



September 3, 2025

Mayor Melvin Carter  
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First, I want to express my appreciation for the time you took to screen and speak with our political action leaders. This was a new process for many of them, and one that we plan to expand to additional political races. It is a significant process for our members to turn their time into an investment in candidates who work to support carpenter economics and advance their interests.

On behalf of the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters, we are proud to endorse you for re-election in this November's mayoral race in St. Paul. Throughout your tenure in office, you have valued our partnership with a substantial sense of loyalty. Your dedication to working with us and other stakeholders to overturn outdated rent control policies that have hindered new housing development and limited opportunities for growth demonstrate your commitment to the city and your trust in the Carpenters as a valuable ally. You fully understand that by reforming rent control, you are encouraging responsible development, increasing housing supply, and creating more affordable options for our neighbors. There is much more work to do address the lack of development in St. Paul, and the Carpenters are proud to stand with you in this journey.

You have demonstrated unwavering commitment to the growth and prosperity of our capitol city — a commitment that directly supports carpenter economics, hardworking families and labor unions like ours. Despite setbacks, you have never lost focus of what needs to be done to revitalize the City of St. Paul. In fact, your plans for St. Paul include expanding infrastructure projects and neighborhood revitalization efforts that will prioritize local jobs and union labor. This is critically important in today's economy. We remain excited to collaborate with you to ensure that carpenter economics remains a high priority and that projects maintain the highest standards of quality and safety.

We wholeheartedly endorse you because of our continued partnership. You are a proven ally who elevates labor rights, economic equity and public investment. Your administration has consistently championed policies that benefit working families, labor standards, and the economic advancement of underrepresented communities. You not only stand with labor, but you also champion policies that will build a stronger, more vibrant city for all of us. We strongly urge all members of our union and community to vote for you this November for a future embedded upon opportunity, fairness and growth.

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In solidarity,

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