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Hofstede Announces Endorsements for Third Ward Election

MINNEAPOLIS - (Jan 31) - City Councilwoman Diane Hofstede (DFL-3rd Ward) today said she is pleased by the support she's received for her re-election bid for a third term on the Minneapolis City Council. Those endorsing Hostede today include:

- \* City Councilwoman Barb Johnson (DFL-4th Ward)
- \* City Councilman Don Samuels (DFL-5th Ward)
- \* City Councilwoman Meg Tuthill (DFL-10th Ward)
- \* State Representative Diane Loeffler (DFL-District 60A)
- \* State Representative Phyllis Kahn (DFL-District 60B)
- \* Hennepin County Commissioner Linda Higgins (DFL-2nd District)
- \* Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Commissioner Liz Wielinski (DFL-District 1)
- \* Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Commissioner Anita Tabb (DFL-District 4)

Hofstede also announced a number of endorsements from organized labor including:

- \* International Union of Painters & Allied Trades District Council 82
- \* International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49
- \* Teamsters DRIVE
- \* ULLICO INC PAC

Hofstede also noted that she is gratified to have received the endorsement of former Minneapolis Mayor Don Fraser and Arvonne Fraser, Minneapolis Downtown Council President & CEO Mark Stenglein, and longtime DFL fundraiser Ruth Usem. She said she expects to announce additional endorsements as the campaign season begins in earnest.

"I'm enormously grateful for the support and endorsement of these longtime friends and colleagues who know me and know my record," Hofstede said. "I'm running for re-election because I know there's still work to be done on behalf of the Third Ward and for our city. With a team like this on my side, I'm ready to put myself before the voters of my ward and ask for the opportunity to continue in that work."

Hofstede continued: "I'm proud of a lifetime of service to the Third Ward, first as a public

school teacher, as a business owner, as Minneapolis Public Library Board chair, and as a passionate, progressive member of the city council. I've laid out a clear vision about where our city can grow and develop over the next decade and beyond and I'm eager to continue in my efforts to achieve that vision. I will fight for ecofriendly, sustainable economic development for all citizens - not just for any jobs, but for jobs that provide careers and that support families and grow the middle class."

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