

# Living la Vida en Ramsey County

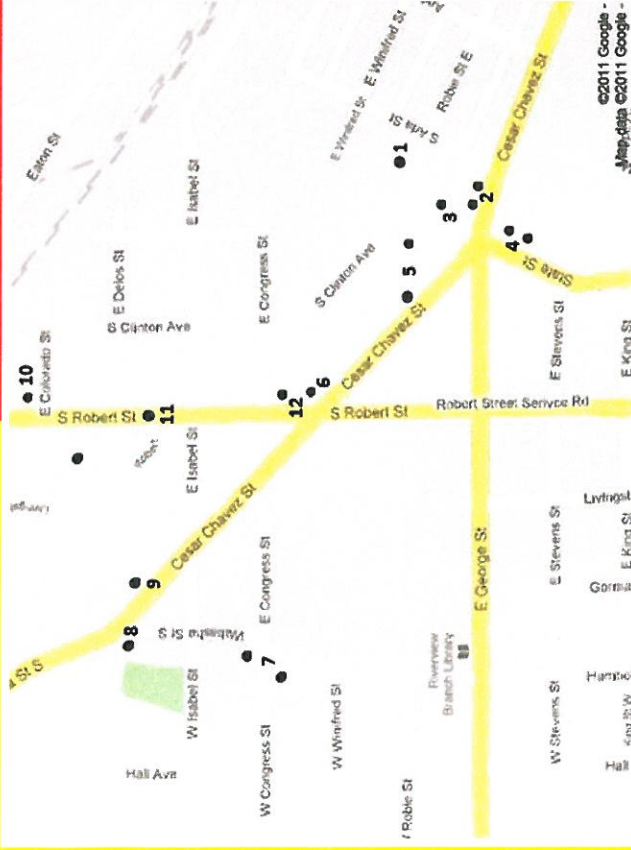
## west side walking tour

Walking through District del Sol on Saint Paul's West Side one quickly sees the vibrant and colorful works of art representative of Mexican heritage.

There is a warm and welcoming mix of mercados, restaurants, and parks all with artwork on display. These places and pieces of artwork highlight characteristics from St. Paul's history as well as Mexican-American heritage.

This combination of versatility and vibrancy, complexity and colorfulness, past and present, Mexican and American is the result of a community that was settled, created, nurtured, and solidified over the course of the past century.

Take a step closer to Mexico and deeper into the heritage of Ramsey County through a walking tour that highlights local artwork, which serves as a reflection of Mexican-American history and culture right here in District del Sol situated on St. Paul's West Side.



### ● 58 Wood Street

Torre De San Miguel, the remaining tower from St. Michael's, has become the distinguishing local landmark viewable from throughout District del Sol on St. Paul's West Side; it is even more breathtaking up close.

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**12) 466 Robert Street.** Situated on the outside wall of Westside Grocery & Meat Market, this mural is representative of Mexican culture and heritage.



**11) Robert Street Walking Bridge.** The artwork here displays folkdances painted by Carlos Menchaca, John L. Acosta and others. One may also enjoy the view from atop the bridge.



**10) Corner of Robert and Colorado.** This mural was completed by artists John L. Acosta, Richard Schletty, and A. Gutierrez. Take time to observe the complexity of a mural that lacks color but not depth.



**9) 11 Cesar Chavez Street.** Boca Chica's restaurant is decorated with Mexican-American artwork both outside and inside. It is recommended to stop inside Boca Chica's to enjoy both the scenery and the food.



**8) 407 Wabasha Street.** Carlitos Brown, originally designed by Luis Fitch, is located outside Boca Chica's Taco House.



**7) Corner of Wabasha and Congress.** This unique sculpture was crafted by an unknown artist. The metal statue contrasts well with the surrounding plant life. Across the street is the Garden of Grandes Corazones, a beautiful place to stop and appreciate the beauty of St. Paul's West Side.



**6) Corner of Cesar Chavez and Robert Streets.** This mural, painted by David Neno in 2008, portrays the merging of diverse nationalities.



**5) Parque Castillo** is home to a unique tile worked bench and a statue erected by Craig David, which represents immigrants new to the area.



**4) Corner of State and Cesar Chavez behind REDA.** Canto al Pueblo was done by Pablo and Mary Basques, Greta McClain, and Kris Raff. The hummingbird represents the warrior spirit of the Aztecs. The adjacent mural, Espíritu del Río, was painted by Joshua Sarantitis.



**3) 185 Cesar Chavez Street.** Heroes of Freedom, Justice, and Peace, by Craig David and Teens Networking Together, is on the State Street side of El Burrito Mercado. Linus, situated on Cesar Chavez, was a part of Peanuts on Parade, which gave tribute to Charles Schulz. Burrito Mercado welcomes tour patrons to enjoy a delicious selection of fresh foods and to view a beautiful assortment of handicrafts and products for sale.



**2) La Placita - On Cesar Chavez Street.** This wooden sculpture honoring Cesar Chavez by Curtis James Ingvaldstad includes the words of the United Farm Workers Prayer. This statue is a reminder of the man who fought for workers rights.



**1) 179 Robie at the end of State Street.** Wellstone Center's front facade displays a series of stone murals by artist Craig David that portray the evolution of Neighborhood House as well as its Mexican-American neighbors.

