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State Representative



“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,

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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- ☐ Minnesotans should not be asked to pay any more in taxes than they do now.
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- 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
- ☐ Traffic congestion and gridlock
- ☐ The state's continuing budget deficit
- ☐ Maintaining a healthy business and job climate
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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:



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!