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For SD41-A Republican Endorsement

Time for a Change!

- ✓ For ***a Representative you can be proud of***
- ✓ For ***Republican values and policies***
- ✓ For ***new ideas and statewide leadership*** from Edina
- ✓ To ***secure House seat 41A*** for a dynamic future
- ✓ To ***unite and motivate all SD41 Republicans*** – active, sideliners, and youth – precinct by precinct
- ✓ For ***new ideas to seize the great opportunities*** ahead for our state
- ✓ To help ***rejuvenate the Republican party statewide*** with new ideas and a positive image
- ✓ For a ***full-time state-of-the-art campaign to win***, with advanced strategies and technology

For the Future, Not the Past!

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Time for a Change!

No more irrelevant ideas from a bygone era!

No more collusion with Democrats to damage the best Republican governor in the country!

No more large transportation tax proposals that go nowhere while congestion worsens!

No more votes for liberal social re-engineering that undermines our society and hurts our families!

No more auto-pilot budget increases without accountability for results!

No more tirades while getting nothing done!

No more embarrassing speeches!

No more profanity on the floor or with constituents!

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2020 Plan

Education Reform

Reduce governmental intrusion in local schools and increase family choices to improve performance and accountability. Publicly funded education, not government run schools.

- ✓ **Fund at pace with inflation and student population**
- ✓ **Give teachers and principals the authority to control their schools and classrooms, don't ask them to raise our kids**
- ✓ **Incrementally increase merit pay for teachers to reward high performers and provide fair market compensation**
- ✓ **Refine NCLB and improve outcomes measures to focus curriculum on the fundamentals, not the frivolous**
- ✓ **Provide credits to families in failing schools to send their children to the school of their choice**
- ✓ **Early childhood education credit to all families, not government run daycare**
- ✓ **Increase collaboration between high schools, business, and trades to improve workforce readiness**

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Healthcare Reform

Consumers must be engaged and as patients be allowed more control over their insurance and care in order to improve quality, reduce costs, and increase overall coverage.

- ✓ **Remove health care coverage as a business tax exempt employee benefit**
- ✓ **Mandate catastrophic health insurance (like auto insurance) to eliminate cost shifting of the uninsured**
- ✓ **Increase HSA's and other consumer risk-sharing non-catastrophic plans**
- ✓ **Convert Minnesota Cares to a catastrophic coverage, and increase its availability to currently uninsured, especially children**
- ✓ **Increase availability of quality and cost information about health care providers**

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Transportation

Get the critical projects and maintenance done!

Combine increased funding with tight controls, and long term remove the archaic Constitutional funding formulas.

- ✓ **Bond appropriately, prioritize over health care in general fund, and increase gas tax 5 cents over five years for maintenance, operations, and outstate projects.**
- ✓ **Gas tax won't solve metro issues - for every 1 cent gas tax, \$31M is raised but only \$9M makes it to statewide highway new construction, per constitution**
- ✓ **Grant a metro transportation governing body the authority to utilize voter approved taxes to complete a specific list of projects, with a 20 year sunset provision**
- ✓ **Invest in multi-modal solutions, but create a common cost effectiveness index to compare the value of all road and transit projects**
- ✓ **Increase usage based fee lanes and explore privatization**
- ✓ **Reform MNDOT to become more effective, and require efficiency gains and cost reduction**

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Innovation

Increase Minnesota's culture of innovation with policies that encourage university research, patent development, capital and people attraction, and business formation.

- ✓ **Create university, government, and private collaboration to build an “Innovation Corridor” for emerging markets that exploit our native strengths:**
 - ✓ **Water, Nanotechnology, Renewable Energy, Medical Technology, and Bio Technology**
 - ✓ **Ethics in Business and Technology - it's the right thing, and will ultimately differentiate our region in an era of commoditization and ethics problems**
- ✓ **Implement incentives for green and blue environmental markets**
- ✓ **Maintain cultural attractiveness and regional amenities**

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Opportunity for all

Hand-ups that build human capital and dignity, not handouts that lock the disadvantaged into permanent dependency.

- ✓ **Increased public/private collaboration on programs that create capital ownership, opportunity, independence, and accountability.**
- ✓ **Equal opportunity and entrepreneurial incentives, not quotas, such as “Personal Investment Accounts” that will promote, not coerce, social justice.**
- ✓ **Increased MNSCU, technical college, and trade apprenticeship scholarships.**
- ✓ **Increased welfare to work programs.**
- ✓ **Reforms to control illegal immigration and increase legal immigration and integration.**
- ✓ **Elimination of bureaucratic and monopolistic barriers to poor entrepreneurs.**
- ✓ **Reinvented labor unions focused on ESOP’s and “gain-sharing” programs.**

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Compassion one citizen to another

A preferential option for the worthy poor, children, the disabled, and the elderly – delivered privately even if funded publicly. People's needs are best understood and satisfied by people closest to them.

- ✓ **Restore to churches and non-profits their rightful role in serving the sick and needy.**
- ✓ **Provide benefits via “congregant” vehicles (community, church, family, etc.) with incentives and accountability to positive behaviors.**
- ✓ **Tax credit for all charitable contributions above 5% of income and up to 15%, phased in over ten years.**
- ✓ **“Personal non-profits” so individuals can directly provide the disadvantaged with economic support via Personal Investment Accounts and life skills mentoring.**
- ✓ **Mandatory restitution paid to victims by offenders for all crimes.**
- ✓ **Inspire seniors, especially baby boomers, to hands on service in not for profit and religious groups.**

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Stewardship of all God's creation

Leave a better Minnesota to our children, and publish a state balanced scorecard of key human, environmental, and economic measures to track our progress in doing so.

- ✓ **Concrete green strategies to achieve entirely clean Minnesota energy within 35 years, and concrete blue strategies to protect Minnesota's water quality and supply.**
- ✓ **Protection of the most vulnerable - from the unborn, to the disabled, to the elderly, to those easily exploited.**
- ✓ **Integration of sustainability measurements into state economic analysis.**
- ✓ **Ethics leadership on research frontiers to preserve a culture of life.**
- ✓ **Incremental development of market systems for carbon emission credits and other hazardous pollutants.**
- ✓ **Renewal of the historical conservation ethic, not unthinking environmentalism. Increased acquisition of parks and forests.**

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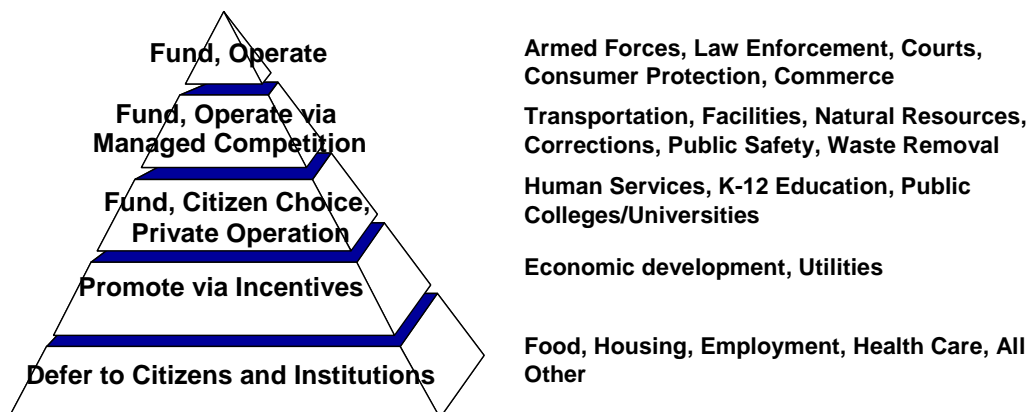
Effective and truly limited government

Cap State budget increases to inflation and population growth.

- ✓ **Government employee gain-sharing and managed competition to reduce costs and increase efficiency and service.**
- ✓ **Mandatory measurement of public value outcomes for programs at all levels of government.**
- ✓ **Mandatory 10 year budget projections by all state and local governments during budgeting processes.**
- ✓ **Statewide shared service, outsourcing, and cost-takeout analysis and implementation across all departments and for all levels of government over a 20 year period.**
- ✓ **Build and maintain state reserves so that 25% of all operating budgets are covered by return on investment on reserves.**

**Government by design is not efficient,
and its coercive power subject to abuse.**

Relegate to it only what can't be done through other means.



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World View

- We are created in the image of God
- Each person is therefore morally significant, creative, deserving equal protection and opportunity, and accountable for their actions
- However, the line between good and evil runs through the human heart

Government's purpose therefore is to...

- protect and secure liberty for its people to unleash their God-given potential
- bring civilizing order and justice to society, and by so doing stand against our worst inclinations and for our best

Government's legitimate roles therefore are to...

- Establish justice
- Insure domestic tranquility
- Provide for the common defense
- Promote the general welfare
- Secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity

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Philosophy of Government

- In order to protect citizens and secure justice, individual liberty must be ordered to a “low but sturdy” moral foundation of God-endowed unalienable rights. True freedom is ordered liberty, not license. Freedom of conscience does not mean any behavior should be legal.
- While tempting, even well-intended efforts to perfect society (beyond securing our unalienable rights) by means of government will require a level of coercive control that inevitably devolves to totalitarianism and barbarism.
- Freedom requires a virtuous people; there can never be enough laws to constrain a person unconstrained by conscience (Chesterton). Government cannot “create” such a people.
- Mediating institutions of family, church, neighborhood, community, and association are required to create such people, to foster the virtue and duty to God that precede a free society, and to provide the covenant relationships and accountability necessary to achieve a greater good.
- A balance of power must exist between the governmental, economic, and moral-cultural spheres of society (Novak) to avoid would-be dominance by one.
- All issues of society should be addressed by the lowest societal unit possible, starting with mediating institutions, then local units of government, and only by higher units of government when absolutely necessary.
- The system of contracts, property rights, and free markets is required to encourage activities aligned to the interests of others and at the same time unleash our God-given human potential.
- A denial of absolute power and its misuse, protected against by the bill of rights and also by slow, deliberate democratic change, is imperative.
- The rule of law is the ground we walk on, and must be perpetuated by democratic institutions with power balanced between legislative, executive and judiciary branches.
- God’s moral precepts, written into nature and conscience, are the basis for law and liberty.

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Calling Edina to Lead the Way

To whom much is given, much will be expected.

- ✓ **We have substantial human, social, and financial capital in our community.**
- ✓ **We are a giving community with a strong heritage of philanthropy.**
- ✓ **We should lead by driving our ideas and assets to solve statewide challenges.**
- ✓ **We should lead in service above self, to the poor, the sick, and the needy in our own community.**
- ✓ **We should lead with creative solutions that combine compassionate aid with accountable programs.**
- ✓ **We should be a model to the nation of a community that serves its own and others sacrificially and gives back.**

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Your current *Representative supports the following:*

- ✓ (List \$X billion tax increase legislation voted for by Ron)

- ✓ (List extreme social issue legislation supported by Ron)

- ✓ (list Quotes of shots taken at Gov pawlenty and other Republican leaders)

Do You?