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Hofstede's Great Endorsements Grow in Third Ward Race

MRLF, Police, Sharon Sayles Belton & Joan Growe Join Campaign

MINNEAPOLIS - (Mar 19) - City Council Member Diane Hofstede (DFL-3rd Ward) announced today the endorsement of two critical labor organizations along with former Minneapolis Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton and former Minnesota Secretary of State Joan Growe. The two organizations are:

- * The Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis and
- * The Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation AFL-CIO comprising dozens of labor organizations (see www.minneapolisunions.org/cluc affiliates.php).

"Diane is a lifelong champion for the Third Ward and the City of Minneapolis," said Sayles Belton. "We can count on her to work hard to address the critical issues that will improve the quality of life of all the people in our City."

"I'm proud to be a labor-endorsed candidate and to have earned their support and trust," Hofstede said. "And it's truly an honor to have earned the backing of such accomplished, respected public servants as Sharon and Joan who know that this is a crucial juncture in our City's history and that we need proven leadership to stand up for working families and our neighborhoods."

Hofstede said that in her work throughout the Third Ward she hears from constituents about the most important issues of this campaign:

"People care about keeping their homes and neighborhoods safe. They care about good schools and good jobs. They want to live in decent houses. They want clean water and clean air. Those are the issues that they want their council member focused on and those are issues I have worked on successfully for two terms. My focus is not going to change and my advocacy for my constituents will always be my most important job. I will continue to lead on efforts to reduce and prevent crime in our City through a

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comprehensive approach. I will keep fighting for more economic development like the new Vikings Stadium and to make sure it's done right. I will always look to bring decent, career-oriented jobs in our community and to encourage the construction of new, affordable housing."

For more information on Diane go to www.dianehofstede.com

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