

Delegate Candidate Short Biographies

Congressional District Three

Saudia Epps (CD3)

I have the time and commitment to changing the negative image of the Party where I can. I have the willingness to learn what I need to in order to be a productive delegate and no matter my personal opinions as long as the candidates are not unethical or criminals, I WILL support the endorsed candidates.

Congressional District Five

Julia Beauchaine (CD5)

I fully support Pres.Trump and the GOP. I have participated in our BPOU for over 18 years, serving on our SD43 committee as a VP, Treasurer, and Caucus chair and have supported local candidates by donating funds and flyering neighborhoods.

Will Dammann (CD5)

Former delegate in different district. Supporting Lisa Demuth for Governor. Former political director for Housley for US Senate in 2018.

Madeline Elmhirst (CD5)

I have been a resident of Golden Valley precinct 7 since 1997 and worked as a teacher in the Robbinsdale Area Schools for 19 years. I have experience in education, healthcare, and am a proponent of 2A issues.

Janis Friederichs

I have concerns about the state of our Minnesota government and believe I can contribute to resolving at least some of the problems. My hope is that the Republicans, individually and as a group, will have the courage to speak up and defend our platform (which I also think needs tweaking), and get involved in rescuing our great state.

Mark Friederichs (CD5)

I am an America First delegate who is tired of strongly worded letters.

Todd Hesemann (CD5)

I have been senate district officer (vice chair, treasurer, and briefly chair) of our senate district for 30 years. I am currently deputy chair, and I ran for MN House 43A in 2024. I am a fiscal and social conservative, and I will vote and work toward taking back our state for Republicans.

Andrew Johnson (CD5)

A decade on Golden Valley's Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission, president of my community's homeowner's association, former Navy officer and software manager. Ran for GV City Council three times.

Marshall Kelner (CD5)

36 years old, attorney, former baseball broadcaster. Been active in Republican politics since I was 4. Want to get young people involved and find candidates who can win!

Holly Knox (CD5)

I was a delegate to the 2024 CD 5 and State Convention(s), and an Alternate to the 2022 Conventions. I have assisted in the 2024 campaign for SD43A GOP state representative and in local races for Crystal mayor and city council member. I have also served as an election judge since 2022. I will support the endorsed candidates as determined by the various conventions.

Steve Merriman (CD5)

Many years service to SD43 as Secretary. Heavily involved in setting up caucuses for SD43. Want to support electable candidates for public office.

Kari Moreau (CD5)

I'm a Republican that has lived in CD5 for 34 years. I have voted Republican all my life. Due to COVID I wasn't able to complete the work at the convention the last time around. I put my support behind Kendall Qualls. He will make smart decisions for our state. He will tackle Fraud and Crime harder than anyone I know. Thank you for considering me to be a delegate.

Mikki Murray (CD5)

I believe in the grassroots work of the Party & opportunity for all to engage. We do it well. We also suck at it. I've been a BPOU Vice Chair, CD4 Vice Chair, CD4 Chair, candidate for MN House & Senate, treasurer for 2 campaigns, helper on doors, drops, phones, mailings, data for MANY. It would be my privilege to represent you & SD43 @ CD5 & the State Conventions.

Faith Novitsky (CD5)

SD 43 resident 30+ years; mother of four (including an active-duty U.S. service member). 40+ years pediatric RN. Community volunteer (Crystal Women's Center, Legacy Thrift, Camp Lebanon); New Hope election judge. GOP activist; former state convention alternate; decades of campaign volunteer experience. Goal: broaden GOP base via outreach, education, and dialogue.

Gary Novitsky (CD5)

Lifelong area resident; Robbinsdale HS '72. BA (Univ. of MN), MA (Saint Mary's). 46 years small business owner; Certified Rehabilitation Counselor; licensed substitute teacher (4 years, all levels). New Hope election judge. GOP: campaign manager (Ted Noble), volunteer for local/state races, Trump team leader, MN State Convention delegate (2022), SD43 volunteer.

Ann Pattock (CD5)

I am a Metro Transit driver. I support No boys in girls sports and to stop the dissection of girls teams. I believe in photo I.D. to vote with a citizenship mark on it. I strongly support very severe penalties for illegals committing violent crimes especially against children. Thank you for considering me.

Peter Swanson (CD5)

I've been a delegate, donor, and doorknocker. I am a current vice chair for SD43. I support the endorsed candidates and winning in November.

Brooks Waldron (CD5)

I would like to make a difference for my city, state, and country. As a husband, father of four, and Hennepin County employee, I have experienced first-hand the impact of the Democrat Party's far-left policies. It's time to stop the madness!