

# Basic Info for Republicans in Senate District 36 in Coon Rapids as of March 13, 2016

This reflects ONLY the personal opinion of Jeff Baumann in the unofficial role of default acting vice chair for Coon Rapids because no one else has been assigned, elected to, or volunteered for the position.

- 1) As far as the presidential contest is concerned, our role is finished (except for actually voting, which does matter as explained in #8 below). **Minnesota will not be a factor in the presidential race in November.** The Republican will not win Minnesota. That is a hard reality that we must recognize, and we must use that honest awareness to determine how best to allocate resources and how best to approach our volunteers with requests for time, effort, money, etc.
- 2) Our Number One Mission, as Republicans in Minnesota, is to **hold the Minnesota House**. Currently there is a 6 seat GOP advantage (73 Republicans, 61 Democrats, meaning if 6 seats flip we have a tie and if 7 seats flip we are in the minority).
- 3) On the “A” side of our senate district (Coon Rapids precincts CR13, CR14, CR25, CR41, CR42, and CR43) our Representative is Mark Uglem (pronounced You’-Glem). He has been in for 2 terms, has done well, is expected to be endorsed for re-election at our April 2 convention, and should win re-election over whatever Democrat the DFL offers up. But he will need our help.
- 4) On the “B” side of our senate district (Coon Rapids precincts CR31, CR32, CR33, and CR44) the current representative is Melissa Hortman (DFL) who has been in since 2004. We would like to ease her into a comfortable retirement. In 2014 Peter Crema (pronounced Cream’-Uh) ran against her, did well but not well enough, and is planning to run against her this year. I expect he will be formally endorsed at our April 2 convention and he will absolutely need our help.
- 5) There is no other statewide race in Minnesota this year. This is a local battle.

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- 6) I will not comment on the Minnesota Senate race in SD36 at this time.
- 7) Here are the basic things I am asking of every Republican reading this who wants to have an impact and help us win:
  - a) **Commit to a lawn sign on your property** for the GOP house candidate. Please let me know directly at [jwbaumann@linkedresources.com](mailto:jwbaumann@linkedresources.com) and include your street address. Do this NOW.
  - b) **Commit to early voting.** You can vote as early as Friday, September 23, 2016 (Election Day is November 8, 2016). This makes a difference, because if we know you have already voted, we won't need to spend time and money trying to get you to vote. Please vote as early as you are able.
  - c) **Commit to contributing \$50 right now to Senate District 36 GOP.** This will allow us to hire someone to knock on doors, make phone calls, and do a lot of the work we would otherwise need to find volunteers for. The sooner we bring in some real money, the sooner a decision can be made.
  - d) **Commit to contributing \$50 to your house candidate** (you don't need to wait for the endorsement BTW). The sooner the campaign brings in money, the sooner serious decisions and plans can be made, and the more likely we will win.
- 8) Even though your presidential vote will not matter in terms of the actual outcome of the presidential election, it DOES matter in terms of how delegates are allocated when we get around to caucuses in 2018. Vote GOP!
- 9) We have numerous other **volunteer opportunities available**. Some require training. If you want to participate at the next level, please contact your precinct officer (list coming soon). If you're eager, contact me
- 10) If we build a strong team in Coon Rapids, we will be in a position to caucus *in* Coon Rapids in 2018. Get involved and stay involved!

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