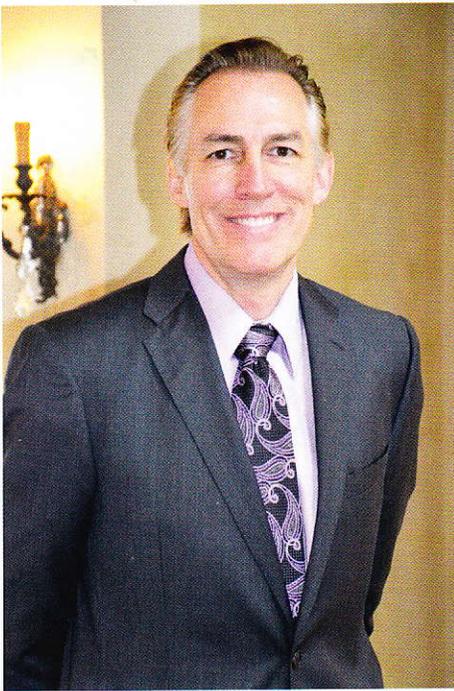


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DARIO ANSELMO: Candidate for State House Seat 49A

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Dario Anselmo has been an Edina resident for 15 years with his beautiful wife, Jeanne, and their three kids, who attend Edina public schools.

The road to politics for Dario has been greatly influenced by his entrepreneurial and personal experiences. He has an education and small business background, having started his first small business in Edina at a young age of 21. After selling it, Dario purchased the Fine Line Music Cafe in downtown Minneapolis. He sold the business last year, after owning and operating the landmark venue for over 20 years. Dario decided it was time for a change, and he wanted to step up to the plate. Dario says, "People complain about the weather and politics; instead of complaining, I just want to make a difference and make some changes. I am concerned about the present and future for our kids."

Dario has chosen to run for State House as a Republican because he says, "Education is important!... [and] I am hoping to change the tone of politics, and find out what unites us, not divides us." Dario wants to utilize his "20+ years of business and civic experience" to help the community. He continues, "I want to take what we do in Edina and put it on a State level."

Dario's platform is simple: We need a greater emphasis on education, business, environment, and health.

Reforming Education:

"Education is number one," says Dario. For him, it's a moral issue: "[education] should be the civil rights issue of the 21st century." On a smaller scale, Dario believes our thriving public schools are essential for our great quality of life. Dario has worked to strengthen them by serving on the board of the Edina Education Fund. He hopes to modernize educational outcomes, because too many of our high school graduates are not where

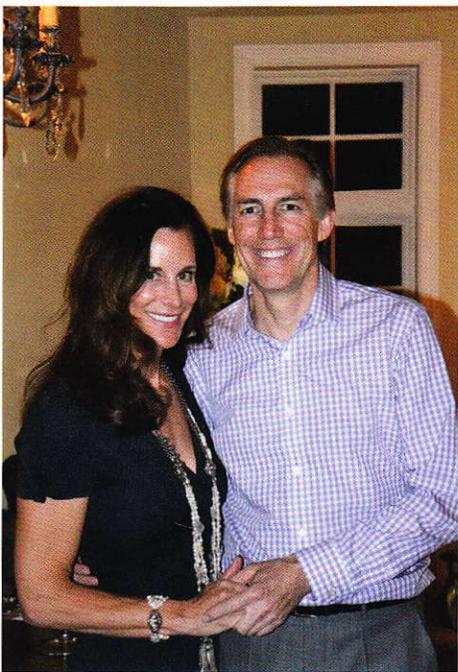
they need to be." For example, the inner city of Minneapolis is at the bottom of the list. Dario says, "It concerns me and I want Edina to be even better."

Business:

Dario wants to keep Minnesota competitive by focusing on the economy. Business owners face too many tax and regulatory burdens. Dario is trying to find ways to grow our economy by reducing regulations and hidden taxes so businesses can effectively create more jobs and greater economic opportunity. Being the fourth highest taxed state in the country makes it difficult for small and medium-sized businesses. Most people aren't a part of big businesses, and we want long-term competitiveness. People are leaving Minnesota because of the taxes. Dario wants to pay his share of taxes, but not too much.

Environment:

Dario believes Republicans generally communicate better in regards to their



environmental ideas. He says, “Republicans are the original environmentalists.” Taking care of resources, such as water and parks, is important to Dario.

If Dario is elected, he will strive to produce an “active leadership” for Minnesota that will not be so partisan. The current State Representative has been in politics for too many years, so Dario wants to provide a different choice for Edina. “I want to be more accessible, and more

positive,” says Dario. He is a glass half-full person who does not want to finger point like most politicians. He also wants the younger generations involved, because government affects everyone, no matter what age you are. “It’s our democracy. Freedom isn’t free so people have to contribute their time and money,” says Dario.

Some of Dario’s political influences are former President Ronald Reagan and Paul Ryan. Ronald Reagan had a freedom

agenda. He was passionate about education and led with strong, decisive action. His goal was to free up the economy. Most of all, President Reagan inspired and united people, which is what Dario is trying to accomplish. Paul Ryan is a conservative who gets to the heart of issues, such as poverty, another important issue to Dario’s campaign.

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