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"Please share your opinions with me by completing the legislative survey. "

-- Maria

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Dear Neighbors,

The 2005 Legislative Session is underway, and I am looking for your insights and views on issues important to our families and communities. Please take a few minutes to fill out this questionnaire and return it to me. Your input will allow me to better represent District 42A at the Capitol.

I am also eager to meet with you during the session, and I have set up a series of informal coffees, where I can listen to what is on your mind, and hear your concerns.

Sincerely, *Maria*

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Coffee With Maria

Please join Maria for coffee on the following Saturday mornings to talk about the issues facing our communities.

The coffees will be held from 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. at the Glen Lake Activity Center, 14350 Excelsior Boulevard, at the corner of Woodhill and Excelsior Boulevard in Minnetonka.

February 19 and 26

March 5

April 9 and 23

May 7 and 21

June 4

Bring questions and join Maria for an informative morning.



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Representative Maria Ruud

2005 Legislative Questionnaire

Please let me know your thoughts on these important issues. Thank you!

1.) The state of Minnesota is projecting a large deficit for the third year in a row. Previously the Legislature made numerous cuts in government, as opposed to raising revenues. Would you support cutting government again to deal with the budget deficit?

Constituent 1

- No, don't cut government anymore. I am willing to pay more in taxes to keep the level of government Minnesota has now.
- Yes, please cut government further. Minnesotans should not be asked to pay any more in taxes than they do now.
- I prefer a combination of some cuts to government and some modest tax increases.

Constituent 2

- No, don't cut government anymore. I am willing to pay more in taxes to keep the level of government Minnesota has now.
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- I prefer a combination of some cuts to government and some modest tax increases.

2.) What are the most important issues facing our district?

Constituent 1

- Adequately funding education
- Traffic congestion and gridlock
- The state's continuing budget deficit
- Maintaining a healthy business and job climate
- Affordable health care
- Maintaining our parks, lakes and trails

Constituent 2

- Adequately funding education
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3.) If the Legislature decides to cut programs and services, what areas would you cut first? Please rank from highest to lowest with 1 being the highest.

Constituent 1

- K-12 Education
- Higher Education
- Environment
- Transit and Transportation
- Public Safety and Crime Prevention
- Health and Human Services

Constituent 2

- K-12 Education
- Higher Education
- Environment
- Transit and Transportation
- Public Safety and Crime Prevention
- Health and Human Services

4.) What should we do to address the problem of traffic congestion in our area?

Constituent 1 Bigger Freeways Toll Roads Light rail Expand Bus Service

Constituent 2 Bigger Freeways Toll Roads Light rail Expand Bus Service

5.) If the Legislature decides to raise taxes to deal with the deficit, which taxes would you consider raising:

Constituent 1 Income Tax Sales Tax Corporate Tax Cigarette Tax Gas Tax

Constituent 2 Income Tax Sales Tax Corporate Tax Cigarette Tax Gas Tax

6.) Would you be willing to pay more in taxes or fees for a professional sports stadium for the Vikings or the Twins?

Constituent 1 Yes No

Constituent 2 Yes No

7.) Would you be willing to pay more in taxes or fees for an amateur sports stadium for the Minnesota Gophers?

Constituent 1 Yes No

Constituent 2 Yes No

8.) The Governor has proposed using gambling to help balance the budget. Do you support this proposal?

Constituent 1 Yes No

Constituent 2 Yes No

Please use the space below to share your comments with me:

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Refold the questionnaire with the return address on the outside, affix a stamp and drop it in the mail.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire!