



West Side Community Organization

Celebrating 50 years of community power



50 for 50: Launching our 50th Anniversary Donation Drive

This year, we are celebrating an incredible milestone here on the West Side: 50 years of building community power with the West Side Community Organization (WSCO). In honor of WSCO's 50th Anniversary, we are calling on 50 people to join us in making a donation in an amount that's meaningful to you. Big or small, every donation counts!

[Donate today](#)



You're invited!

This year, we are celebrating an incredible milestone here on the West Side: 50 years of building collective power and advancing justice and racial equity in our neighborhood.

Join us Sunday, November 5th, 2023, Humboldt High School, Door 1

We'll have an open house at 1:00 p.m., followed by a ceremony at 2:00 p.m. with special guest speakers, the election of our board of directors, and more!

[Click here to RSVP and learn more](#)



Thank you, sponsors!

Great news! Local businesses and organizations from the West Side and beyond are showing up to sponsor our 50th Anniversary Celebration and our ongoing work to make the West Side a vibrant place for all.

Do you have an organization or business interested in sponsoring WSCO's Anniversary Celebration? [Click here!](#)

Thank you to our generous sponsors:

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Imagining the first Museum of Latino Art on the West Side

This week, WSCO Housing Justice Organizer Mayra Avila joined representative María Isa Pérez-Vega at a press conference to celebrate National Latinx Heritage Month, 2023 legislative wins that uplift the local Latinx community, and rally for the development of the first Minnesota Museum of Latino Art.

Can you imagine the museum, right here on the West Side?

Join us this Friday, October 13th from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Wellstone Center for art activities and dialogue with cultural leaders from across the US, as well as a special showing of WSCO's [Stories from the Flats](#) photo exhibit!

[RSVP here.](#)

[Check out all upcoming WSCO events](#)



Cempasúchil: Caring for Community was a West Side block party held on Congress Street E. last weekend. It was a healing space to connect with our neighbors, celebrate, dance, eat, and build power. Check out our [reportback and photos from the event!](#)

Pictured, above: Selah Jacoway performing at Cempasúchil



Community Announcements

Tonight! Pitch in at the Capitol View Communal Garden (top of the Smith Ave. High Bridge): We are still gathering at the garden on Thursdays at 5:30—a little earlier due to the earlier sundown. This week we have a delivery of a truckload of wood chips for mulching and adding more paths between the garden beds. Please join us tomorrow if you can make it—we'll need as much help as possible to move that mountain! Please bring shovels, rakes, and/or a wheelbarrow if you are able to.

Pedestrian safety on the West Side: We believe in safe streets for all West Siders, and need more options for pedestrians to cross safely! In response to West Siders' concerns about pedestrian safety on the West Side, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker is working on improvements to Wabasha and Cesar Chavez Streets. She is asking for feedback on which improvements should be prioritized. Please share your input below. [Click here to take the survey.](#)

Rapid transit coming to Robert St.: Metro Transit is planning station locations for the METRO G Line and is asking community to take a survey to share your input. WSCO's Land Use Action Circle will be discussing this at our [upcoming October meeting.](#) [Learn more here.](#)

...and a reminder to [run for WSCO's Board of Directors](#), and nominate a neighbor for [West Sider of the Year!](#)

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