

## Foreman, Massad advance in Mankato's 1st Ward

### Two have run for office before; opponents were first- time candidates

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**MANKATO** — Karen Foreman and Najwa Massad will advance to the general election in Mankato's 1st Ward after capturing a combined 72 percent of the vote.

Foreman, a longtime Minnesota State University employee, was the top votegetter with 326 votes, or 38 percent of the total.

She credited doorknocking with getting her name out there and making a connection with voters.

" I generally focus on what qualities I bring and where my positions are," she said. Massad, who owns a catering business, received 289 votes, about 34 percent of the total. She was on a scheduled trip to Lebanon, and said she was excited for the employees and other allies who campaigned for her.

She said her small business experience and time spent on Mankato's planning commission were important to voters.

Both Massad and Foreman have run for local public office before, while their opponents were both first- time candidates.

Tim Adams received 164 votes, or 19 percent, and Cynthia Frederick received 79 votes, about 9 percent of the total.



Karen Foreman (left) and Najwa Massad are running for Mankato City Council in Ward 1.