

Be ready for the Outside Special Interest attacks on behalf of Downey & Staunton

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Kevin Staunton Facts

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Washington D.C.'s  
Progressive Majority  
"Farm team" training



QUOTE:

We [PROGRESSIVE MAJORITY] recruited Kevin with the help of the local DFL party unit specifically to run for this seat. [EDINA HOUSE DISTRICT 41A]

Staunton is Progressive Majority's "hottest" pick race for PM's entry into Minnesota local politics [see link at [edinaModerates.org](http://edinaModerates.org)]

Positions Staunton Must Agree to 100%  
in Writing to be on PM's "Farm team"

- ▶ "Public Funding Of Abortion,
  - ▶ Increasing Access For Abortions,
  - ▶ Protection For Immigrants In The Workplace...(Legal Or Not),
  - ▶ Government Funded 'Age Appropriate' Sex-Ed For All Children,
  - ▶ Government Enforcement Of "A Living Wage",
  - ▶ Comprehensive Universal Health Care Coverage,
  - ▶ Expansion Of Medicaid,
  - ▶ Free Government-Paid Pre-School For All,
  - ▶ Opposing Any Privatization Of Social Security,
  - ▶ Requiring Health Care Providers To Provide 'Culturally Competent And Language Specific Resources',
  - ▶ Government-Led Regulation Of Private Insurance Companies To Lower Their Costs Of Health Care,
  - ▶ Expansion Of Public Transit,
  - ▶ Government Determined Pay Equity For women,
  - ▶ Continued use of race and quotas in hiring employees -both governmental and private sector
- ...." (and more)

Source: Excerpted from a writer's photo interview at Progressive Majority where she examined the official 40 point questionnaire that Staunton must match 100%.

▶ Progressive Majority's Washington D.C. mentality must think the local DFL Party is inept if PM only lets the local DFL "help" pick a candidate!

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▶ 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.

Representative Ron Erhardt Facts:

▶ Ron Erhardt - refreshingly - is a traditional old-fashioned public servant who successfully gets things done for the people - NOT for his personal profit or ambition.

▶ Erhardt's legislative votes match the well known views of the vast majority of Edina residents.

▶ Every house session Erhardt has led, chief-authored, or authored innumerable bills that positively benefited Edinans and Minnesotans, including major tax code revisions, major education reform, major environmental legislation (before it was popular) and of course, what he is famous for, Transportation Legislation!

▶ Erhardt constantly receives awards for his work, including several this year and throughout the summer.

▶ 61% of Edina supported Erhardt's leadership in the override of Gov. Pawlenty's transportation bill veto. That transportation bill, which Erhardt originally wrote, included the gas tax increase, just as City of Edina Transportation Commission asked! (2005)

▶ Erhardt has Won elections 9 times by landslide margins - even in years when other Republican candidates did poorly in Edina ... which no-longer leans Republican - voting for Kerry (2004) and Klobuchar (2006).

▶ Traditionally 1/3 of Erhardt's election votes are cross-over votes from those who otherwise voted for other parties. 60% of all voters know Ron and support him.



KEITH DOWNEY FACTS

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- ✓ Big \$\$\$ from OUTSIDE MINNESOTA
- ✓ Big-TIME OUTSIDE PACs with own AGENDAS
- ✓ VERY RADICAL-RIGHT Philosophy in "MANIFESTO"



CAMPAIGN MONEY:



[SOURCE DOWNEY'S AUG 25TH 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 Krinkle 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](http://www.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 25th 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?

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