

Dear Members and Friends of Minnehaha-Lincoln-Republican Women,

Our help is needed....and it is needed in ways that we can easily meet!

We all are very aware of our big city election last week. Now that the list is down to two candidates, and it is not really considered neatly as "non-partisan" as it officially was last week, we can help as an organization. We can get busy and help with a big effort to get Republican and Independent voters, all over this city, to be sure to go and vote in the Run-Off election! The Minnehaha County GOP is also going to help with our get out the vote campaign.

There are very stark differences between the two candidates seeking the office Sioux Falls Mayor in the May 1st Run-Off election. One of the candidates seeking to be our next Mayor is a liberal social reformer, and has an anti-business agenda for our community. That candidate has the support of major Democratic players. The other candidate is Paul TenHaken. Paul has a strong executive leadership background, a very pro-business platform, an optimistic and realistic agenda, a determination to assist our law enforcement officers in making our city safer and more law abiding, and a very transparent leadership style.

Now, after leading in the original election, Paul needs our help in the Run-off election. National special interest groups are sending money and campaign staff to Sioux Falls, in an attempt to elect Paul's very liberal opponent. So, it's time for us to step up and help elect a strong conservative Mayor! We have had enough years of liberal progressivism, with Mayor Huether. He has dug our city in to a debt home of debt. We do not need four more years of that. We have had eight years of secrecy, and behind closed doors deals, with Huether. We also do not need four more years of that! So, let's pull together, as Republicans, and as people who love our city and want only the best for it. Let's all do our share to help get Paul TenHake elected as our new Mayor of Sioux Falls!

Here is what I am proposing: Let's see how many of us can step up and help by door knocking in our own particular neighborhoods. If each of us goes out knocking on doors in our own precinct, we could easily cover a large portion of this city. If you are willing, and able, to do that, please call T. J. Nelson, at 605-310-2115, offer your help. T. J. is Paul's campaign manager, and is coordinating that team's effort to have someone knock on every door in this city before May 1st. That's a huge undertaking; and we could be an enormous help!! When you call and offer your help, T. J. will give you a list of homes to contact.

My second proposal as to how we can be a big help is to help with getting Absentee Ballots turned in for Paul. We now have six licensed Notaries in our club. We can be a huge help in doing Absentee Ballots. If you are willing to put your Notary stamp, license, and skills to good use here, let me know. We are going to have all of the door knockers who come across a voter who needs help with turning in Absentee Ballots, call me. I will get their information, and then coordinate our team of dedicated Notaries, to get Absentee Ballots to everyone who needs one. It should be fun, and a big help to Paul and his team.

My third proposal of how to have our organization be actively involved is for us to offer rides to the voting poll sites for people who cannot drive. We would have two of us go together. It would be more fun that way. We would pick up voters at their homes, take them to their voting polls, and then take them back home again. I did this in past elections; and those people were sooo very grateful!! It would also be terrific PR for our club!

So, put on your thinking caps. Decide how many ways your time, schedule, and energy would allow you to help out with this get-out-the-vote effort. I will be looking forward to hearing back from many of you, either by phone, at 605-351-0246, or by e-mail. Then we will get busy! May 1st will be here soon!!

Karon Gubbrud, President
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