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More Great Endorsements for CM Diane Hofstede in her Third Ward Re-Election Bid
Two Local Elected Officials, Key Unions Throw Support to the Two-Term Incumbent

MINNEAPOLIS - (Feb 23) - City Council Member Diane Hofstede (DFL-3rd Ward) today announced that she has picked up more key endorsements, this time by Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman and Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin. The two elected officials join a long list of distinguished local, state and federal officeholders who are supporting Hofstede's election to a third term on the Minneapolis City Council.

Hofstede also announced that she has received the endorsements of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 292 and the Minneapolis Building and Construction Trades Council.

"I'm proud to stand with organized labor and with progressive Minnesotans like Peter and Mike and I'm grateful for their support," Hofstede said. "The issues in this election are critical ones around public safety, economic development and decent housing. We need to keep our focus on reducing and preventing crime in our city through the combined efforts of our police officers, city government and the engagement of our citizens. We need to attract more economic development to our city like the new Vikings Stadium and to make sure it's done right so that people can find decent, career-oriented jobs. We need to build new affordable housing, to find ways to rehab our existing housing stock, and to promote strong neighborhoods around those homes. I have a record of success in each of these areas and I'm excited to ask for the opportunity to continue that work in a third term."

"You are an important asset to the City of Minneapolis," wrote Minneapolis Building and Construction Trades Council President Dave Ybarra in the organization's endorsement letter, "and we appreciate your willingness to help make a difference!"

The Minneapolis Building and Construction Trades Council includes the following unions:

Boilermakers Local 647
Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 1
Carpenters Local 322
Cement Masons Local 633
City Employees Local 363
Construction & General Laborers Local 563
Electrical Workers Local 292
Elevator Constructors Local 9
Glaziers & Glassworkers Local L-1324
Heat & Frost Insulators & Allied Workers Local 34
Iron Workers Local 512
Iron Workers Shopmen Local 535

Millwrights Local 548
MN State Interior Systems Local 68
Operating Engineers Local 49
Painters Local 386
Pile Drivers & Dock Builders Local 1847
Pipefitters Local 539
Plasterers Local 265
Plumbers Local 15
Roofers Local 96
Sheet Metal Workers Local 10
Sign, Display & Allied Workers Local 880
Sprinkler Fitters Local 41

Caucuses will be held on Tuesday April 16th, and the Third Ward Convention with Be on May 4th.