



RESOLUTION

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS - A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

By Stevenson, Payne, Wonsley, Rainville, Warren, Osman
Shaffer, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury, and Palmisano

HONORING DAVE BICKING FOR HIS YEARS OF ACTIVISM AND SERVICE TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF MINNEAPOLIS

- Whereas: Dave Bicking has been a widely respected Southside Minneapolis resident, small business owner, and activist dedicated to promoting peace and justice for decades; and
- Whereas: Dave is recognized for working with passion, love and generosity to support and inspire community members, elected policy makers and organizations working for positive change in Minneapolis; and
- Whereas: Dave ran two campaigns for the Minneapolis City Council for Ward 9, coming in second both times with 30% of the votes in 2005 and 27% in 2009; and
- Whereas: Dave assisted and defended activists in 2008 by securing bail and helping provide legal defense for eight young people charged with terrorism for planning protests during the Republican National convention in Saint Paul; and
- Whereas: Dave has consistently acted in solidarity with fellow activists and was one of the first people to reach out and help the “Antiwar 23” whose homes were raided by the FBI in 2010; and
- Whereas: Dave owned and operated the Powderhorn Garage, an auto repair business in South Minneapolis, where he provided apprenticeship opportunities and was acknowledged as incredibly supportive and a great teacher, and where it was said he never had to advertise because he had a loyal and beloved base of customers; and
- Whereas: Dave has been a powerful advocate for strong, independent civilian oversight of the Minneapolis Police Department and served on the City of Minneapolis Civilian Review Authority from 2008-2010, where he worked to improve the city’s police accountability and oversight systems; and
- Whereas: Following the destruction of Walker United Methodist Church in 2012, when a number organizations lost their offices, Dave purchased the building at 4200 Cedar Avenue South and created a welcoming space for them and the community that has been maintained ever since, with space for many organizations including Community United Against Police Brutality (CUAPB), Woman Against Military Madness, Vets for Peace, the Anti-War Committee, the Green Party of Minnesota, the Minnesota Immigrant Rights Action Committee, and the Climate Justice Committee; and
- Whereas: Dave has served as secretary and vice president of CUAPB for the past 8 years and chair of its Committee for Professional Policing; and
- Whereas: In 2016 and 2017, Dave helped lead the ultimately unsuccessful campaign and legal battle for a ballot measure to require Minneapolis police to carry their own professional liability insurance; and
- Whereas: Dave helped secure the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and Department of Justice consent decrees to address ongoing problems with policing in Minneapolis; and

Whereas: Dave entered hospice care in March of 2026 and died on April 4, 2026; and

Whereas: Many throughout our city are deeply grateful for Dave's sage wisdom, sense of humor, kindness and love for his family, his friends, and the people of the city he loved;

—NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED—

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby present this Honorary Resolution in recognition of their sincere gratitude and recognition for the many contributions made by David Bicking to the City of Minneapolis.

Passed this the Ninth Day of April 2026

Elliott Payne, President of the Council

Approved:

Jacob Frey, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk