

# Minnesota Council of Nonprofits 2019 Public Policy Agenda

*The Minnesota Council of Nonprofits (MCN) informs, promotes, connects, and strengthens individual nonprofits and the nonprofit sector at the local, state, and federal levels. MCN's policy work is grounded in a racial equity lens with a vision of Minnesota being a state where all can thrive, regardless of who they are or where they live.*



*The nonprofit sector is a steady source of job growth and economic vitality, and an important part of strong, thriving communities. MCN's public policy team works to support and advance the nonprofit ecosystem, including 328,000 dedicated staff, over 3,200 nonprofit organizations, and the millions of Minnesotans who engage with nonprofits every year. MCN's Minnesota Budget Project works to expand Minnesota's prosperity to all Minnesotans through budget, tax, and economic policies.*

## Support and Advance the Role of the Nonprofit Sector

- Strengthen tax policies that enhance the nonprofit sector's ability to maximize its partnership with the community, including tax exemptions for nonprofit organizations and tax incentives for charitable contributions that treat donors and contributions equally.
- Support employment policies that create a competitive and sustainable workforce.
- Support increased state funding for capacity building grants for small, culturally specific nonprofits, especially those led by people of color and indigenous community members.
- Oppose inappropriate nonprofit fees and assessments by government entities.
- Protect decision-making autonomy and self-governance authority of nonprofit boards and officers.



## Support a More Inclusive and Equitable Minnesota by Addressing Structural Racism and Economic Disparities

- Promote budget choices, tax policies, and economic policies that expand opportunity, narrow racial disparities, and improve the economic security of low- and moderate-income Minnesotans.
- Support fair and sustainable tax systems that raise adequate revenues to fund essential investments in broader prosperity and thriving communities.
- Support inclusive immigration policies that contribute to more welcoming communities and a stronger economy.

## Build a Strong Democracy and Encourage Civic Participation

- Support expanded access to voting and civic engagement opportunities, including voting rights restoration, automatic voter registration, early voting, and improved judicial selection.
- Support an inclusive 2020 Census.

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