supporting the Osman/Ellison/Chughtai joint statement and expressing solidarity with the Somali and Muslim communities.

10:17 AM - Bring Me the News publishes an [article](#) regarding the Rainville situation

11:06 AM - Robbinsdale City Council Candidate Jonathan Healy [condemns](#) Rainville's statement and calls for the DFL to revoke its endorsement of Michael Rainville. (For clarity, the DFL [did not endorse](#) Michael Rainville, or any candidate, in the Ward 3 election in 2021. He was, however, endorsed by the DFL Senior Caucus - Minneapolis Area Chapter.)

11:48 AM - Council Member Jason Chavez (Ward 9) issues a [statement](#) supporting the Osman/Ellison/Chughtai joint statement, condemning CM Rainville's statement, calling for accountability for CM Rainville, and expressing solidarity with the Somali and Muslim communities.

12:44 PM - CAIR-MN [shares](#) video from FOX 9 covering the story and notes Rainville's apology.

12:51 PM - State Representative Aisha Gomez issues a [statement](#) supporting the Osman/Ellison/Chughtai joint statement, condemning CM Rainville's comments, and asking for CM Rainville to "take steps to repair the harm he has caused."

3:04 PM - Adam Duxler of WCCO [reports](#) that Abdul Artan, Outreach Coordinator at Dar Al-Qalam, stated that CM Rainville met with him this morning to apologize for his statements.

3:07 PM - State House candidate Osman Ahmed issues a [statement](#) supporting the Osman/Ellison/Chughtai joint statement, condemning CM Rainville's comments, expressing solidarity with the Somali and Muslim communities, and saying "We shouldn't have someone like Council Member Rainville representing our community after he told us what he believes."

6:47 PM - The Star Tribune releases an [article](#) discussing the July 4th shooting, gun violence, and public safety in Minneapolis. The article includes some information regarding CM Rainville's statements, but does not include mention of the more controversial comments or the reaction to them.

6:49 PM - WCCO releases an [article](#) regarding CM Rainville's comments and the reaction to them.

6:56 PM - The Somali Student Association at the U of M issues a [statement](#) condemning CM Rainville's comments and calling for a meeting with CM Rainville to "discuss not only how his comments brought harm but also find ways to bring a holistic approach to public safety that is as bottom-up as it should be top-down."



07/09/2022

The Somali Student Association of the University of Minnesota strongly condemns the comments expressed by Council Member Rainville against our Somali and Muslim communities. As an elected official representing the public, there are greater expectations placed not only on your actions but also on the consequences of your words. The comments expressed by Council member Rainville were not only hurtful but disrespectful. He chose to single out the Somali community as a whole for the despicable behaviors that took place over the 4th of July. But went further stating that he would come to our community center and chastise our elders. This is not how public safety is achieved. This is a continuation of time-tested and failed methods of addressing public safety. These comments do nothing in the way to make our communities safe, but create a scapegoat and build on stereotypes that lead to over-policing and dehumanization. Our city and our nation have tried time and time again to address public safety through failed policies such as broken-window, more officers, and stiffer sentencing. None of these policies achieved their stated goals, they have only divided us further and weakened our communities. To address public safety we need to take a holistic approach and engage in change from the bottom-up and top-down. That means leaders and community members holding each other accountable. We appreciate Council Member Rainville's apology and would like to give him the chance to take action by joining us in a round table discussion. With our youth, community, and faith leaders to discuss not only how his comments brought harm but also find ways to bring a holistic approach to public safety that is as bottom-up as it should be top-down.

8:17 PM - CM Rainville's policy aide, Henry Järvinen, [asks](#) the Somali Student Association to email the Ward 3 office and commits to work with them to schedule a meeting.

8:26 PM - The Somali Student Association [thanks](#) Järvinen for reaching out and says they will be in contact after the weekend holiday.

9-11:30 PM - CM Rainville holds a Mill District Block Party to "take back the streets."



9:05 PM - State Senate candidate Shaun Laden issues a [statement](#) condemning CM Rainville's comments and expressing solidarity with the Somali and Muslim community.

9:10 PM - CM Rainville is [photographed](#) in attendance at the Mill District Block Party.

9:12 PM - CM Rainville [addresses](#) a crowd and says "We're taking the streets back!"

9:48 PM - CM Rainville gives a [speech](#) to the crowd and warns attendees that they are being filmed and to be careful what they say. He also invites Interim Police Chief Amelia Huffman to address the crowd.

10:21 PM - Video is [released](#) of Martha Holton Dimick, candidate for Hennepin County Attorney, telling CM Rainville at the rally "I am so proud of what you said the other day," to which Michael Rainville replies "Thank you."

10:30 PM - CM Rainville is [reported](#) to leave the block party around this time, with a police escort.

10:51 PM - Video is [released](#) of Martha Holton Dimick being interviewed regarding her conversation with Rainville, and she says that CM Rainville "said what a lot of people are thinking."

Sunday, July 10

1:46 AM - More complete video is released of speeches by CM Rainville and Interim Chief Huffman. See [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), and [Part 3](#).

12:19 PM - Martha Holton Dimick, candidate for Hennepin County Attorney, issues a [statement](#) stating that she was supporting CM Rainville's statement regarding a need for additional law enforcement support in Minneapolis, not in regard to his statements regarding Somali youth.

2:17 PM - Board of Estimate and Taxation President Samantha Pree-Stinson [shares](#) that she has filed an ethics complaint against CM Rainville.

5:56 PM - Senate DFL Chief of Staff (and former State Representative) Carly Melin issues a [statement](#) in defense of Martha Holton Dimick and accuses the “far left” of creating a “toxic environment.”

6:16 PM - Star Tribune releases an [article](#) regarding CM Rainville’s comments and the reaction to them.

7:15 PM - After additional context is provided in response to Carly Melin regarding CM Rainville’s comments and Martha Holton Dimick’s comments regarding them, Melin [doubles down](#) on her defense of Holton Dimick and attacking the “far left,” still providing no statement in regard to CM Rainville’s comments.

11:33 PM - Board of Estimate and Taxation President Samantha Pree-Stinson [shares](#) that she has filed a discrimination report with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights regarding CM Rainville’s comments.

Time Unknown - Elected official [inquires](#) about filing a complaint against another elected official. Due to timing, it appears this may involve this incident. Ethics Officer Susan Trammel’s response indicates the city’s Anti-Discrimination, Harrasment, and Retaliation policy may also be relevant.

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Week of July 11th, 2022

Monday, July 11

9:16 AM - An [announcement](#) is made that the Ethical Practices Board meeting for July 19 is canceled and the next meeting is September 20. The reason for the cancellation is not stated. (It was subsequently [reported](#) by the Star Tribune that the cancellation was due to scheduling conflicts and was not related to complaints against CM Rainville.)

10:00 AM - Council Member Emily Koski (Ward 11) issues a statement condemning CM Rainville’s statements and calling for CM Rainville to make a formal statement and hold a public meeting. Expresses support for other council members who called out CM Rainville’s comments. Calls for anti-racist coaching for council members.



Greetings Ward 11,

I'd like to take this opportunity to update you on my response to the comments made by Council Member Michael Rainville - the comments which furthered a false narrative, a racist stereotype.

Over the weekend, I took time to connect with my fellow Council Members, City Staff, as well as Ward 11 community members - the purpose of these conversations was to check-in, provide a safe space, and let them know that I am here to support them.

I too encourage Council Member Michael Rainville to take the necessary steps to hold himself accountable for the comments he made, and I stand by my fellow Council Members who have asked for him to make a formal statement and hold a public meeting.

I want to thank my fellow Council Members who called out this racist stereotype - because if left unchallenged these racist stereotypes often lead to microaggressions, discriminatory behavior, etc.

It is all our responsibilities to educate ourselves, and breakdown these racist stereotypes.

As a part of the 2022 Budget, the former City Council approved \$30,000 in funding for professional development for Council Members - I will be exploring using a portion of these funds to have an Anti-Racist Coaching Opportunity for Council Members. An Anti-Racist Coaching Opportunity will not change what has happened - but it will hopefully provide us with an opportunity to educate ourselves and prevent this from happening again.

To all my Ward 11 Community Members, I want to remind you, I host Weekly Office Hours every Wednesday from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, and it is a safe space, I am here to connect with you - and support you.

In Gratitude,

9:52 AM - The Morning News with Vineeta Sawkar [discusses](#) CM Rainville's comments and the reaction to them.

10:13 AM - State Representative Hodan Hassan [condemns](#) CM Rainville's comments on The Morning News with Vineeta Sawkar.

8:12 PM - Council Member Andrew Johnson (Ward 12) issues a brief [statement](#) condemning CM Rainville's comments.

8:30 PM - KARE 11 releases an [article and video](#) regarding CM Rainville's comments and the reaction to them.

9:08 PM - Senate District 60 DFL issues a [statement](#) condemning CM Rainville's comments, calling for CM Rainville to "repair the harm he has caused and to seek restorative reconciliation" and calls for the City Council to sanction CM Rainville.



July 11, 2022

Overview and rationale:

On Friday July 8, 2022, Council Member Michael Rainville made comments targeting Somali and Muslim communities regarding public safety.

Resolved:

SD60 DFL stands with the Minneapolis DFL in condemning Council Member Michael Rainville's dangerous and hurtful remarks.

We too state loudly that "Racism has no place in Minneapolis." No one is safe when we root public policy decisions in fear.

As we believe support for Minneapolis youth should be rooted in community, care, and restorative practices, we call on CM Rainville to repair the harm he caused and to seek restorative reconciliation (for example: meet with Edison High School Student Council and hear directly from them what supports they need).

We remind CM Rainville that an apology requires more than words; sustained and corrective actions are required (for example: hold a public community meeting to learn how his comments affected them).

Additionally, we call on the Minneapolis City Council to sanction CM Rainville for his statement.

Approved by Senate District 60 DFL Central Committee and Executive Committee (listed below)
Kaytie Kamphoff, Outreach and Inclusion Officer
Sam Law, Secretary
Jake McCormick, Treasurer
Arfasse Gameda, Vice Chair
Doron Clark, Chair

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9:16 PM - State Senators Kari Dziedzic and Bobby Joe Champion release a [statement](#) condemning CM Rainville's comments, expressing solidarity with the Somali and Muslim communities, and urging the council to "determine what next steps should be taken for accountability."

Senators Kari Dziedzic and Bobby Joe Champion (both DFL-Minneapolis) released the following statement today in response to Minneapolis City Council member Michael Rainville's harmful comments at Friday's Ward 3 community meeting.

"We represent Minneapolis in the Minnesota State Senate and we strongly condemn the harmful comments made by Minneapolis City Council member Michael Rainville at a community meeting where he blamed the Muslim Community and Somali youth for the crime and unlawfulness that took place on July 4 in the city. We did not attend the meeting, but we have heard from many constituents who, like us, found his comments both dangerous and unacceptable. Since the community meeting, we have both had discussions with Council member Rainville to express our disappointment and to urge him to meet with members of both the Muslim and Somali communities to advance his understanding of those communities, and to hear why his comments were so hurtful.

While Council member Rainville has apologized, we are all accountable for our actions. As state legislators we do not have authority to hold individual city elected officials accountable. We urge his city colleagues to determine what next steps should be taken for accountability.

We remain committed to supporting and protecting all of our constituents, including our Somali and Muslim neighbors. Elected officials must be held to a higher standard and should not amplify stereotypes with hurtful and dangerous statements. Instead we should be building connections and community trust. We stand ready and remain committed to rebuilding and expanding that trust."

10:16 PM - The entire Minneapolis delegation to the state legislature (except State Senators Champion and Dziedzic, who released a separate statement - see above) releases a [statement](#) condemning CM Rainville's comments, urging CM Rainville to make good on his comments to meet with community members, standing in solidarity with the Somali and Muslim communities, and urging the council and Mayor to take formal action to hold CM Rainville accountable.

Minnesota House of Representatives and Minnesota Senate

PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 11, 2022

Minneapolis Delegation condemns Council Member Rainville's remarks

Minneapolis, MN - Last Friday, Minneapolis City Council Member Michael Rainville made public comments at a community meeting on public safety, in which he unfairly and incorrectly blamed Somali youth and the Muslim community as being responsible for the recent crime in Minneapolis. Members of the Minneapolis Delegation in the Minnesota Legislature released the following statement condemning Council Member Rainville's remarks:

"We strongly condemn the comments made by Council Member Rainville, specifically that he would be 'going over to a mosque in Northeast to meet with Somali elders and tell them their children can no longer have that kind of behavior.' That kind of prejudiced language has no place in our city, no place in our party, and no place in our elected offices.

"Council Member Rainville's comments are not only divisive and disrespectful — they are representative of a politics which leverages fear and perpetuates systems of inequity and discrimination. This does nothing to make our city safer. The suggestion that Somali youth and our Muslim neighbors are disproportionately responsible for recent crime in Minneapolis is as racist as it is inaccurate. Amplifying anti-Somali and Islamophobic sentiments — especially as an elected official at an official event — erodes community trust and emboldens those with hateful beliefs to justify harm and over-criminalization.

"Although Council Member Rainville has since issued an apology regarding these statements, we urge him to make good on his promise to 'meet with community members' by holding public accountability forums to discuss why his actions are harmful and how he can tangibly demonstrate improved understanding.

"We stand in solidarity with our Somali and Muslim communities, and urge the City Council and Mayor to take formal action to hold Council Member Rainville accountable for his behavior. As elected leaders representing Minneapolis, we are committed to protecting all our residents and ensuring accountability for words and actions which unjustly target any of them. We look forward to continuing to work with the community, city leadership, and Council Member Rainville to repair relationships and rebuild trust."

Members of the Minneapolis Delegation, all members of the DFL, include Representative Mohamud Noor, Representative Hodan Hassan, Representative Aisha Gomez, Representative Sydney Jordan, Representative Esther Agbaje, Representative Jim Davnie, Representative Fae Lee, Representative Emma Greenman, Representative Frank Hornstein, Representative Jamie Long, Senator Omar Fateh, Senator Scott Dibble, and Senator Patricia Torres Ray.

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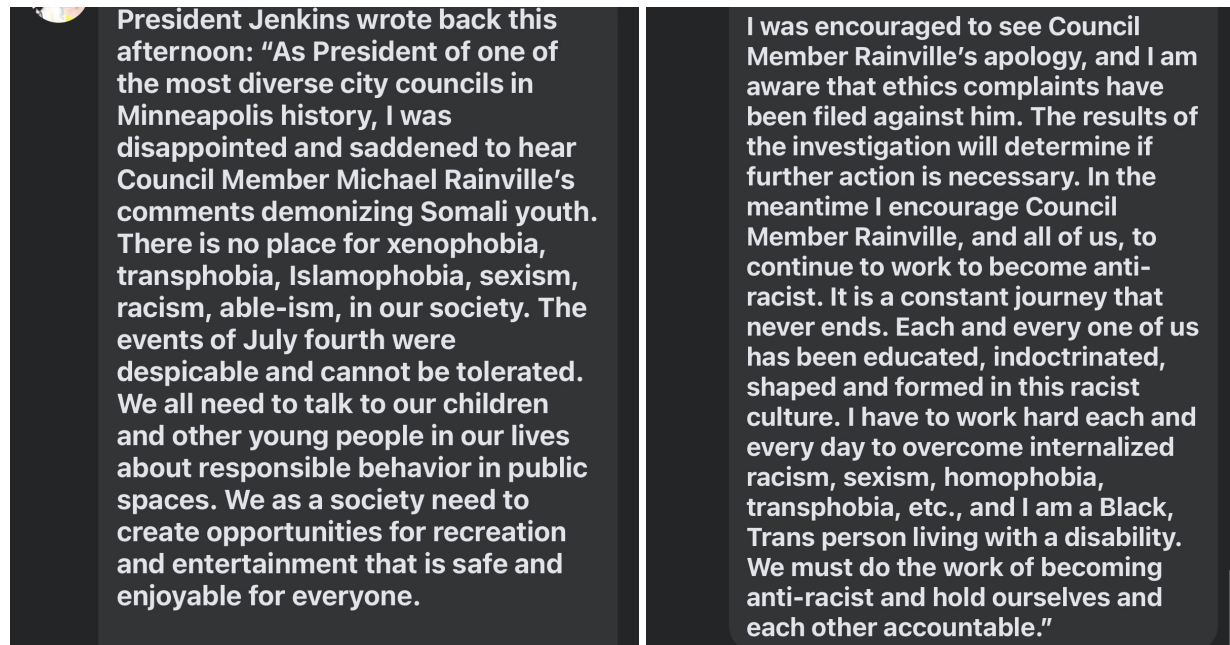
Time Unknown - Multiple people inquire about the cancellation of the Ethical Practices Board meeting in July and some express concern that it could be related to a recent complaint filed against CM Rainville. Ethics Officer response that the meeting was canceled due to preexisting scheduling conflicts and that the complaint in question would not have made the July meeting even if it was held.

7/11/2022	Inquirers (3+) want to know why EPB was cancelled. Inquirer concerned about delay for EPB hearing about recently filed complaint.	Ethical Practices Board	15.210	Informed Inquirers that the July meeting was cancelled due to pre-existing scheduling conflicts involving both the Chair and the Ethics Officer. Also informed that the recently filed complaint would not have made the July meeting even if the July meeting was held. Inquirer1 thanked me for the response stating it was "unfortunate that time made people [think conspiracy theories]."
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Tuesday, July 12

3:06 PM - Council President Andrea Jenkins (Ward 8) responds to a constituent email with a [statement](#) condemning CM Rainville's comments and suggests the ethics investigation will determine if further

action is necessary. Encourages all council members to “do the work of becoming anti-racist and hold ourselves and each other accountable.”



3:16 PM - Council Member Andrew Johnson (Ward 12) shares a more formal statement in his [newsletter](#) condemning CM Rainville's comments and calling for restorative actions.

Recent comments by a colleague:

When it comes to things said by other council members, we tend to give each other wide latitude. Differences of opinion are important to share and result in more representative and diverse discussions. However, I believe [recent comments by Council Member Rainville](#) crossed a line. I know he wholeheartedly cares about addressing crime and is deeply frustrated (as am I) about what we saw over the July 4th weekend. Yet blaming a racial or ethnic community for the actions of individuals perpetuates false narratives and inflames discrimination. It causes harm and makes many of our fellow neighbors feel unwelcome. Particularly when done by a government official at an event filled with many members of the public, it can normalize discriminatory rhetoric and attitudes. I stand in solidarity with those who have spoken out to condemn such rhetoric and join the call for restorative actions to repair the harm, learn from the incident, and find a way to move forward.

5:35 PM - Council President Andrea Jenkins (Ward 8) shares her statement in her newsletter.

A Message from Council President Andrea Jenkins

Dear neighbors,

As President of one of the most diverse city councils in Minneapolis history, I was disappointed and saddened to hear Council Member Michael Rainville's comments demonizing Somali youth. There is no place for xenophobia, transphobia, Islamophobia, sexism, racism, able-ism, in our society. The events of July fourth were despicable and cannot be tolerated. We all need to talk to our children and other young people in our lives about responsible behavior in public spaces. We as a society need to create opportunities for recreation and entertainment that is safe and enjoyable for everyone.

I was encouraged to see Council Member Rainville's apology, and I am aware that ethics complaints have been filed against him. The results of the investigation will determine if further action is necessary. In the meantime I encourage Council Member Rainville, and all of us, to continue to work to become anti-racist. It is a constant journey that never ends. Each and every one of us has been educated, indoctrinated, shaped and formed in this racist culture. I have to work hard each and every day to overcome internalized racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, etc., and I am a Black, Trans person living with a disability. We must do the work of becoming anti-racist and hold ourselves and each other accountable.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrea', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

6:19 PM - Star Tribune releases a more detailed [article](#), written by Liz Navratil and Faiza Mohamud, regarding CM Rainville's comments and the reaction to them. There are several new pieces of information in the article:

- A statement from Mayor Jacob Frey saying the "comments singling out the Somali community were hurtful and wrong."
- The city confirms there are two open ethics complaints involving CM Rainville.
- Council Member Jamal Osman releases a statement expressing a willingness to forgive CM Rainville and says CM Rainville "has shown a willingness and desire to get to know the Somali community."

Mayor Jacob Frey said Rainville's concerns about violence were valid, but his comments singling out the Somali community were hurtful and wrong. "I'm glad he apologized, and he should stick to that message," Frey said in a statement.

In an additional statement this week, Osman, the only Somali American on the council, said he has spoken with Rainville several times about the hurt his comments have caused in his Somali community. Osman said he's willing to forgive Rainville and work with him through the matter because "[Rainville] has shown a willingness and a desire to get to know the Somali community unlike any of the other council members I've worked with."

"He has apologized," Osman said. "He said something he should have thought about more and is taking responsibility for that. From the very beginning he has shown up in the community, engaged with faith leaders and been willing to learn. I hope Council Member Rainville will take this as an opportunity for growth and a chance to strengthen his ties to the community."

Wednesday, July 13

1:07 PM - CCO (City Coordinator's Office) Staff issue a [statement](#) condemning CM Rainville's comments.

1:16 PM - Former State Representative (and mayoral candidate) Kate Knuth issues a [statement](#) condemning CM Rainville's comments.

Thursday, July 14

10:38 AM - The Northeaster is [reported](#) to have published an [editorial](#) discussing the events early in the morning of July 5. Among other things, the editorial refers to the response to CM Rainville's remarks as "virtue signaling."



2:24 PM - Additional [statement](#) released by Council Member Robin Wonsley (Ward 2) condemning CM Rainville's statements.



Robin Wonsley - Minneapolis Ward 2
@MplsWard2

My office has been contacted by constituents who are disturbed & hurt by the comments by CM Rainville this weekend. I want to be clear that I condemn these comments. Racist, xenophobic, & reactionary language from elected leaders moves us away from a city where everyone is safe.

3:01 PM - Council Member Michael Rainville has an [interview](#) with Liz Collin of Alpha News. Among other things, CM Rainville suggest bringing back the loitering ordinance repealed by the City Council in 2015 on a 12-1 vote, saying "There are those who say it's a tool the police need. I look forward to the public discussion." (For additional context on the repeal of the loitering law, see this [article](#) from MinnPost.)

5:02 PM - The Guthrie Theater issues a [statement](#) condemning CM Rainville's comments and supporting the Osman/Ellison/Chughtai statement.

In response to recent events

The Guthrie Theater believes that the arts play a vital role in our civil society. And we believe that the strength of our democracy depends on individuals, organizations and our government officials working in tandem with one another. Minneapolis City Council Member Michael Rainville recently made racist comments regarding incidents that occurred on July 4 in our neighborhood. His statements do not align with our values. While we are aware of his subsequent apology, we support the call for a formal response from Rainville and a public meeting as requested by Council Members Osman, Ellison and Chughtai. The Guthrie Theater is a haven for the exchange of ideas through the stories we share; and it is our ambition to be a space for dialogue that centers our community and invites all into a safe and welcoming environment.

July 14, 2022



9:17 PM - Senate District 51 DFL releases a [statement](#) condemning CM Rainville's comments and supporting the statement by the Minneapolis DFL.



The Senate District 51 DFL stands with the Minneapolis DFL in condemning Minneapolis Council Member Michael Rainville's comments regarding the Twin Cities Muslim community. His racist, Islamophobic, unfounded, and quite frankly mystifying comments have no place in public discourse, let alone in the DFL, and we shall not silently tolerate this bigotry. While Council Member Rainville has already issued a half-hearted apology in an attempt to sweep this issue under the rug, empty gestures will not suffice. We support the Minneapolis DFL if and when they decide to revoke their association with Council Member Rainville. We call on the council member to take a serious inventory of what it is inside of him that brought him to make such a statement, and how it impacts the people that he serves. Racism has no place in our party, nor in our community.

Signed,
Donavon Indovino Cawley, Chair
Diane McLaughlin, Vice Chair
Andrew P. Weston, Outreach & Inclusion Officer
Hannah Lindstrom, Secretary
Max Collins, Treasurer
Dan Nordquist, Technology Officer

Friday, July 15

1:39 PM - Senate District 63 DFL releases a [statement](#) condemning CM Rainville's comments and supports the Minneapolis DFL statement



July 14, 2022

The Senate District 63 DFL stands with the Minneapolis DFL regarding Councilmember Rainville's behavior. His actions are shocking, racist, and unacceptable.

He slanders not only his own constituents, but also Somali and other minority communities throughout the city and state. His unwarranted calls for the National Guard to come to our city inflame existing false narratives about the safety of Minneapolis and create additional danger for our BIPOC neighbors.

We concur with calls that the City Council, and his constituents, must hold Councilmember Rainville accountable for these hurtful and counterproductive comments. Short written releases expressing vague contrition are not sufficient to restore Councilmember Rainville's credibility as a leader in our diverse community.

We must all act with intention to examine our biases, listen to neighbors of all backgrounds, and push against racism in Minneapolis. We hope that CM Rainville will undertake the meaningful work needed to unify our community, and to tear down racial prejudice and hatred.

Signed,

DFL Senate District 63 Executive Board

2:07 PM - Star Tribune releases another [article](#), written by Faiza Mahamud, regarding CM Rainville's comments and the reaction to them. In particular, the article involves possible formal steps, such as the ethics complaints and the rules governing a motion to censure by the City Council. Council members are reported to have differing opinions on whether to wait for the result of the Ethical Practices Board process before adopting a motion to censure CM Rainville. Additionally, CM Rainville is reported to have a private meeting scheduled for the evening of Friday, July 15 with Somali American leaders and youth.

Council President Andrea Jenkins said in a recent interview that the council "can potentially censure" Rainville, but she'll await findings of the ethics investigations "before that happens."

But others on the City Council, including Council Member Jeremiah Ellison, say they don't need an ethics board investigation to know whether Rainville's comments were "xenophobic, racist and condescending" and that they must move quickly to condemn Rainville's remarks.

Rainville is now set to have a private meeting Friday evening with some Somali American leaders and youth. The aim of the meeting is to help him better understand how his words impacted a group of people already experiencing an increase in anti-Muslim sentiments.

There's also talks for a public meeting between Rainville and residents in the near future.

3:30 PM - Star Tribune columnist Myron Medcalf [writes](#) regarding CM Rainville's comments and the harm they caused to the Somali American community.

4:11 PM - Council Member Aisha Chughtai (Ward 10) releases an additional statement in her [newsletter](#) condemning CM Rainville's comments and calling for formal accountability measures from the council.

Council Member Michael Rainville's Racist Comments

On July 8th, Council Member Michael Rainville who represents Ward 3 held a community meeting to discuss incidents that occurred over the 4th of July weekend. It was during this meeting that Council Member Rainville made racist, inappropriate, and deeply harmful comments about our Somali and Muslim community, particularly youth. Rhetoric of racism, Islamophobia, and xenophobia is dangerous and leads to targeted efforts that are often violent towards our Somali, Muslim, and Black communities.

It shouldn't take the communities impacted and other advocates to ask for support in condemning this behavior. [Read here Council Members Osman, Ellison, and my joint statement](#). I am committed to working alongside my colleagues on the Council with community members to continue asking for formal accountability and condemnation. It is crucial that we center the voices and needs of our Somali and Muslim neighbors.

Week of July 18th, 2022

Monday, July 18

3:27 PM - CM Rainville [states](#) that he was told that Liz Collin was doing the interview as an independent reporter, not as a reporter for Alpha News. Staff subsequently informed CM Rainville that Liz Collin is on the "do not talk to" list.

Wednesday, July 20

10:50 AM - Following a meeting with Council Members Michael Rainville and Jamal Osman, the Somali Student Association releases a [statement](#) thanking CM Rainville for the meeting and reiterating the association's priorities for public safety.



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Previously, we had released a statement condemning the inconsiderate remarks by Council Member Rainville. We still unequivocally stand by our statement. In the statement we had called for a meeting with the mosque elders, congregants, community members and leaders with CM Rainville and held the meeting at Dar Al-Qalam this previous Friday after prayer. Previous, to setting the meeting, members of our board discussed at length with the mosque elders, asking for permission to host the meeting there as well as their reactions to CM Rainville's comments. We were pleased to hear that CM Rainville visited the mosque the following day after his remarks to apologize and not chastise our elders and community members for the crimes and despicable behaviors on July 4th that were perpetuated by criminals and hooligans of all walks of life. The apology came at an opportune time as it was in front of a congregation of over a thousand, which were celebrating Eid Al-Adha. We also learned that previous to his comments and before he become an elected official CM Rainville would visit the mosque on multiple occasions working towards building a relationship with the community there. And while serving as a council member, assisted in connecting them to resources and officials after a recent Islamophobic attack at the mosque. We are pleased that CM Rainville has actively worked to develop a relationship with the community before his insensitive remarks and hope that he will continue to build inroads within the Somali community he serves. However, while the council member apologized, he and all of us know his comments have a broader affect not only how people view the Somali community but also how systems of government will perceive the community. In the meeting, our goals were unchanged from those previously stated in our statement on July 9th. We held the meeting for multiple reasons to address how his comments inextricably harmed the Somali community and for him to hear that firsthand from the people who are from that community. As well as to find positive ways to move forward that will benefit the community and address the harm his words caused. In our conversation, we discussed public safety and the concerns of the Somali community. Concerns over public safety is not limited to the lines that divide wards or socioeconomic status. However, certain solutions within public safety have had drastic results in communities of color. We discussed the importance of communities having resources to address public safety outside of policing, crime prevention and drug cessation programs for youth and young adults that are culturally responsive and relevant. We strongly emphasized the city's behavioral response team to become more culturally competent and reflective of the communities they would serve. Building inroads and trust within communities predicated on better-trained officers, community engagement, recruitment and promotion of officers of color and officers who live within the communities they serve. Before CM Rainville's callous broad-brush remarks he determined it necessary to build positive relationships with the Somali community he represents. We hope and believe that CM Rainville will take this as an opportunity to not only build upon those nascent relationships, but also mend the harm caused by his insensitive remarks.

12:38 PM - Liz Collin publicly [states](#) that CM Rainville was aware the interview was for Alpha News and indicates she spoke with CM Rainville regarding an earlier story. (CM Rainville's staff claimed that CM Rainville's quotes had been pulled from other sources.)

5:37 PM - Star Tribune releases an [article](#) by Faiza Mahamud discussing reactions to CM Rainville's comments and his recent meetings with members of the Somali community, including the recent meeting with the Somali Student Association. The article notes that CM Rainville "has promised to work with Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey and council members to provide some funding for the Somali community, particular the youth in the upcoming budget," according to CM Osman. The article also notes that "Rainville has not responded to interview requests from the Star Tribune, and his office did not answer wide-ranging written questions that included what support for youth and community would look like."

5:44 PM - County Commissioner Irene Fernando (District 2) issues a [statement](#) condemning CM Rainville's comments, encouraging CM Rainville to "remove himself from entities where his

discriminatory views will negatively impact efforts to foster equitable community safety, including the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee.” The statement also notes that CM Rainville “backtracked and demonstrated that he had not been communicating with me in good faith. It became clear that he was not planning to hold a public community meeting as demanded by his Muslim colleagues, and that his communications with me had been an effort to stop me from speaking publicly on this issue.” Commissioner Fernando also states that she supports “efforts by Councilmember Rainville’s city council colleagues to take formal and public accountability measures to condemn his racist remarks and hold him accountable.”

On July 8, Minneapolis Councilmember Michael Rainville made racist and Islamophobic comments stating that Somali youth perpetrate an overwhelming majority of crime in our community, without any evidence supporting this harmful claim. He then made a subsequent trip to a mosque in Northeast Minneapolis to tell Muslim leaders that their children must stop this behavior, which is especially discriminatory to me since none of the individuals arrested the night he referenced were from Northeast Minneapolis.

Today, I join numerous elected officials and community leaders in fully condemning the Councilmember’s disturbing and damaging remarks. Statements like his lead to the further criminalization of already over-policed communities. Further, in a time when we are witnessing increased incidents of hate crimes against marginalized communities both across the nation and here in Minnesota, his divisive comments encourage fear and resentment towards our Somali neighbors and create a permission structure for individuals predisposed to racist violence to act out.

Councilmember Rainville and I have a shared jurisdiction (we both serve Minneapolis Ward 3 precincts 1-3, 5, and 6), and additionally I am the commissioner who represents Northeast Minneapolis. Many of our shared constituents and impacted residents have expressed concern and horror to me over his comments.

Since early last week, I have sent several formal communications to Councilmember Rainville for the purpose of:

- communicating the harm he had caused to community members,
- expressing that his comments were out of line with my values and leadership commitments,
- encouraging him to remove himself from entities where his discriminatory views will negatively impact efforts to foster equitable community safety, including the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee that he and I both serve on, and
- stating that until he took specific actions to remedy the harm he caused, I would be unable to work with him or his office because his discriminatory views prevent collaboration and partnership (specifically holding a public meeting to allow community members to share the impact of his comments as was requested by his Muslim colleagues).

Councilmember Rainville initially responded saying that he was working with the elders of the mosque he had visited to host a community discussion. However, he then backtracked and demonstrated that he had not been communicating with me in good faith. It became clear that he was not planning to hold a public community meeting as demanded by his Muslim colleagues, and that his communications with me had been an effort to stop me from speaking publicly on this issue.

I prioritized a one-on-one approach before making a public statement to encourage him to receive feedback and hold a public meeting as requested by our shared constituents. But it is clear, from his meager apology and his approach to my emails, that Councilmember Rainville does not understand how horrendous his comments were. It is important that he does — and I intend for this statement to show him how seriously his fellow elected leaders are taking the incident and his words.

I fully support efforts by Councilmember Rainville's city council colleagues to take formal and public accountability measures to condemn his racist remarks and hold him accountable. His behavior is far outside of the expectations we should have for elected officials, and I will not work with his office until he takes the corrective actions outlined by his colleagues. We must hold electeds accountable for their actions. And to the residents who have shared their experiences of harm, I thank you for stepping forward and I continue working diligently to ensure everyone in our communities feels safe.

5:45 PM - The Star Tribune Opinion section publishes an [opinion](#) written by resident Konrad Friedemann in response to the column by Myron Medcal, in which he defends CM Rainville's comments and agrees with CM Rainville's remarks that a "significant majority" of the participants in the reckless and dangerous activity on July 4 "appeared to be Somali or from other East African communities... based on their language and their dress."

Thursday, July 21

6:30 PM - Council Member Rainville holds a meeting with constituents at Stonebridge Lofts. Audio is recorded by constituent and SD59 DFL Chair Conrad Zbikowski and reported on by Wedge Live. Full audio is available [here](#) and Wedge Live's reporting is available [here](#). CM Rainville makes reference a few times to how he knows he is being recorded now.

Talks about a need to support police and remarks on how the barricades on the street can improve public safety. Asks for constituents to submit feedback regarding the upcoming street reconstruction. Acknowledges a need to improve training for MPD and talks about the importance of the new "duty to intervene" policy. Supports nomination of Dr. Cedric Alexander to be Community Safety Commissioner.

Some residents express discomfort with the idea of wealthy neighborhoods getting more policing because they can pay for it. (Context: [MinnPost article](#) on this subject) CM Rainville gives a fairly neutral response to the question, however, separately CM Rainville has been part of fundraising efforts to hire off-duty cops in the Mill District.

CM Rainville suggests that residents encourage young people to become police officers and assist with recruiting. Also encourages residents to call 911 a lot, even for nuisance crimes so that these calls are included in the crime statistics for the area.

Week of July 25th, 2022

Monday, July 25

4:29 PM - Council Member Robin Wonsley (W2) releases an additional statement condemning CM Rainville's comments in her [newsletter](#).

Comments by Council Member Rainville

My office has been contacted by numerous constituents who are disturbed and hurt by the comments made by Council Member Rainville in early July. I want to be clear on the public record that I condemn these comments. Racist, xenophobic, and reactionary language from elected leaders moves us away from a city where everyone is safe.

Tuesday, July 26

2:55 PM - The Northeaster publishes [letters to the editor](#) from local residents condemning CM Rainville's comments and the Northeaster's [editorial](#).

Rainville's remarks were more than "unfortunate"

Regarding the editorial in the previous issue, using words like "scofflaws" and "miscreants" to describe real public safety concerns dismisses the seriousness of what needs to happen. It also focuses on the individual, not systemic changes. The public safety concerns of Minneapolis will not be addressed by a meeting at a mosque and lecturing parents on the supposed behavior of their children. They will be addressed when we have a department of public safety that is adequately staffed with qualified professionals like mental health responders, homeless outreach and trauma specialists. If Council Member Rainville is serious about this, he'll look to implement systemic changes and address societal needs—expanding affordable housing, fully funding youth programs, pushing for livable wages, etc.

Rainville's remarks were not unfortunate; they have an impact on Somali kids and families in our ward, and beyond. They are not a distraction from the work needed to create a system of public safety that keeps all of us safe; they are a reminder that race-based divisiveness like this are barriers that must be dismantled to have true public safety. And that is more than an apology and community meetings. Rainville needs to be public about his next steps and communicate them to all constituents. This is not a time for silent personal development. What he does can set a tone for our ward—committed to being welcoming, and ensuring we all can thrive, regardless of our race or background. This requires him commit to being anti-racist, not using racial dog whistles to talk about our community and rejecting this recent oblivious status quo style of "leadership."

Amity Foster, Ward 3 resident

Northeaster's editorial was inappropriate

We as community members write in response to the way Council Member Rainville's racist and xenophobic comments about Muslim youth were discussed by the Northeaster's Editorial Board last issue in "Violence touches NE."

When a council member who was elected to represent all the residents of an area makes a comment like "95% of the issues [on July 4th] were caused by Muslim kids" that is demonstrably false (a simple review of those arrested from the incident demonstrates this) it is more than "unfortunate" and a "distraction." When the three Muslim members of the City Council take time from their holiest holiday weekend with family and community to eloquently state the effect their colleague's remarks made on the children, families and residents in their communities, that isn't "virtue signaling" - it's being a good representative, unlike what Rainville demonstrated. People whose communities and children were singled out have every reason to react the way they did, and the staff of the Northeaster has no right to refer to those reactions as "distractions."

The Northeaster Editorial Board seemed to want to excuse Rainville's statements as somehow acceptable, reducing and excusing the harm caused to an often marginalized community. Was the Editorial Board aware that the entire Minneapolis House and Senate delegation condemned Rainville's racist and Islamophobic statement, including Sen. Kari Dziedzic, Rep. Sydney Jordan and Rep. Mohamed Noor, who himself is a member of the community Rainville singled out and targeted? Were they "virtue signaling," or is that a term reserved for council members whom the Editorial Board disagrees with?

Rainville thought his words would stay at Kramarczuk's that morning. Why did the overwhelmingly older, white residents cheer when he said he was going to a mosque to scold parents on the behavior of their children, on one of the holiest Muslim holidays, Eid al-Adha? Those reading this should examine their own racism and motivations if they found a swift reaction to this from community members a "distraction" or "virtue signaling."

Further, it is the Mayor, not the City Council, that has full control of MPD, so the Ed Board's call for the City Council to somehow use power they do not have to ensure MPD is fully staffed was also puzzling. Short of the CMs signing up to work as police officers themselves, what does the Ed Board suggest they do? MPD already has more money than they could spend last year, and the Council approved it, so they've done their job when it comes to public safety; now it's time for the Mayor to do his.

Finally, the solutions that the Ed Board lauds that Rainville advocated for never seemed to be available for other communities that experience violence - it wasn't until a predominantly White and affluent neighborhood was touched that the response was swift and at all an option. Young people all across the city could use the resources now being thrown at barricades, patrols and metal plates; they just don't seem to live in the right zip codes.

We believe the hardworking volunteers of Senate District 60 DFL said it very well in their response to this matter when they noted: "We believe support for Minneapolis youth should be rooted in community, care and restorative practices. We call on Council Member Rainville to repair the harm he caused and seek restorative reconciliation." We as neighbors call for the same for Rainville and for the Editorial Board who thought their response was in any way appropriate to his actions. Perhaps the Ed Board and Rainville could together meet with Edison High School's student council and hear directly from the youth of Northeast what support they need to make Minneapolis a safer city for all of us.

Northeast residents Maura Trout, Kathleen Cole, Joe Cole, K. Davis Senseman, Sarah Senseman, Kate O'Reilly, Mark Snyder, Laura Benson, Anu Wille, Kathryn Culbert, Jamey Erickson, Kate Erickson, Jill Davis, Antonio Backman, Steven Saari, Amity Foster, Neil Ashvin Chudgar, Pam MacLeod, Bill Roth, Kaytie Kamphoff, Meaghan Murray, Jordan Lyseng, Ian Riggberg, Jenny Chomilo, Nathan Chomilo, Andrew Snyder, Elise Ogden, Brandon Johnson, Ian Manion, Andrew Kuleged, Amber Erickson, Alexandra Pederson

Saturday, July 30

9:47 AM - Southwest Alliance for Equity releases a [statement](#) signed by over 50 residents and also has a statement published in [MinnPost](#), which also calls on CM Palmisano to issue a statement regarding the matter.

We, the below-signed Ward 13 residents and business owners, stand in solidarity with our Somali and Muslim neighbors. We denounce the racist and xenophobic comments made and actions taken by Minneapolis City Council Member Michael Rainville, during and after his public safety meeting on July 8, 2022. His decision to blame the Somali community as a whole, and admonish Muslim leaders for the actions of a group of young people on the Fourth of July, is dangerous and unacceptable. His behavior is not aligned with Minneapolis' stated vision of creating a caring and compassionate city, or with Minneapolis' mission to dismantle institutional injustice.

We acknowledge that the history of Ward 13 is rooted in racist systems and policies that have marginalized Black, immigrant, and working-class residents for the benefit of wealthy white homeowners. We are committed to the work of changing those systems and creating a more inclusive and equitable Ward 13, where all residents will feel welcome and safe. While Council Member Rainville's remarks were made in the context of public safety, we know that scapegoating marginalized groups makes our communities less safe. We can take steps towards true safety by publicly denouncing dangerous statements and behaviors, building community, and working to meet the essential needs of every resident.

September 2022

Tuesday, September 20

4:00 PM - The Ethical Practices Board holds its regular meeting. As the bulk of the board's business is conducted in executive session, it is not known what action (if any) was taken in regard to complaints regarding this matter. Several complaints were acted upon, all of which were dismissed. One of these complaints related to Michael Rainville's meeting at the Barrel House. It is not known if any of the other cases were relating to Michael Rainville.

November 2022

Thursday, November 10

6:15 AM - Conrad Zbikowski announces a [campaign](#) challenging Michael Rainville in the 2023 election.

Tuesday, November 15

3:00 PM - The Ethical Practices Board held its regular meeting. Probable cause was found for one case and the others were dismissed. It is not known if any of these cases relate to Michael Rainville.

December 2022

Tuesday, December 6

6:14 PM - Michael Rainville [announces](#) his re-election campaign.

Friday, December 16

6:27 PM - Challenger Conrad Zbikowski files an [ethics complaint](#) against Michael Rainville regarding his campaign video, alleging violations of [Ethics Code 15.110](#) (Political Activity).

2023

Tuesday, March 14

6:37 PM - Marcus Mills announces a [campaign](#) challenging Michael Rainville in the 2023 election.

Saturday, April 29

~12:45 PM - Michael Rainville [wins the DFL endorsement](#) for the 2023 election with 72% of the vote on the first ballot.

Tuesday, November 7

~9:15 PM - Michael Rainville is [re-elected](#) to another term.

2024

Tuesday, November 22

Michael Rainville [announces he is running for re-election](#).

Tuesday, November 27

6:57 PM - Emilio Rodriguez [announces his candidacy](#) for Ward 3.

Tuesday, December 10

6:57 PM - Jacob Thomas [announces his candidacy](#) for Ward 3.

Officials and Candidates Condemning Rainville Comments

- Minneapolis City Council (and Mayor)
 - Jacob Frey, Mayor
 - Elliot Payne, Ward 1
 - Robin Wonsley, Ward 2
 - Jeremiah Ellison, Ward 5
 - Jamal Osman, Ward 6
 - Andrea Jenkins, Ward 8, President
 - Jason Chavez, Ward 9
 - Aisha Chughtai, Ward 10

- Emily Koski, Ward 11
 - Andrew Johnson, Ward 12
- Minnesota State Senate
 - Bobby Joe Champion, District 59
 - Kari Dziedzic, District 60
 - Scott Dibble, District 61
 - Omar Fateh, District 62
 - Patricia Torres Ray, District 63
- Minnesota House of Representatives
 - Fue Lee, District 59A
 - Esther Agbaje, District 59B
 - Sydney Jordan, District 60A
 - Mohamud Noor, District 60B
 - Frank Hornstein, District 61A
 - Jamie Long, District 61B
 - Hodan Hassan, District 62A (currently, running for 62B due to redistricting)
 - Aisha Gomez, District 62B (currently, running for 62A due to redistricting)
 - Jim Davnie, District 63A
 - Emma Greenman, District 63B
- Other Elected Officials
 - Irene Fernando, Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, District 2
 - Samantha Pree-Stinson, President, Minneapolis Board of Estimate and Taxation
 - Abdullahi Abdulle, New Brighton City Council
- Candidates for Elected Office
 - Minneapolis School Board
 - KerryJo Felder, At-Large
 - Abdul Abdi, District 1
 - Fathia Feerayarre, District 3
 - Lori Norvell, District 5
- Former Elected Officials
 - Kate Knuth, State Representative, District 50B (2007-2012)
- Party Units
 - Minneapolis DFL
 - Senate District 51 DFL
 - Senate District 59 DFL
 - Senate District 60 DFL
 - Senate District 63 DFL
 - Stonewall DFL
 - Minnesota Young DFL
- Unions
 - AFSCME Local 3800
 - MN Workers United

- Other Organizations
 - CCO (City Coordinator's Office) Staff
 - Council for American-Islamic Relations, Minnesota Chapter
 - Guthrie Theater
 - Somali Student Association, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
 - Southwest Alliance for Equity
- Party Officials
 - Minneapolis DFL
 - Briana Rose Lee, Chair
 - Mike Norton, Vice Chair
 - Conrad Zbikowski, SD59 DFL Chair (also Minneapolis DFL Operations Officer)
 - Amy Livingston, SD63 DFL Chair and CD5 DFL Vice Chair
 - Senate District 51 DFL
 - Donavon Indovino Cawley, Chair
 - Diane McLaughlin, Vice Chair
 - Hannah Lindstrom, Secretary
 - Max Collins, Treasurer
 - Andrew Weston, Outreach and Inclusion Officer
 - Dan Nordquist, Technology Officer
 - Senate District 60 DFL
 - Doron Clark, Chair
 - Arfasse Gameda, Vice Chair
 - Sam Law, Secretary
 - Jake McCormick, Treasurer
 - Kaytie Kamphoff, Outreach and Inclusion Officer
 - Steven Frich, Stonewall DFL Chair
 - Quentin Ocama, Young Democrats of America President
- Former Candidates for Elected Office
 - Amane Badhasso, US House District MN-4 (defeated in primary)
 - Shaun Laden, State Senate District 62 (defeated in primary)
 - Sheigh Freeberg, State Senate District 65 (defeated in primary)
 - Osman Ahmed, State House District 62A (defeated in primary)
 - Jonathan Healy, Robbinsdale City Council (defeated in primary)

Officials and Candidates Supporting Rainville Comments

- Candidates for Elected Office
 - Martha Holton Dimick, County Attorney *
- Media
 - Northeaster
- Former Candidates for Elected Office
 - Steve Carlson, Secretary of State (defeated in primary)

* Holton Dimick later walked this back and suggested her statements were in regard to CM Rainville's statements calling for additional law enforcement personnel.

What Could Happen Next?

It is ultimately impossible to predict how situations like this will unfold. This will depend on further developments, including what other information is unearthed by journalists, what further actions and statements Council Member Rainville makes in the future, and the reactions to all of this by elected officials, the party, and the public.

Further details regarding the rules for removal (and lesser penalties) are discussed [here](#). Based upon existing law and the available facts, removal does not appear to be an option.