

Lacy Johnson for 59B: An Open letter to my Community

Greetings residents and business owners in the legislative district of 59B north Minneapolis and downtown.

First of all, I have to start out by saying thank you to state representative Raymond Dehn for his many years of work in the Minnesota State Legislature. Secondly, a new day is fast approaching, and I would like to make it perfectly clear: If you vote for me, Lacy Johnson, and things in north Minneapolis do not change over the course of my tenure in the state legislature, I will not run for re-election. With that said, something is very wrong and <u>nobody</u> is asking questions or getting answers. Essentially, disparities created by unequal treatment in the past persist today because much of the Civil Rights Movement has not progressed beyond legislative and social issues into the arena of economic empowerment through entrepreneurialism and financial literacy.

This becomes a challenge with unemployment at an all-time high (in the Black community), and real community stakeholders have been forced to deal with the hyperbole of billionaire governor Mark Dayton that seems to say everything is well with Minnesota's economy; for everyone? Then let me ask you this: "Why don't the narratives of success match the community." As we head in with less-than 10-days left until the midterm elections, it seems like the usual suspects might be benefiting from trickles of money, but the big bucks have yet to make change or for that matter show successful measurable outcomes for black people in Minnesota. No, the money is not hitting the streets on this week or any - and if it has, not too many people know what it is doing. One thing for sure, we know that multi-millions of Minnesota's cash and has become the dog-trainer in this thing called grants to cure generational disparities. If you put first-things-first, you'll realize it is impossible for the same group who created MNSure to assist in building a better black community. I'm running as a Republican in Minnesota; I'm a Black man that cares about ALL people, businesses, and education in our community. I will not ask you to join the MNGOP, nor will I ask you to become a republican - but what I will ask you is to VOTE for a change; vote for your friends, family, and future employment and educational outcomes; vote for a chance to see how great we have always been and will be.

In November, vote for me, Lacy Johnson to be your next MN state representative for 59B.

Lacy Johnson, Candidate - 59B

-This Letter was prepared by and edited by the Campaign for Lacy Johnson for 59B