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Minneapolis DFL Party Precinct Caucuses Set for March 3

Neighborhood gatherings begin endorsement process for city council, mayor and park board

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 9, 2009 – Minneapolis residents will gather Tuesday, March 3, for precinct caucuses throughout the city that mark the start of the DFL Party's endorsing process for all city council and park board seats and for mayor.

Precinct caucuses serve as the official kick-off for getting involved in the Minneapolis DFL political process for 2009. All 13 city council seats, all 9 park board positions, 2 Board of Estimate and Taxation seats, and the mayor's office are up for election this November.

Caucuses, which will take place for all 131 of the city's precincts, begin at 7 p.m. at area schools, parks and other accessible neighborhood sites. All those who live in the precinct, who agree to support the DFL party's principles, and who will be of voting age by Election Day on Nov. 3, 2009, are eligible to attend their neighborhood caucus and vie for delegate positions.

Delegates and alternates elected at the precinct caucuses will attend Ward Conventions, to be held from March 14 through April 28. A total of 4,770 delegates will be selected. The 13 separate ward conventions will endorse DFL candidates for their respective city council seats.

In addition, a second set of 1,244 delegates will be elected at the March 3 precinct caucuses to attend the City Convention Saturday, May 16, at 10 a.m. The purpose of that convention, to be held at Washburn High School (201 W. 49th St.), is to endorse DFL candidates for mayor, park board and Board of Estimate and Taxation.

A complete list of precinct caucus and ward convention locations can be found at <http://minneapolis.dflers.org>. Those unable to attend the March 3 precinct caucuses who still wish to be considered for a delegate position may provide a letter to their precinct caucus. A sample letter is available at <http://minneapolis.dflers.org>.

Caucus and convention business also includes seeking volunteers for Minneapolis DFL committees and party officer positions.

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