

Minnesota Truth Council

Governor's Council on Recording the Truth of
Operation Metro Surge and Operation PARRIS



The Advocates
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

We are hoping to partner with your organization. Your community relationships are essential to reaching the people whose stories need to be heard.

ABOUT THE COUNCIL

An Independent Process to Record the Truth

The Minnesota Truth Council is an independent, non-partisan body that will create a historical record of survivor and witness experiences and produce a report with recommendations for legislative and policy reform.

The Advocates for Human Rights is the implementing partner of the Minnesota Truth Council and will be responsible for the story collection.

The Council will document both the human rights violations resulting from the surge and how Minnesotans showed up for one another with compassion, courage, and resilience.

Independent

Non-partisan

Transparent

Victim-centered

Community-led

This is not a court. The Council will have no power to prosecute, convict, impose penalties, or provide compensation.

About The Advocates for Human Rights

An independent human rights organization based in Minneapolis with decades of experience in documentation, transitional justice, and building the historical record that accountability requires.

HOW PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS CAN HELP

Three Critical Roles

- 1 Train and support story collectors.** Recruit and train volunteers from your community to conduct trauma-informed interviews and submit them to the Truth Council. Training, materials, and support provided by The Advocates.
- 2 Help people share their stories.** Identify community members who want to share what they experienced or witnessed during the surge. Connect them to story collectors from your organization or from the Truth Council. Your trusted relationships are the bridge many people need to participate safely.
- 3 Foster collective spaces.** Organize community spaces where groups can share their experiences together, complementing the individual storytelling process.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Key Dates

- Beginning May 2026**
Community story-gathering through partner organizations
- Summer - Fall 2026**
Minimum of four public hearings on selected themes
- October 31, 2026**
Preliminary findings and recommendations
- December 1, 2026**
Final report delivered to the Governor, Minnesota Legislature, and Congressional delegation



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PARTNER

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