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Great-Grandson of Former Minneapolis Mayor Runs for State Legislature.

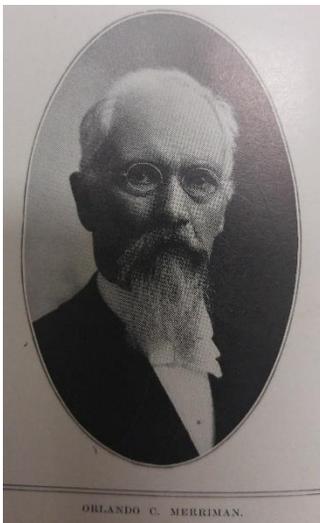
(Golden Valley, MN) -

Steve Merriman is the endorsed Republican candidate for the Minnesota House of Representatives in District 45B, including the cities of Crystal, Golden Valley, New Hope, and Robbinsdale. He is not, however, the first Merriman in Minnesota politics.

O.C. Merriman, Steve's great grandfather, was elected mayor of St. Anthony Falls in 1861. He was re-elected in 1862, but left after volunteering for the U.S. Army during the Civil War. He served as a captain in the Sixth Minnesota Regiment. The elder Merriman was one of only three members appointed by the state legislature to the University of Minnesota Board of Regents in 1864. O.C. reflected on the politics of his day in his diary on August 8, 1864. He wrote: "Read half a day in a political history, going over very briefly President Washington's Administration. Became very much interested, especially in the contest between Mr. Jefferson and Mr. Hamilton. We are very liable to think the man of our own time, more bitter partisans, more selfish, less patriotic & all that, than our fathers but when we read the doings, & sayings & feelings of the latter, we must I think conclude that human nature remains about the same, that men are governed by about the same motives & impulses in all ages, & are at all times sufficiently selfish." O.C. Merriman served three more terms as mayor of St. Anthony Falls, and in 1875, after the cities merged, he was elected mayor of Minneapolis with the support of both parties.

Steve Merriman served in his great grandfather's military footsteps, in his case as a Naval officer in the Vietnam War. He also hopes to continue the family tradition of gaining the support of both Republicans and Democrats. His goals are to grow the economy, enable good stewardship of the environment, and to make government more efficient in meeting the needs of Minnesota citizens.

Steve is a graduate of the University of Minnesota in Engineering and a Registered Professional Engineer. He is a retired telecommunications engineer from U.S. West, MWR Telecom, and Great River Energy. A resident of Golden Valley for over 37 years, he has been married since 1968 to his wife Margaret and has three children and six grandchildren.



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