

ABOUT MARCUS HARCUS

- ✚** Born in May of 1978 (Taurus) in St. Paul, MN
- ✚** Raised in North Minneapolis – moved here as a toddler
 - Kindergartener at Northstar Community School
 - Graduate from Patrick Henry high school (I.B.)
- ✚** Son of Rita and Andrew Harcus
- ✚** All American: I identify myself as African American, but I'm a Creole biologically
 - African American, European American and Native American
- ✚** Oldest of 5 boys / brothers
- ✚** Former sports fanatic (baseball, basketball, football and tennis) and athlete
- ✚** Arts enthusiast / wanna be artist
- ✚** Nature lover
- ✚** Writer
- ✚** Husband and father of a young daughter
- ✚** Community Organizer (currently with NE CDC)
- ✚** Youth Development background
- ✚** Community Development background
- ✚** Experienced renter
- ✚** Working class Camden homeowner
- ✚** Fiscal conservative
- ✚** Social progressive
- ✚** Radical Democrat
(all about universal freedom / civil liberty, justice, equality of human rights, equitable opportunity and peace)
- ✚** Event organizer
(2 youth empowerment conferences, 1 community convention, 1 structural racism & sustainable communities conference, a dozen African American cultural events, numerous spoken word events, emcee for many educational / political events, numerous focus groups, etc.)
- ✚** 2 time officially registered candidate (2001 and 2005) for Mayor of Minneapolis (informal campaigns)

CORE CHARACTERISTICS (C'S)

- **Conscious** – I'm conscious of the humanity behind statistics; conscious and inquisitive of the multiple and often intersecting dynamics within social, economic and environmental issues; conscious of the importance of valuing and prioritizing people over profits.
- **Conscientious** – I'll investigate and consider the community impact or consequences to individuals, families, and neighborhoods of proposed public policy and development plans; basic human needs and social responsibility are the most important factors that will influence my *informed* judgments on issues and the decisions I make on proposed public policy, community economic development, etc.
- **Compassionate** – I believe in humanitarianism, generously serving and protecting vulnerable, at-risk and struggling human beings, globally and especially local people; I believe in charity and championing opportunity for stability and advancement for everyone; I believe everyone deserves justice, healing, and redemption.
- **Creative** – I believe in science, but favor art! While I believe in studying, learning from and honoring history and traditions, and practicing tried and true methods, I am also passionate about changing with the times, adapting to unique circumstances, experimenting / taking risks to innovate, being colorful, boldly visionary and lively! I believe art of all sorts should be integrated into most areas and aspects of our society.

POLITICAL PRINCIPLES (P'S)

- Humane government with honest public policy
- Less bureaucracy, less mess
- Organized and effective communities
- Inclusive public decision making
- Equitable community development
- Social and economic justice
- Racial equity
- Regional equity
- Environmental protection
- Fair taxation
- Sustainable infrastructure investments
- Multi-sector partnerships for effective social service
- Accountability

EDUCATION

- Southern University, LA – English major
- AmeriCorps
- The School of Pharmacy Technology
- Organizing Apprenticeship Project - Community Organizer training
- Institute for Community Cultural Development Fellow
- Micro-entrepreneurship training
- Writer to Writer mentorship
- Careership – Community Development apprenticeship
- Perspectives on Community Development seminar – Metropolitan State University and William Mitchell College of Law
- Participatory Action Research training – University of Minnesota
- Co-facilitating a Community Economic Development Workgroup for the University Northside Partnership (UNP)

**Thank you for any and all contributions to the
NORTHSIDE REDEMPTION CAMPAIGN:
Marcus Harcus for City Council – 4th Ward**

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