



Ward 6  
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 Newsletter

# A Special Message From Council Member Warsame



Greetings,

I want to extend my warmest regards and best wishes to everyone during this holiday season. May the spirit of this wonderful season be with you and your loved ones. As an elected official



and proud resident of Minneapolis, it is my commitment to work together with my community to make positive and lasting contributions to our great city.

As we look ahead to the New Year, we face 2017 not only as individuals, but collectively, as members of this great community. I hope you will join me in the spirit of unity, hope and optimism, focusing on our similarities beyond our small differences, and working toward our common goal: making Minneapolis a better place for everyone.

These Holidays also offer a great opportunity to be thankful for what we have. I am thankful to be a part of and working on behalf of this amazing community, for all the work we accomplished together this year and all we are sure to accomplish in 2017.

Warmest wishes to you and your loved ones,

Council Member Abdi Warsame

## PROMOTING HEALTHY FOOD AND LOCAL FOOD DEVELOPMENT

I was honored to speak at the Homegrown Minneapolis Open House on December 1st at the Seward Montessori School. The Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council and their partners are doing important work to increase healthy food access and support local food businesses in our community. I was very happy to hear about the efforts of the Minneapolis Public Schools Culinary and Wellness staff and parent volunteers to improve food for kids in our schools.

I was also impressed with the Homegrown Heroes who received awards, including our own Health Department. We are fortunate to have more space for community gardens on City land and other opportunities for eating and selling more healthy and local food in the community through the collaborative efforts of community volunteers, City staff and policymakers. I encourage you to attend a monthly Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council meeting to learn more about their work and get involved.