

# Keith Downey Facts

(Hey! No one could make up facts like these)

- ✓ Big \$\$\$ from Outside Minnesota
- ✓ Big-Time Outside PACs with own Agendas
- ✓ Very Radical-Right Philosophy in "Manifesto"



## campaign money:



[SOURCE DOWNEY'S AUG 25<sup>TH</sup> CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT]

## The Endorsement Manuever

- ▶ Keith Downey won the Republican Endorsement in a well organized takeover of the Edina Republican party, by the tried and true method of packing party caucuses in February to elect your own "new delegates."
- ▶ Phil Krinkie of the Taxpayer's League publicly claimed credit for the GOP & Downey's endorsement takeover. Taxpayers League is an anti-tax PAC.
- ▶ In fact, equal credit for the clever GOP takeover goes to ultra-conservative Minnesota Majority, a 501(c)4 (like a PAC) and to a Christian Right group which organized church members - all using social-issue-spin attacks.
- ▶ Their problem is that most actual Edina voters, GOP or DFL, are statistically *Moderate* Republicans, *Moderate* Democrats, or *Moderate* Independents

## The Radical Right Presentation ("manifesto")

- ▶ Last year, Downey created an exploratory Presentation titled "Slide1" (e.g. PowerPoint) which was saved on his alter-ego website keithdowney.biz as <http://www.keithdowney.biz/pdfs/SD41-A%20Rep.%20Endorsement.pdf>
- ▶ Even though now erased and replaced with a professional political website - like everything else - Google™ saved the searchable copy we found.
- ▶ All 17 Downey pages that Google™ saved are linked for you to read at our website [www.EdinaModerates.org](http://www.EdinaModerates.org) - including some really *wacky* social concepts which are contrary to the opinions of the vast majority of Edinans. (Such as God actually in government policies and programs - not kept separate. Or, ending health care systems - sending everyone out on their own.)

## Big Outside Money

- ▶ **49%** of Money and **46%** of Donors name-listed on Downey's own Aug 25<sup>th</sup> campaign report came from OUTSIDE of MINNESOTA. Ask, Exactly what do these outsiders have to do with Edina, Minnesota issues?

## Right-Winger Now Masquerading as Moderate

- ▶ Compare Downey's current projected image, website, and positions against his original positions. Is this say-and-do whatever it takes to get elected?

## Downey did not sign MN limit on campaign spending

- ▶ Only Erhardt signed the state limit. Out of 270 *total* house candidates Downey & Staunton are 2 (of only 8) who filed to run a big \$\$ campaign. *Surprising* considering Downey's *hold-the-line* on spending statements!

Sources and links available at:

[www.edinamoderates.org](http://www.edinamoderates.org)

Find details and facts about first-time-ever *big outside money and influences* in our Edina election for:

Kevin Staunton  
Keith Downey  
Ron Erhardt

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## Who is Keith Downey?

Keith Downey, grew up in Edina, the son of a beloved coach. Downey is a partner in the governmental consulting firm of Virchow Krause & Company Llp. He moved from Milwaukee to Edina a few years ago, opening a Minneapolis Virchow office, and telling at least one official he wanted to run for the 41a House seat. Very active in church and community, Downey is a personable, appealing individual with very strong social views. He obtained the Republican Endorsement over publicly popular long time incumbent Representative Ron Erhardt after Erhardt led the Republican override of Governor Pawlenty's Transportation Bill veto - as supported by 61% of Edina voters.



## Who is Minnesota Majority?

Minnesota Majority is a very right-wing political organization originally formed, at least in-part, by former Secretary-of-State Mary Kiffmeyer. Minnesota Majority takes the position that the majority of U.S. and Minnesota citizens are very conservative and therefore are the "real majority." It is registered as a 501(c)4 non-profit corporation which technically (IRS rules) must form and file a separate registered "political fund" if it spends over \$100 in an election cycle. There is no such filing. However, Minnesota Majority took an active role plus printed and distributed literature to assist Downey in taking over the Edina Republican convention and thus controlling the endorsement.

## Who is Minnesota Taxpayer's League?

Minnesota Taxpayers League is an anti-tax organization formerly run by T.V. political personality David Strom and more recently by former Representative and T.V. political personality Phil Krinkie. a/k/a in some circles as "Dr. No" or "Cranky Phil." Krinkie has publicly taken credit in interviews for his and Taxpayer's League being responsible for the right-wing takeover of the Edina Republican Party and then endorsement of his candidates Downey 41a and Schneider 41b.

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