

Daonna Depoister Announces Candidacy for the MN House of Representatives In the House District 45A Area of Crystal, New Hope and Eastern Plymouth

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Daonna Depoister, local leader, is running as a Democrat for the House of Representatives' position in Minnesota District 45A (Crystal, New Hope, and eastern Plymouth). This Legislative position is currently held by retiring Democrat State Representative Lyndon Carlson.

"I want to sincerely thank State Rep. Lyndon Carlson for his many years of excellent service to our state and to our local communities," said Depoister. "Personally, I'm running for this office because I've had a variety of meaningful life experiences," Depoister said. "My strength is in building strong relationships and bringing the right people around the table," she said. "This collaboration gets results among all parties and unites people," she added.

Depoister believes that in order to begin resolving many social issues, the following issues need to be addressed: health care, affordable housing, increasing the minimum wage, and addressing the education achievement gap. Empowering families is also important.

Depoister and her husband have lived in this legislative district for 23 years, while raising their two sons in Plymouth, attending the local public school district. She's been an active parent volunteer, has served on several councils, and chaired committees at the local schools. Depoister and her family have also been active at their local church. As the parent of a special needs child, Depoister has also been a guest speaker on "Inclusion Issues" thru the Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners organization.

Leadership Experience:

As a leader, and a college graduate, Depoister has 20 years of business experience in the financial services industry. She was appointed by the Minnesota Legislature to serve on the Family Building Task Force. She has helped to write legislation and has done grass-roots lobbying as a citizen volunteer since 2001. She served as the Midwest Regional President of Resolve (the national infertility association), as well as their Legislative Advocacy Chair for 10 years. At Resolve, she was recognized as a "Family-Building Hero." Both locally and state-wide, Depoister has served as a leader on several boards of non-profit organizations.

Health Care Issues:

Depoister has been actively involved in state government as an advocate and leader for health insurance coverage, women's issues, adoption, medical privacy, and upgrading our state laws to current technologies. "I believe we need a health care system that provides affordable access to all—because the costs of many prescription drugs are too high. These medications affect people's quality of life and are out-of-reach for the average American, especially those who live on fixed incomes," she said.

Education Issues:

"I will advocate for an educational system where each and every student receives an excellent education—one that meets them where they're at, and prepares them for their future—whether they go to vocational or trade school, or a four-year college," Depoister said. "I understand the need for inclusion in our schools for students with differing abilities, differing cultures, and differing needs. I will be the Voice for the Voiceless."