

ENDORSEMENT LETTER FOR DARIO ANSELMO

I enthusiastically endorse and support Dario Anselmo for the Hennepin County Board. Dario has the right combination of pragmatism, integrity and commitment to serve his constituents and to make Hennepin County government work for people.

As President of the Minneapolis City Council I had the privilege of working with Dario when he was an outstanding leader and advocate for the Warehouse Business Association. We desperately need leaders with business acumen now more than ever. We will be faced with tremendous budget challenges at every level of government. Dario's experience building a successful business that has been a great asset to the City of Minneapolis will serve him well on the County Board.

Perhaps most importantly Dario is campaigning and governing as a Problem Solver. You may ask what that means. It is quite simple. He does not bring a rigid ideology or party label to issues. Quite often it is these ideologies and party labels that block needed reforms and solutions that work for everyone. We cannot afford the politics of labels and extremes anymore. Especially at the local level where so many issues do not fit neatly into a political platform we need leaders who will work with everyone to get things done and make things better.

I served as a DFL member of the Minneapolis City Council for twelve years. I am proud of the work I did with others to improve city services, manage a budget and to help build our thriving community in northeast Minneapolis. Not once did my party label solve a problem or balance a budget. Rather, it was working with talented people like Dario, regardless of political affiliation that got the job done.

Your district has a tradition of independent leadership on the Hennepin County Board. You have an opportunity to continue that tradition by electing Dario Anselmo as your County Commissioner in November.

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