



2016 Minnesota State House and Senate Candidate Questionnaire

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Section #1: About Yourself

Your Name: Rod Hamilton
District you are running in: 22B

Question #1: Please provide a short background about yourself.

My wife & I have been married for 26 years &
have two beautiful children. I've been involved
in agriculture my entire adult life. Proudly served
district 22B since 2005. My passions at the legislature
are Ag & HHS.

Question #2: What do you hope to accomplish by running for office? What will your main priorities be at the Capitol if you are elected?

I like helping people & Agriculture &
Health & Human Services are my two main
interests.

Question #3: What experience or connections, if any, do you have to the disability community?

I do a lot of you are great! I also visit/interact
w/ the community in the district. In fact we
are participating in the 1st Annual Color Dash
in Worthington - organized & hosted by the disabled
community. Sept 17th 10:30AM!! Hope to see you there!

Section #3: The Sustainability of our System

Question #1: Minnesota's Olmstead Plan includes a broad series of key activities our state must accomplish to ensure people with disabilities are living, learning, working and enjoying life in the most integrated setting appropriate for their needs. In 2015, a set of very ambitious goals and benchmarks were finalized and approved by the Minnesota courts to help ensure that the intent of the Olmstead Plan is realized. What is your role as a legislator to oversee and ensure that those goals are met?

1. understand the issue & provide the necessary tools & support to meet these goals.

2. monitor/assess the results

3. make corrections/additions if needed

Question #2: Affordable housing is an issue for many people in Minnesota. A cornerstone of Minnesota's Olmstead Plan is the opportunity for individuals with disabilities to live as independently as they choose. As a legislator how would you strategically expand availability of affordable housing with accessibility features for Minnesotans with disabilities?

Address the complete housing spectrum.

Affordable, Work force, Assisted living, nursing homes

They all go hand in hand.

Question #3: Our industry has seen an influx of "unfunded mandates" - items that cost providers additional money without subsequent compensation, such as the increase in minimum wage, the Affordable Care Act, increased regulatory fees and the new Department of Labor Overtime Rule to name a few. When the government adds a new mandate what is its responsibility in supporting government funded businesses to pay for those mandates?

put you & where your mouth is. :)