

Senate District 21 DFL

Counties of Dodge, Goodhue, Wabasha and Winona

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Schmit, Bayley, Diesslin endorsed by Senate District 21 DFLers

(Red Wing, MN) – Local members of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party endorsed candidates for the Minnesota Legislature on Tuesday, May 24.

State Senator Matt Schmit (Red Wing) received unanimous endorsement to build on his record of accomplishment in a second term for Senate District 21. “Serving our area in the state Senate and being a strong voice for rural Minnesota has been a great honor and worthy challenge,” Schmit said. “I look forward to continuing the Senate’s responsible stewardship of the state budget and to focusing renewed attention on the needs of Greater Minnesota – including vital infrastructure, affordable health care, and quality education and job training.”

Current Red Wing City Council member Lisa Bayley ran unopposed and won unanimous support in her bid to fill the open House of Representatives seat in District 21A, which includes the cities of Cannon Falls, Lake City, Red Wing and Wabasha, as well as townships throughout Goodhue and Wabasha counties. “The House of Representatives has not delivered for Greater Minnesota as promised,” said Bayley. “I am eager to bring my experience as a small business owner, city council member, and mother to St Paul to make progress on our shared priorities. Transportation, economic development, and senior and workforce housing need attention and action.”

Elgin native and current resident Elise Diesslin inspired similar accolades in her endorsement for the 21B seat in the House of Representatives. As a communications specialist at the University of Minnesota Rochester, Diesslin has seen firsthand the mounting challenges of student debt and college affordability. “Access to higher education and health care are real hardships for rural Minnesotans,” Diesslin said. “The House of Representatives can do more to address the needs of Minnesota’s next generation and working families around the state.”

Following redistricting in 2012, Senate District 21 includes cities and townships throughout Goodhue and Wabasha counties, as well as portions of northern Winona and northeastern Dodge counties.

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