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PROFILE

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EXPERIENCE

Occupation & Employer: Electrician, Rarick Electric

Education:

Previous Elected Offices (If Any):

Campaign endorsements to date and all endorsements you are seeking: Minnesota Farm Bureau
NRA

IBEW 110

MCCL

MN Nurses Assoc.

VOTERS GUIDE QUESTIONS

Why are you running for elected office?

I believe that we need to have the average working person involved in the system. That is what the founding fathers intended, and that is missing in our system today. I also feel that the partisan politics needs to change, and with my diverse background, I can bring that to St. Paul. Most importantly though, I feel the people of District 11B deserve a Representative who will vote on issues according to the values of the people.

Why do you consider yourself a pro-business candidate?

As a self-employed electrician I see both sides, that of the business owners, and that of the workers. I know that if a business is not profitable, it cannot employ people, so we must fight to keep our businesses in Minnesota profitable. We must also ensure that there is incentives for businesses to start and to grow, that is what will grow our economy, not a government program.

If elected, what will be your top priority?

Economic issues (please provide details):

Reducing government spending has to be a top priority. So many programs are being run inefficiently, and there is too much waste. Taxes will never be brought under control or reduced if we cannot correct this trend.

Other (please provide details):

Returning control of our schools curriculum and policies to local school boards. I believe that our school boards, parents, and teachers in a community are the ones who care the most about our children, and



that they will be the ones most interested in seeing them succeed. Common Core, and No Child Left Behind are both examples of people at higher levels of government thinking they can better look out for our children, but their policies are too vague, and not funded.

TAX & FISCAL POLICY

To help Minnesota's economy grow, what strategy, or strategies, do you recommend for the Governor and the Legislature to enact in 2015?

- Improve Minnesota's business climate to foster economic growth and prosperity by reducing uncompetitive business taxes.
- Make it easier to do business in Minnesota by reducing and simplifying business regulations.
- Reform state government to make government-provided services more efficient and more affordable for Minnesota taxpayers.

Which of the following statements most accurately represents your position on business taxes:
Minnesota business taxes are too high – I support business tax reductions.

In 2013, the legislature increased the individual income tax rate, affecting many small businesses whose income is taxed as "pass through" to the business owners.

I support reducing "pass through" taxes on small and mid-sized Minnesota business owners.

TRANSPORTATION

How should Minnesota address its unmet transportation needs in the near future?

Minnesota should address its transportation needs with existing revenues by focusing on improving efficiencies.

Do you support an increase in the fuel tax for expansion and maintenance of roads and bridges?
No

Do you support raising the metro area sales tax to fund metro transit projects?
No

ENVIRONMENT

Do you support streamlining the environmental review and permitting process in Minnesota?
Yes, permitting takes too long – the system needs to be updated and streamlined immediately.

Do you support new restrictions on nonferrous mining?
No, the current restrictions and standards are sufficient to protect the environment.

Do you support a container deposit bill that will charge consumers ten cents for every bottle, can and milk/juice container sold in Minnesota, and that will be refunded upon return to a recycling center?
No

ENERGY & ELECTRIC RATES

Which of the following statements most accurately represents your opinion on electric rates in Minnesota?

Changes need to be made in how business customers pay for electricity - the cost of service should be the primary factor in setting electric rates (i.e. cost-based rates). The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) should not set electric rates so that one set of customers is subsidizing another.



HEALTH CARE

Which of the following approaches best reflects your position on what Minnesota should do to improve health insurance and the MNsure health insurance exchange?

Dump MNsure and adopt the federal health insurance exchange.

Do you support modifying the health care benefits provided through Minnesota's public health care programs so that they remain high quality, but are more in line with what other states offer?

Yes, we can reform and redesign our benefits to improve quality of care and save money.

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

In 2013, the legislature eliminated the requirement that high school students be able to pass basic skill exams in reading, writing, and math in order to graduate. Do you believe:

The state should eliminate all statewide testing, including reading and math MCA exams in grades 3 – 7.

Do you support legislation that would require school boards to use teacher performance as a factor in determining teacher layoffs, and not base layoffs solely on seniority?

Yes, school districts should use performance and not just seniority when making layoff decisions.

LABOR/MANAGEMENT

Which statement best reflects your views on requiring all workers in a union shop to pay union dues as a condition of employment:

I would support legislation to reduce the amount of "fair share" dues non-union members pay to unions.

Would you support changing Minnesota's prevailing wage calculation to the average wage?

Yes

ELECTIONS

Do you support moving the state primary election from August (when voter turnout is under 10%) to June in order to improve voter turnout and maximize the time candidates spend with general election voters?

Yes

CIVIL JUSTICE

Do you support reducing Minnesota's six-year statute of limitations to three years?

Yes - reducing the statute of limitations would reduce the legal exposure of businesses, schools, and governments and would also make it easier to defend cases since memories are more current and it is more likely that witnesses and evidence can be found.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

List any additional comments or explanation to your answers above:

I believe we could increase spending for roads and business programs, but we should not increase taxes to do so.

Dumping MNSure and adopting the federal program was the best option, but still not a good one. The whole system needs to be completely restructured, in conjunction with the federal government. Local school boards should be allowed to decide what testing is necessary for the students in that district.