Phyllis Kahn—a Local Leader with National Recognition

Representative Phyllis Kahn, a long-time member of the Minnesota House of Representatives and seeking reelection in 2014 has distinguished herself on multiple fronts during her career in service to her SE Minneapolis district and to Minnesotans.

"State Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL – Minneapolis) has received national recognition for her work on landmark legislation on air pollution, computer crime and women's rights over her thirty five year career in the Minnesota Legislature. Named one of Governing magazine's 2009 public officials of the year, Kahn will be featured in the November issue of Governing magazine and honored at a dinner at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 19."

(Representative Kahn responded,) "I'm honored to receive this recognition along with several other public officials from around the United States who have done such innovative work in public service," said Kahn.

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Representative Kahn has distinguished herself on many levels particularly as a tireless and effective advocate for her constituents and on behalf of the priority issues she supports in the best interests of Minnesotans. She is a true believer in *public policy in the public interest*.

Having one of Minnesota's largest employers in her district, the University of Minnesota, she is keenly aware of and a dedicated leader in support of higher education including STEM initiatives. Rep. Kahn is also a strong supporter of the economy particularly with job creation and retention, economic development, infrastructure investments—both physical and human, as well as a supporter of small and Microbusiness, entrepreneurship and innovation.

Forbes just released its list of "The Best and Worst States to Make a Living in 2014," and Minnesota landed in the number three position behind Washington and Texas. In 2013, Minnesota ranked sixth on this list.

Minnesota earned this distinction based on "average salary, cost of living, employment rate and workplace conditions." With more than 145,000 new jobs created over the last four years, better workplace protections and opportunities for women and the first increase in the minimum wage in a decade, it's no surprise that Minnesota is moving up the Forbes list.

Minnesota continues to be a national leader in the economy, health care and high quality of life. Rep. Kahn continues to work hard on a variety of key issues including economic, health and quality of life priorities that impact the families, small businesses and the future of SE Minneapolis. She gets it!

As someone who has worked hard in the small and Microbusiness, entrepreneurial and innovation arena in Minnesota and nationally for 17 years and internationally since 2007, I strongly support Rep. Kahn in her 2014 reelection. I also applaud her for her great work and strong advocacy going back many years in service to her district. I think her leadership going forward will continue to progress us forward.

Please join me in supporting Representative Kahn in the August 12th primary and feel free to contact her with your questions and ideas.

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