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On Wednesday evening, Jax Cafe was packed for the 3rd Ward candidate forum hosted by the Northeast Chamber. It was wonderful to see so many of my supporters in the audience - such extraordinary encouragement!

If you couldn't make it, the forum focused on issues for the business community in the neighborhood. Over my eight years in office, the 3rd Ward has transformed into one of the hottest, hippest and safe wards in the city. I've worked to build business through economic development initiatives, better transit options and safer neighborhoods, because public safety is crucial to attracting people and business. Together with businesses and the 2nd police precinct, we enhanced public safety by developing the Riverfront Entertainment District and the Dinkytown safety strategies. The video clips (below) from the debate capture some of my energy for the 3rd Ward and my vision for the city.



Diane Hofstede: Public Safety in Downtown Minneapolis



Diane Hofstede: Closing Statement at Candidate Forum

In addition to issues facing the business community, there are a lot of general interest issues just shaping up for the next 12 months. One interesting [bill was just announced](#) by State Rep. Phyllis Kahn, which opens conversation about public ownership of the Minnesota Orchestra. In early October, I attended the final concert by conductor Osmo Vanska, which served as a humbling reminder of the importance of arts in our community. I support Phyllis in finding a solution to this ongoing dispute around the orchestra, and look forward to being part of the discussion, as the arts are a fundamental part of our vibrant city and Ward.

Another hot topic right now is the [Southwest Corridor Light Rail project](#). The vote was delayed earlier this week until early 2014. From [my experience advocating for Bus Rapid Transit connections](#) in the Bottineau Light Rail Corridor plans in order to connect North and Northeast to the rest of the city, I understand the impact large-scale transit projects have on the city. It's important to continue to gather information on the environmental and transit impacts of the proposed Southwest Corridor plan. This is another topic I'm keenly interested

in, and am excited to continue in these discussion as your re-elected 3rd Ward city council member.



Join us in a fundraiser for Diane Hofstede with Gov. Mark Dayton!

[You're invited to a fundraiser](#) for the re-election of Diane Hofstede to Minneapolis City Council, guaranteed to be an outstanding event with our special guest Gov. Mark Dayton. The event is 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at [The Bachelor Farmer](#), 50 N. Second Ave., Minneapolis. Thank you to our gracious hosts, former Vice President Walter and Joan Mondale, Minnesota State Rep. Phyllis Kahn, Larry and Caryl Abdo, and countless community members, for putting on this event!



Be social with Diane



- Watch debate highlights and more on our Vote Hofstede YouTube channel: youtube.com/VoteHofstede
- See the latest from the campaign, what Diane doing for the 3rd Ward and more on her Facebook page: facebook.com/reelecthofstede
- Get the latest in 140 characters by following [@VoteHofstede](https://twitter.com/VoteHofstede) on Twitter.

How you can help

Whether you have a couple hours or a couple minutes, here's how to show your support for Diane.

- [Request a sign](#) for your lawn or window.
- [Volunteer](#) to knock on doors.
- [Share her updates](#) on Facebook.
- [Tell your friends](#) about Diane's record of success.
- [Schedule an event](#) with Diane.
- Wear your blue and orange Hofstede T-shirt. Need one? Contact us at (612) 331-3636 or [email us](#) with your size.

Want to talk city business?

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