

Ray Cox!

for State Representative

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Ray Cox Seeks Endorsement

Northfield businessman Ray Cox has announced his plans to seek election in 2008 to the Minnesota House of Representatives for District 25B. Ray Cox held this seat for four years, from 2003 through 2006. District 25B includes the communities of Belle Plaine, Dundas, Lonsdale, Nerstrand and Northfield as well as 11 townships in Rice and Scott Counties.

Mr. Cox notes "I'm excited about running a positive campaign that addresses issues and concerns of this House District. Over the past 8 months I've had hundreds of people in the area encourage me to seek this seat and return to office. My wife Ellen and family have also been very supportive of my decision to seek this elected office again."

While serving in the Minnesota House Cox earned a reputation as a pragmatic, thoughtful Legislator that worked cooperatively on a many issues, often reaching out across party lines to craft legislation. He carried legislation addressing a variety of environmental plans in the state, including the recently passed electronics recycling act. Serving four years on the House Higher Education Finance committee he worked to advance college opportunities for all students, including economically disadvantaged students.

House Minority Leader Marty Seifert (R-Marshall) stated that he is excited about having Ray Cox return to office. “Rep. Cox was a true leader in our caucus. His business background, as well as his extensive community service, make Ray a top quality Legislator. Everyone in Minnesota will be well served by returning Ray to the Minnesota House.”

“I’ve been out visiting with people at community events and gatherings this summer” notes Mr. Cox. “People I’ve visited with are disappointed that current Legislators spent a \$1.5 billion budget surplus, but failed to properly fund nursing homes, transportation, higher education, and other core responsibilities of state government. Many people feel the legislative session was managed poorly, especially by passing billions of dollars of spending in the final hours of the Session without thorough, comprehensive debate and discussion.”

Ray Cox owns and operates a construction company in Northfield. He served on the Northfield School board for 15 years before beginning his service in the Minnesota House of Representatives, and currently serves as a board member of the Northfield Community Action Center and the Northfield Area Foundation. He and his wife live in Northfield and have three grown children.

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