



Dear Julia,

We're so excited to announce that our WSCO team continues to grow! Meet Mohammed Farah, one of our newest Housing Justice Organizers.

"This work is important to me because I've learned the importance of being in a home- it always comes back to housing. When someone has a roof over their head, when someone has a place that they call home, where they can go at the end of the day and lay their head down, it helps us solve a lot of the other issues that they are dealing with. It's also important to me as a West Sider. I live in the neighborhood and I love so many things about it here!"

[Click here to read more about Mohammed](#), the tenant union and housing co-op organizing he's working on with our team, and the top four things he loves about the West Side.



West Side Renters, Unite!

We've been knocking on doors across the neighborhood to invite West Side renters to organize for safe, dignified, and affordable housing in our neighborhood! We have regular meetings and dedicated community organizers who can work with you to know your rights and take action for housing justice.

Our next meeting is **Friday, June 10th**, 5:00pm- 7:00pm at the Wellstone Center, 179 Robie St. E., St. Paul, MN 5517, Second Floor. Refreshments, child care, and interpretation provided.

Some of our wonderful WSCO staff pictured above: RaRa Navarro, Mayra Avila, Mohammed Farah, Joshua Toor, Katrina Mendoza, and Monica Bravo

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Public Comment Training: Speak out about the new incinerator

Did you know, a new incinerator is being planned to burn sewage across the river from the West Side?

The [Star Tribune](#) reports: "So far, neighborhood groups are not formally opposing the expansion but many are asking questions about fairness and environmental justice. 'There is concern,' said Monica Bravo, executive director of the West Side Community Organization, the neighborhood group located on the opposite bank of the river. 'The West Side already disproportionately shoulders the environmental harms of the city. We have several toxic sites. Anything new that is coming is going to put people on high alert.' West Side neighborhood leaders are partnering with the Sierra Club to prepare for an upcoming public comment period."

Come to a training on **Saturday, June 25th** to learn how to submit a public comment and share your opinion about how this may impact you and your neighborhood.

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Beats and Seeds

The West Side Community Care Action Circle invites you to celebrate and connect with your neighbors! Join us on WSCO's vacant lot at 76 Baker Street East, across from Humboldt High School. We'll have space for community connections, resources, and some good snacks and refreshments. **Tuesday, June 21st**, from 6:00pm - 7:30pm.

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High Bridge Community Orchard and Garden

Join us for a community Community Garden Seed Sowing Celebration at the top of the High Bridge! We're turning Capitol Hill View Park into an orchard and garden that can provide free food and community space for our neighborhood! Come out tonight, **Thursday June 9th**, at 6:00pm to help plant some seeds. Can't make it? We still want to hear from you! [Take our survey](#) and tell us what you want to grow in the community garden.

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Community Announcements

- **March for Dignity and Respect:** Construction workers and allies are hitting the streets to call on Twin Cities developers to sign into the Building Dignity and Respect program to ensure basic workers rights for all construction workers! Join WSCO staff in marching in solidarity on Thursday, June 16th. [RSVP here](#).
- **Free Laundry and ARTuesday** at Beautiful Laundrette: Tuesday, June 28! [Learn more](#).
- **Bikers and Walkers, Speak Out!** Ramsey County is updating the measures they use to prioritize walking and biking projects. They need your ideas to help decide where walking and biking improvements are needed and what types of walking and biking projects should be prioritized. [Learn more and take a survey](#).

Have a community announcement to share? Email genevieve@wSCO.org!

Pictured, above: WSCO staff Mohammed Farah, Joshua Toor, and Genevieve Roudané out doorknocking for housing justice!

#WestSideStrong

WSCO organizes people of West Side to build collective power to advance justice and racial equity in the community for all people. We envision a just, united, self-reliant West Side where all of our people are connected, safe, healthy and successful. We are West Side proud. We are West Side strong.

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