

LETTER: Re-elect Council Member Lori Saroya: A champion for Ward 1

As retired professionals — my experience in the nonprofit sector for more than 25 years — and my husband Dr. Bryan Cole retired school administrator for more than 20 years. We understand the meaning of public service.

Two years ago, my husband and I met Lori Saroya and her family when they knocked on our door asking for our support to stand for the residents for Blaine in Ward 1. Saroya spoke with boldness and confidence as she expressed her desire for our voices to be heard.

At City Council meetings, we have watched this young woman show bravery and courage as she fought for the voices of Ward 1 residents to be heard. Whether it was our concerns about the safety of Highway 65, passing the moratorium on carwashes, saving taxpayer money, or helping residents desire for the noise ordinance to be enforced, she consistently fought for our concerns and put the interests of residents first.

Saroya has a Juris Doctorate from Mitchell Hamline School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts from St. Catherine University. Her extensive background in the nonprofit sector of nearly 20 years, the Governors Community Leadership Service Award, and service on the Blaine Charter Commission, among other achievements has served her well as an advocate for the citizens of Ward 1 in Blaine.

Saroya has been endorsed by nearly a dozen unions and organizations, including Carpenters Local 322, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 110, Run for Something, St Paul Area Association of Realtors, SEIU MN. State Council, Teamsters Joint Council 32, Women Winning, among others. We voted for Lori two years ago.

During early voting this year, we voted to re-elect Saroya for another term. We ask that citizens of Ward 1 join us to re-elect Councilmember Lori Saroya to continue her great work as our city council representative.