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Strong suburban showing puts DFL in control of House

The DFL will control the Minnesota House of Representatives in the 2019-20 biennium.

Winning a number of key races in the Twin Cities suburbs, the DFL picked up 18 seats and will hold a 75-59 advantage when the House convenes Jan. 8, 2019.

Much of the change occurred in the Twin Cities suburbs, especially near and just off the Interstate 494-694 corridor, where DFL candidates beat incumbent Republicans.

This includes places like Burnsville, Champlin, Eden Prairie, Edina, Lakeville, Plymouth, Rosemount, Stillwater and Woodbury.

Three races were within 250 votes: Rep. elect Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn (DFL-Eden Prairie) beat Rep. Jenifer Loon (R-Eden Prairie) by 241 votes with 20,577 votes cast; beat Rep.-elect Kelly Morrison (DFL-Deephaven) beat Rep. Cindy Pugh (R-Chanhassen) by 216 votes with 23,372 cast; and Rep.-elect Shelly Christensen (DFL-Stillwater) beat Rep. Kathy Lohmer (R-Stillwater) by 137 votes in a race where 22,630 votes were cast.

In northern Minnesota, former Rep. John Persell (DFL-Bemidji) edged Rep. Matt Bliss (R-Pennington) by four votes in District 5A. There were 16,871 votes cast in the race — including seven write-ins.

House Public Information Services is compiling a directory of 2019-20 members-elect. That publication is expected to be available online Wednesday afternoon.

Office numbers and committee assignments for the 2019-20 House will be determined in coming weeks by the incoming majority.

New House members (some who served previously) of the 2019-20 Legislature:

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| Rep.-elect Dave Lislegard (DFL-Aurora) | Rep.-elect Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn (DFL-Eden Prairie) |
| Rep.-elect John Persell (DFL-Bemidji) | Rep.-elect Heather Edelson (DFL-Edina) |
| Rep.-elect Lisa Demuth (R-Cold Spring) | Rep.-elect Steve Elkins (DFL-Bloomington) |
| Rep.-elect Dan Wolgamott (DFL-St. Cloud) | Rep.-elect Michael Howard (DFL-Richfield) |
| Rep.-elect Shane Mekeland (R-Clear Lake) | Rep.-elect Ruth Richardson (DFL-Mendota Heights) |
| Rep.-elect Jeff Brand (DFL-St. Peter) | Rep.-elect Tou Xiong (DFL-Maplewood) |
| Rep.-elect Todd Lippert (DFL-Northfield) | Rep.-elect Steve Sandell (DFL-Woodbury) |
| Rep.-elect Kelly Morrison (DFL-Deephaven) | Rep.-elect Anne Claflin (DFL-South St. Paul) |
| Rep.-elect Kristin Robbins (R-Maple Grove) | Rep.-elect Brad Tabke (DFL-Shakopee) |
| Rep.-elect Kristin Bahner (DFL-Maple Grove) | Rep.-elect Hunter Cantrell (DFL-Savage) |
| Rep.-elect John Heinrich (R-Anoka) | Rep.-elect Alice Mann (DFL-Lakeville) |
| Rep.-elect Zack Stephenson (DFL- Coon Rapids) | Rep.-elect Robert Bierman (DFL-Apple Valley) |
| Rep.-elect Ami Wazlawik (DFL-White Bear Township) | Rep.-elect John Huot (DFL-Rosemount) |
| Rep.-elect Shelly Christensen (DFL-Stillwater) | Rep.-elect Mohamud Noor (DFL-Mpls) |
| Rep.-elect Samantha Vang (DFL-Brooklyn Center) | Rep.-elect Jamie Long (DFL-Mpls) |
| Rep.-elect Kelly Moller (DFL-Shoreview) | Rep.-elect Hodan Hassan (DFL-Mpls) |
| Rep.-elect Ginny Klevorn (DFL-Plymouth) | Rep.-elect Aisha Gomez (DFL-Mpls) |
| Rep.-elect Patty Acomb (DFL-Minnetonka) | Rep.-elect Kaohly Her (DFL-Mpls) |
| Rep.-elect Ryan Winkler (DFL-Golden Valley) | Rep.-elect Jay Xiong (DFL-St. Paul) |
| Rep.-elect Greg Boe (R-Chaska) | |