

## Section 1: About Yourself

Kelly Fenton running for reelection in District 53B

1. Former school teacher and school administrator; Current Board Member and Past President of Minnesota Excellence in Public Service; Confirmation Catechist at St. Ambrose of Woodbury; Sustainer of the Junior League of St. Paul; Member of Woodbury Area Chamber of Commerce; Married to husband, Greg, for 25 years with 3 children
2. Woodbury is a one-of-a-kind community with great schools, hardworking families, and strong small businesses. I'm running for office to ensure that the residents and families of our community have representation that promotes our Minnesota values of efficient government, fiscal responsibility and a stronger future for our kids. My main priorities will be meaningful tax relief for families: policies that promote a friendly tax climate; quality education for all of our kids that includes supporting our best teachers; and lowering healthcare costs and improving choices.
3. I do not have much experience in the disability community. Most experience has been through volunteer activities at church.

## Section 2: Workforce Crisis Questions

1. I support the 5% campaign. I would support similar proposals that would increase wages for those serving Home and Community Based waiver clients. We also need to look at ways to create a pipeline program that recruits, trains, and retains caregivers through loan forgiveness programs that also have incentives for long term service in these positions. Finally, we need to look at potential future opportunities for funding reform for disability services that create opportunities for livable wages for caregivers. This would require to carefully look at the current rate structures.
2. Technology is always advancing in the global markets of today. I would support public dollars that are saved by supplementing or substituting staff and reallocating those savings to technology. Whatever the technology is chosen to invest in, needs to be programs that are proven effective.

## Section 3: Sustainability of our System Questions

1. The Olmstead Plan is extensive and involves many agencies. As a legislator we need to ensure that any public dollars we allocate are spent on activities that ensure those who have a disability are receiving needed services will have a

direct and positive impact on their lives. We need to have checks and balances for accountability of the agencies and make sure we have a process to measure outcomes.

2. We can find a way to provide grants to add accessibility features to existing affordable housing. We also need to prioritize efforts in areas that have no or very limited affordable housing with accessibility features.
3. As a legislator, I am opposed to passing laws that result in unfunded mandates. We need to work with all of the stakeholders to make changes to proposed requirements before being enacted so to not result in work without compensation.