



Candidates for Delegate to CD3 & State Conventions

01) Adam Hokens

PLYMOUTH W-2 P-10

I was seated as an alternate at the state convention in 2024 and I would like to go again. A large number of the delegates in SD42 did not attend the state convention in 2024. If I am elected, I will attend the convention!

While I was at the state convention in 2024, there was a contingent of delegates that did not get their way, and they sought to disrupt the convention. While they were clearly a minority, they were loud and disruptive. It is doubtless that these people will be at the convention again. I want to attend this time to ensure that these people remain in the minority.

My priorities are a strong national defense, sound money, and election integrity. If elected to serve as a delegate, I will promote these values.

02) Adam Kirk

MAPLE GROVE P-12

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing” attributed, but unconfirmed to Edmund Burke (1729-1797)

03) Aiden Schmidt

PLYMOUTH W-4 P-18

The Minnesota Republican Party needs a winning mindset.

We're not going to change our actions if we keep electing the same people as delegates every year.

As a younger person I'm able to bring a new perspective to the CD3 and MN GOP State Conventions.

I'm not old enough to remember what Minnesota used to be, which makes me even angrier when I see where it's going. I have experience helping with SD 42 and I want to help the larger party as well. I see going to these conventions is as a delegate as a way to start this change.

04) Benjamin Koestner **PLYMOUTH W-1 P-05**

Young Republicans need peer representation in our district. As a young person myself (26), I think I am qualified as a candidate to represent my peers.

05) Brian Hyvare **PLYMOUTH W-1 P-04**

I have been involved in political campaigns since I was 12 years old, working on city council, Hennepin County commissioner, and Minnesota House races. Since turning 18, I have served



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as a precinct chair in multiple precincts wherever I have lived. I have also attended numerous conventions at the state, county, congressional district, and Senate district levels, giving me a strong understanding of the convention and endorsement process.

I believe those who perpetrate fraud must be held accountable and prosecuted. I also believe in limited government, fiscal responsibility, protecting constitutional rights, protecting life, election integrity, and holding government accountable. Taxpayers deserve transparency and responsible stewardship of public resources.

I am a true grassroots conservative who believes in doing the work, not just talking about it. I volunteer, organize, and support candidates who reflect our shared values. As a delegate, I want to help identify strong candidates, participate in the endorsement process, and help advance a principled party platform grounded in accountability and transparency.

06) Bridget Root PLYMOUTH W-1 P-01

I am interested in being a state convention delegate because I live, breathe and abide by the values, interests and concerns of the Republican party. I have been searching for ways to become more involved in supporting our party for the past 3-4 years. I was honored to be chosen as a delegate during the Caucuses and would be honored to represent our party at the State Convention. I have lived and worked in Minnesota my entire life.

My husband, myself and our three kids live in Plymouth, and we are both financial advisors in our own financial advisory practice in MN. I have 25 years of experience as a leader, communicator, marketer and operations leader with a MN-based fortune 250 company. I would take this responsibility very seriously, with utmost honor and would do my best to represent the interests of the Republican Party as a State Convention Delegate.

07) Bruce Larson PLYMOUTH W-2 P-07

I am interested in serving as a delegate for District 42 because I care about the direction of our state and want to be more involved in the civic process. I believe it is important that a variety of perspectives are represented as policies are discussed and decisions are made in St. Paul.

To better understand current issues, I have been watching legislative committee meetings on YouTube and following discussions on topics such as education policy, curriculum, and civic engagement. These conversations highlight how complex and important many of these decisions are. My interest in serving comes from a desire to support policies that balance compassion with accountability and responsible stewardship of public resources. As a retired resident with the time and interest to contribute, I would welcome the opportunity to listen, learn, and represent the concern and perspectives of people in our district while helping encourage thoughtful and constructive dialogue.



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08) Caleb Wilson

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09) Charlotte Garee

PLYMOUTH W-2 P-06

I am willing to work at the grassroots level To provide support for the issues affecting our state citizens affecting our state in regards to our historically excellent quality of life for our citizens.

10) Christine Snell

PLYMOUTH W-2 P-10

Over the past decade, I've had the opportunity to work in many different roles across Minnesota politics. From starting off as a reporter for Alpha News to managing multiple campaigns for state and federal offices to working behind the scenes to support conservative state legislative races and school board races, I've been part of every level of this political process – and I love it!

Because of this experience, I understand how important the delegate process is in shaping the direction of our party and selecting candidates who can both represent our values and win statewide. I would be honored to serve as a delegate and contribute my experience, perspective, and commitment to strengthening our party and helping Republicans succeed in Minnesota.



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11) **Cynthia Pannier** **PLYMOUTH W-1 P-04**

As a MN native, I care deeply for MN and believe MN is worth saving, and be restored to its original intent, where righteousness, justice, law and order are found in our constitution; and the chief cornerstone of our Capitol building - the Bible in its cornerstone. We need to get back to our roots, the way MN began, and support candidates who stand for these principles.

I was raised in the Christian faith, voting according to these values, and with candidates that most closely align with them. I realized the need to get more involved, and attended my first caucus in 2024, served as delegate up to the 2024 State Convention.

Feb. 2026 caucus: submitted two resolutions 1. Education voucher 2. Sharia Law. Both passed in my precinct.

I want to serve again as a delegate to do my part in restoring MN back to the place it once was.

12) **Dan Ricklefs** **MAPLE GROVE P-12**

I am a first time delegate but am very concerned about the direction of our state and want to get involved. I am an experienced marketing executive and I think I can. Had value to the process. I have a good understanding of the issues and understand how they impact Minnesotans.

13) **David C Nyce** **PLYMOUTH W-4 P-17**

I am conservative and look forward to engaging with others in the nomination of our candidates. I have served in each of the BPOU roles since the late 80s. I've been listening to and reading about these. Seeking our nomination my favorites at this point are Demuth, Qualls and Robbins for governor I am favoring Schwarze for Senate, Jude for SOS, and Nate George for Auditor.

14) **Erika Kennedy** **PLYMOUTH W-2 P-10**

I am a resident of District 42- A conservative Latina and Radio host. I have worked very hard to support and help to reach the moderate and conservative immigrant communities. Please consider my application.

15) **Janelle Wilson** **MAPLE GROVE P-12**

I'm proud that I've raised five conservative kids and I want to help make sure my family and families around the state have a state they can stay in, raising their families in, and a state that they can succeed in.

I love Minnesota and we'll never leave. In 2022 I travelled the state with my husband, Ryan Wilson, as he ran for auditor, campaigning alongside him. I got to meet Minnesotans from around the state that all wanted the same thing – to get us back to how we used to be and to make us better than we've ever been.

This is our last chance to turn this state around and I would be blessed to be able to be a delegate to work for you and for the state to ensure we have candidates that can win.



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16) Jay Kakuk PLYMOUTH W-3 P-15

I am an aware and involved citizen. I believe in liberty and freedom for all. I will vote for liberty-minded candidates

17) Jeanette Purcell PLYMOUTH W-3 P-11

I respectfully request your support to serve as a State Convention and CD3 Convention Delegate from SD42. I appreciate the opportunity to have served as a delegate in prior years. As we approach the 2026 election, the importance of this process cannot be overstated.

I am committed to supporting strong, electable candidates who can secure majorities in the Minnesota House and Senate and win statewide offices. Thoughtful endorsements and effective promotion of candidates are essential to success.

For more than 15 years, I have been actively involved in fundraising for Republican candidates in Minnesota, including targeted congressional and presidential campaigns, as well as efforts supporting the Minnesota GOP and the national party. Most recently, I have served in a leadership role on the Fundraising Team under Senate Republican Leader Mark Johnson. I remain dedicated to ensuring our candidates have the resources necessary to communicate effectively and hold Democrats accountable. Thank you for your consideration. I would be honored to earn your vote as a delegate from SD42.

18) Jeffrey Kulaszewicz PLYMOUTH W-3 P-15

I have been active in the party for some time. I have been the treasurer of SD43 and SD46, both predecessors of SD42. I would like to be a delegate to CD3 and State for the upcoming election cycle.

19) Jeffrey Vold PLYMOUTH W-1 P-04

I have served in one form or fashion my entire adult life. As a Marine Officer, a member of the Hamel not-for-profit Rodeo Committee, helping veterans at the VFW, and as a GOP Activist.

I try to always work for the good of others. I am currently heavily involved in the GOTV and other efforts of CD 3 as the Deputy Chair and as Precinct Leader in SD 42.

I would like to continue to serve and help endorse candidates who can win in November at the CD 3 and State Conventions. Thank You!

20) Jim Unterseher PLYMOUTH W-2 P-06

GOP activist since. 2012 Currently served as deputy chair of SD42SD42. Rep to State Central Committee. Treasurer of SD442012 to 2020. Treasurer for candidates in ST-44. An SD42 circuit for Jeff Johnson in his. Race for governor. Volunteer for many BP OU activities since 2012, Committed Conservative.



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21) **Joel Stamp PLYMOUTH W-3 P-13**

I am a 13-year resident of Plymouth, MN and have three children attending Wayzata schools. I am an employee of Cargill and previously General Mills, with over 20 years of corporate work experience, I am a part-time Minnesota National Guardsman and a Colonel leading a brigade of 1,200 Soldiers.

I have deployed to the Middle East and have supported MN State Active Duty for COVID support, running the PPE OPT alongside the Department of Admin Commissioner in which I also worked closely with the Department of Health and Department of Public Safety. I have been activated for Civil Unrest in 2020, 2021, and 2026 activations for ICE protest activity.

I believe in selfless service, duty, and honor to the U.S. Constitution and fiscal responsibility & accountability while being fair to all residents of Minnesota within the rule of law.

22) **John Berns PLYMOUTH W-2 P-06**

- State Representative for 33B, 2007-2008 (GOP endorsed)
- Wayzata City Council, 2005-2006
- Office of Gov. Tim Pawlenty, Aide & Attorney, 2003-2007
- GOP Delegate to State Convention & 3rd CD Convention: 2004-2022, SD33/SD45
- Moved from Wayzata to Plymouth in July 2022

23) **Judy Peterson PLYMOUTH W-1 P-01**

I am seeking to serve as a delegate to the CD3 convention because I believe our party is strongest when grassroots voices are fully represented. As a committed Republican in Plymouth, I value limited government, fiscal responsibility, and policies that strengthen families, public safety, and economic opportunity.

I want to help ensure our convention reflects the priorities of neighbors who expect principled leadership and practical solutions. I bring a thoughtful, collaborative approach and a genuine desire to listen, engage, and support candidates who uphold our shared conservative values. It would be an honor to earn your support and represent our community with integrity and dedication.



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24) **Kathy Burkett PLYMOUTH W-2 P-08**

I would have preferred addressing you directly however The Daughters of the American Revolution is conducting a dedication ceremony for my mother's headstone; thus, I am unable to attend today.

My name is Kathy Burkett. I am asking for your support to represent you as your elected delegate. Growing up in Plymouth we decided to stay and raise our family here. In the past decade I have become more heavily involved including advocating for conservative causes both here in St. Paul, as well as in Washington DC. In addition to working on all levels of campaigns, the past two elections I ran as your endorsed candidate for District 42A State Representative. Taking your previous support seriously, I have consistently attended conventions and am, once again, asking for your support and the privilege, to represent you at the upcoming conventions.

Thank you for your consideration. Please vote for Kathy Burkett.

25) **Kathy Leith MAPLE GROVE P-12**

I care about what happens in my state and in the USA. If you want change, you have to be a part of the process. I am applying for delegate to be part of the process of change and to have a say in who represents me.

26) **Katie Forster PLYMOUTH W-4 P-21**

My name is Katie Forster and I wish to be a delegate because I want MN to be great again! I have two kids who I wish could experience how great MN education once was and everything else our state has to offer, but without the crime and corruption that has decayed our state in the past few years.

I was a delegate for state in 2002 and it was such a fun experience. I hope to do that again this year! Thanks!

27) **Keith Morehead MAPLE GROVE P-12**

I want to part of returning our state government back to the principles of the Constitution and the Judeo-Christian ethics that it once stood for. History teaches that Evil prospers when good men do nothing. I want my tombstone to read "He did something!"



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28) Kraig Urquhart PLYMOUTH W-2 P-10

Since I've been old enough to vote, I've worked to elect Republican-endorsed candidates. I served two terms with the House Republican Campaign Committee in Itasca and Dakota counties—winning both races—and have assisted with local, state house, state senate, and congressional campaigns. In 2018, I was a campaign advisor for Donna Bergstrom in her run for Lt. Governor, and in 2022 I served as campaign coordinator for Dennis Smith for Attorney General.

Committed to keeping our community a great place to live, work, and raise a family, I ran for Plymouth City Council at-large, knocking on more than 7,500 doors and earning 10,835 votes. My goal in running for delegate is to help elect candidates who can WIN. Over the past year, I've engaged with every major candidate and have been active in SD42 events. Having previously served as a state and state central delegate in another district, I'd be honored to represent SD42 as a delegate.

29) Loras Holmberg PLYMOUTH W-4 P-20

I have coined the term "self-inflicted dysfunctional politics" to describe MN state government at present. We need better. As a conservative, I cannot sit by on the sidelines

30) Martin Wingard PLYMOUTH W-4 P-20

20-year Plymouth resident with long history of MNGOP volunteering, going back to Rod Gram's 2020 race.

31) Melinda Petrowske PLYMOUTH W-4 P-19

Dear SD42 Committee Chair,

I would be honored to be a CD3 and State delegate. I am a resident of SD 42 Precinct 19. It is an honor to serve our country in any form.

I was a convener for Precinct 11 at the caucus. I am on the board of the MN Federation of Republican Women and a member of the NW Metro club. I was a 2024 fellow for the MN Excellence in Public Service.

I am passionate about seeking out single-issue or non-voting female voters in our district. I think they are blinded by the media.

I also am a Director at Farmer Mac in Washington DC. We are a mission based company operated by Congress to support the prosperity of rural America in our country. We protect farms and energy companies from foreign buyers. We are America First! I look forward to serving, learning, and growing as my constitutional right!



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32) **Melissa Coleman** **PLYMOUTH W-2 P-10**

I am seeking to serve as a Republican delegate to help ensure our party nominates the strongest candidate to defeat Ms. Klobuchar. I have firsthand experience protecting election integrity as an election judge in Plymouth, where I have consistently questioned and challenged protocols that allow ineligible voters cast ballots.

As a lawyer I have also served as a consultant to several GOP legislatures and lobbied for conservative legislation and policies. These experiences have given me a clear understanding of the importance of advancing Republican priorities. As a delegate, I will carefully evaluate the candidates and support the one best positioned to win in November and advance conservative principles. I would be honored to represent fellow Republicans and contribute to a nomination process focused on integrity, strategy, and victory.

33) **Mike Christenson** **PLYMOUTH W-1 P-03**

I am writing to express my interest in serving as a delegate for the CD3 Convention. As the Precinct-03 Chair, former campaign manager for Steve Pape in 2024 35B House seat race, active member of the SD42 GOP Party and a passionate advocate for conservative causes, I believe that my experiences and commitment to our shared values make me a strong candidate for this important role.

I am particularly passionate about issues such as Pro-family/life, education not indoctrination, national security/secure elections, a balanced budget and stopping fraud and abuse of taxpayer money. I believe as a delegate, I would have the opportunity to advocate for candidates and policies that reflect our community's needs and aspirations.

Thank you for considering my application to serve as a delegate. I am excited about the possibility of contributing to our party's efforts and working alongside fellow members to create meaningful change.

34) **Murray Wolf** **PLYMOUTH W-1 P-03**

As a strong conservative and dedicated Republican from Hennepin County, I am running for delegate to the CD3 and state Minnesota GOP conventions to do my part to take back Minnesota.

The assassination of Charlie Kirk was truly a "turning point" for me. More than ever, we all need to get off the couch and contribute if we ever expect to bring Minnesota government back to some semblance of decency.

My top three issues are election integrity, holding people accountable for the massive fraud, and nominating GOP candidates who can WIN. That means candidates who can appeal to independents and moderates while upholding our core values like limited government, fiscal responsibility, 2A, no boys in girls sports, etc. No more division; let's unite behind electable leaders to flip seats and win in 2026. Vote for me to build a stronger, victorious GOP!



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35) Nyla Middleton PLYMOUTH W-3 P-14

The problems in Minnesota are deep and sustained. Minnesota needs a political culture change with responsibility and competence becoming the first priority again. I have become involved in politics to help ensure that change will come to Minnesota. I believe I have the background and education to help guide the Republican Party to promote candidates who will bring change.

35-year resident of Minnesota - 25-year resident of Plymouth

Political Science Major
SD42 Vice Chair

36) Patrick Magnusson PLYMOUTH W-2 P-09

I am a committed MN GOP donor, volunteer, and activist. I currently serve on the executive committee of CD3. I likely won't make it to the convention in time to give my speech on March 21st as I will be at Senate District 34 and 35 conventions recruiting volunteers to get out the vote in 2026. My promise to SD42: I understand the issues our candidates and the electorate and I will represent you by endorsing the most electable candidate with the best chance of winning in November.

37) Perry Nouis PLYMOUTH W-1 P-05

I have been active in Republican politics for many years. Current Vice Chair of Legislative District 42B. Former candidate for State Representative in District 44A (2020) and District 42B (2024). Former Chairman, Morrison County Republicans, Eighth District Executive Committee member, and former State Central Committee member. I have supported many campaigns. My involvement is motivated by concern about the future of the country, primarily where radical leftists in this country are trying to take it.

38) Ryan Wilson MAPLE GROVE P-12

In 2022, I ran for State Auditor and came within 0.3% of winning the first statewide constitutional office since 2006. I am running for Lieutenant Governor this year with Lisa Demuth and can see the path to victory to stop Amy Klobuchar.

We can restore common sense to Minnesota if we fight and stand up for the values that made Minnesota great. When we fight we win. I fought Tim Walz and Keith Ellison during the lockdowns and won. I fought as part of President Trump's legal team when they tried to take him off the ballot, and won.

I fought when the democrats elected someone that didn't live in their district and Walz tried to call an illegal special election and won. I will fight every day to win this November and will fight every day after we're elected to make Minnesota stronger and better than ever.



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39) Sarah Anderson PLYMOUTH W-2 P-10

I would be honored to represent SD 42 as a Delegate to the State Convention.

I am interested in participating in and learning from the process of selecting GOP candidates. I am looking for candidates who make a clear commitment to restoring integrity, trust, and financial responsibility to our state government and to the Judeo-Christian conservative values that are reflected in the Constitution of the United States of America and the Declaration of Independence. I am also interested in participating in and learning from discussions and voting on amendments and changes to the GOP party platform.

40) Seth Schuett PLYMOUTH W-4 P-19

I am a follower of Jesus Christ, husband and father of three, a graduate of the University of Northwestern Saint Paul, a financial advisor, and a 20-year resident of Minnesota.

In 2020, through the Covid pandemic, I realized the impact of local government and politics on my family and our daily life and I chose to be more informed and involved. I interact daily with the impact of our tax code on employees, businesses, and retirees. I'm concerned about the kind of Minnesota my kids will inherit. We shouldn't be forced to send our kids to private school. We shouldn't have to worry about our girls playing sports. We shouldn't have to worry that our kids will face a decimated economy with no morals or common sense as adults. I'm seeking to serve as a delegate to do my part in securing our state for future generations.

41) Stanley Hamilton PLYMOUTH W-2 P-07

I am a 37-year resident of Plymouth, a retired business executive and a member of St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church, where I sing in the choir.

I am passionate about making MN a better place to live for my four Plymouth grandkids. To that end, I have contributed time, talent and treasure to the Republican Party and its candidates.

I am currently serving as the Chair of the CD3 GOP, recruiting candidates, raising money for candidates and initiatives, and working to expand our voter base so we WIN elections in 2026.

I also serve on the MN GOP Financial Controls Committee, and I am the CD3 Alternate to the MN GOP Executive Committee.

I will attend the Conventions, and I will continue to work hard to support the Republican Party and its candidates. I would appreciate your vote.

Thanks, Stan



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42) Steven Barthel PLYMOUTH W-4 P-17

I believe I am well qualified to help the delegates of CD3 thoughtfully evaluate the field and select candidates who can unite our party and win in November. My goal is to approach this responsibility with fairness, respect, and a focus on electability.

My career working in Government Relations has prepared me to contribute meaningfully to the selection of strong statewide candidates, and through my work I have personally known and collaborated with several of the candidates seeking the nomination for the governor. This perspective gives me an understanding of the issues, the responsibilities of the office, and the qualities needed to succeed in both the campaign and in public service.

I have lived in Plymouth for eight years with my wife and our three daughters. I am also active in our community, serving in volunteer roles with my HOA and our church, and I value the opportunity to represent our neighbors in this process.

43) Terri Nelson PLYMOUTH W-2 P-10

As our SD42 secretary, I spend a fair amount of time working to support, build and promote our conservative principles and political apparatus. I would also love to be a part of the endorsing process and continue the work we do at conventions and helping candidates. I would appreciate your vote and do. Appreciate all the work all of you do in this crucial but incredibly frustrating world of politics.

44) Thomas Bassett PLYMOUTH W-1 P-01

I am a lifelong Republican and a business leader with years of U.S Government and commercial contracting experience. I have experience in team leadership, claims mediation, and I am comfortable in any negotiation environment. I have dispute resolution experience that could be useful in the role of Delegate.

My career pattern includes:

- Grew up in a conservative environment in Cannon Falls, MN.
- Marine Corp out of High School.
- St. John's University.
- 16 years as an Army Contracting Officer including 2 tours in Iraq
- After Army retirement went to Saudi Arabia, with contractor Northrup Grumman, and then with the Saudi Arabian Oil Company.

I live in Plymouth with my wife and two children. I believe my background, my understanding of issues important to Republicans, and my enthusiasm to represent our Team as a delegate, make me a solid candidate for this responsibility. I hope to have your support for delegate to the next Conventions.

45) Thomas Benny PLYMOUTH W-4 P-19

I am asking for your vote to represent Senate District 42 at the CD3 and State Conventions. My journey to this stage began in India. I came to this country because I believed in the American Dream—the idea that through hard work and faith, anything is possible.

As a Christian and an immigrant, I don't take our freedoms for granted; I know exactly how precious and rare they are. I am running because I believe the Republican Party is the true home for those who value family, religious liberty, and the rule of law. We need voices that can articulate why the American system is the greatest in the world. I want to bring my unique perspective to the state level to ensure we endorse candidates who will protect our values and keep the door of opportunity open for the next generation. I am ready to do the work, and I ask for your support. Thank you.



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46) Thomas Cleland PLYMOUTH W-4 P-21

I'm supporting Royce White for US Senate and Mike Lindell for Governor. I also like Phillip Parrish. It's important to get MAGA people in, and RINO people out.

An important litmus test is The Never Again Pledge to terminate the Governor's unilateral Emergency Power authority. This power was abused during Covid. In the US Senate, let's force the talking filibuster to pass the SAVE Act for clean voter rolls and voter ID. Let's end the Federal Reserve, ban Sharia law, and protect women's sports.

47) Tom Duntley PLYMOUTH W-3 P-15

I grew up in the Plymouth home where I currently reside. I went to school in the Wayzata Schools K thru 12. I was proud to hail from Plymouth and the State of MN.

I learned about Plymouth politics at age 9 knocking doors with my Dad when he ran a winning campaign (as an unknown) for Plymouth Council. I learned more as an issues analyst on Rudy Boshwitz's first senatorial race. He was the first winning Republican in 20 yrs.

When I graduated from Carleton College, I went to work in front-line management with GM in Saginaw, MI. Five years later, I moved to NYC to spend 35 years as a founder in 3 different businesses. I also lived the miraculous NYC return to prosperity that Guiliani policies delivered.

Unexpectedly, I moved back to Plymouth 8.5 years ago to help my parents as a caregiver.

I still love Plymouth & MN, but it's heartbreaking to watch devastating DFL legislation & admin undermine prosperity & liberty. We must ACT to return to sustainable, common-sense policies. I became an SD 42 Vice Chair in 2023 and the Chair in 2025. We are building momentum in SD 42 & the State. With that energy, we need the right candidates to win. I would like to have a vote in selecting those candidates. I'd greatly appreciate your vote for CD3/ State delegate.

48) Vallabha Tantry PLYMOUTH W-1 P-01

I am seeking to serve as a delegate for the Minnesota State GOP because I am committed to representing our local Republican voices and ensuring our shared values are strongly reflected at the state level. I want to help advance principled leadership, strengthen our party's grassroots efforts, and work collaboratively to support policies that benefit Minnesotans.