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VOTE NOW — ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 3

Absentee voting is open now at 2122 Campus Drive SE.
No excuse needed — vote today, then help somebody else vote.

Vote Early Today

VOTE IN PERSON NOW — NO EXCUSE NEEDED



You can vote in person today. Right now the Campus Drive elections office is the place in Olmsted County to do it.

> **Olmsted County Elections Office — open now**
> 2122 Campus Drive SE, Suite 300, Rochester, MN 55904
> Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm

> All Olmsted County residents. Use the entrance on the Campus Drive side.
> **Not** the downtown historic courthouse, and **not** the Government Center at 151 4th St SE.

Walk in — or **vote from your car if you want to**. Phone when you arrive and they will come out to you.

NO EXCUSE NEEDED. NO FORM. NO REASON TO GIVE.

Minnesota has **absentee voting**, and that is all it has — there is no separate thing you have to qualify for. You do not need a cause, an excuse or anybody's permission, and your ballot counts exactly the same as one cast on November 3. It has been open since **September 18**.

The only thing that changes during October is what happens to the ballot after you mark it. Until **October 16** it goes into an envelope and is counted later; from the 16th it goes straight into the tabulator. **Same ballot, same vote** — just a shorter route into the count.

So there is nothing to wait for. Go now.

Other locations open later in the month, on limited dates and with conditions attached. Rather than print a schedule that changes, we keep it current in one place:

For voting information kept up to date — vote.olmstedgop.org

Voting early is the cheapest favour you can do a candidate.
Every early ballot cast now is one more vote we know we have, and it frees us to spend the last four weeks finding the rest. Once you have voted, the campaigns can take you off their mail list — and a month out, reaching one voter costs them more than $20. Every piece they do not have to send you is money they can spend on somebody who has not made up their mind.

NEED A RIDE? GIVE A RIDE?

We are checking Republican voters off the list one at a time, and the ones we lose are usually the ones who simply could not get there.

Email ride@olmstedgop.org to schedule a ride to Campus Drive — for yourself, or for someone you know. **Now, not on November 3.** A vote banked this week is a vote nobody has to chase in the last fortnight, and a ride given today is worth two given on Election Day.

If you can drive, say so at the same address. We need drivers this week and every week between now and November 2.

If you would rather speak to somebody:

Call 881 VOTE

507-881-8683 — door knocking, reaching voters, or a ride to vote early.

COMING UP AT THE OFFICE

OCT 10	**Lisa Demuth at Byron Middle School** (tentative) Her education plan for Minnesota students
OCT 13	**Finstad v Johnson debate** 6PM · watch party at the Office
OCT 15	**Michele Tafoya in town** (tentative) Details to follow
OCT 16	**Tafoya debate** Noon on MPR · watch party at the Office
OCT 17	**Kristin Robbins on the Fraud Committee** Evening · chairing it at the Capitol earlier this year
OCT 21	**Demuth v Klobuchar watch party** 7PM at the Office

Everything, always current, on the calendar.

If everyone gives two or three hours a week, we will win this thing.

That is the whole ask. Not a title, not a commitment through November — two or three hours, and the arithmetic takes care of itself. Doors on

Saturday, an evening on the phones, a literature drop on a day that suits you, or a ride to Campus Drive for somebody who cannot get there alone.

FINSTAD: CUT TAXES

Even to people who think Jake sounds like a Republican, everyone can admit a clear difference: **Finstad would cut your taxes, and Jake would raise them.**

Watch the Ad

The **Finstad v Johnson debate is October 13 at 6PM** — watch party at the office. Judge it yourself.

YOUR 2026 REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

STATEWIDE & FEDERAL	
U.S. House — **Brad Finstad**	finstadforcongress.com
U.S. Senate — **Michele Tafoya**	micheletafoya.com
Governor — **Lisa Demuth**	lisaformn.com
Attorney General — **Ron Schutz**	ronformnag.com
Secretary of State — **Tad Jude**	tadjude.com
State Auditor — **Scott Jensen**	drscottjensen.com
LEGISLATIVE	
Senate 25 — **John Howie**	howieforsenator.com
House 25A — **Brad Trahan**	trahanmn25A.com
Senate 24 — **Nels Pierson**	nels.com
House 24A — **Rep. Duane Quam**	duanequam.com
House 24B — **John Ajouri III**	ajouri.org
Senate 20 — **Steve Jacob**	jacobforthepeople.com

House 20A — **Pam Altendorf**	pamaltendorf.com
House 20B — **Sara Bertschinger**	bertschingerforhouse.com

Every campaign site has a donate tab. They all need it.

WATCH THE FORUMS. USE THE SITE.

If you want to know what a candidate actually said, we have put the forums and debates where you can search them rather than take anyone's word for it.

🔍 **Search the debates** — by candidate, by topic, by phrase.

🗓️ **The calendar** — everything coming up, in one place.

🗺️ **The district map** — find your precinct, your districts and your candidates.

🗳️ **Voting information** — vote.olmstedgop.org for registration, locations and deadlines.



The Volunteer Action Team matches people with work that fits the time they actually have. An hour. An evening. A week. Door knocking, phone banking, literature drops, driving a trailer, or re-supplying the walkers from your car if walking is no longer your thing.

VAT meets 6:30 PM every Monday at the office, 3518 55th St NW, until after the election. A Right Insight training with the Finstad team runs from 4PM beforehand.

Door knocking every Saturday, morning or afternoon — one hour, three hours, or all day. Walk a precinct in pairs. Maps, literature and a script provided.

Email jb@olmstedgop.org, or sign up for the candidates' most-needed volunteer requests.

FRAUD

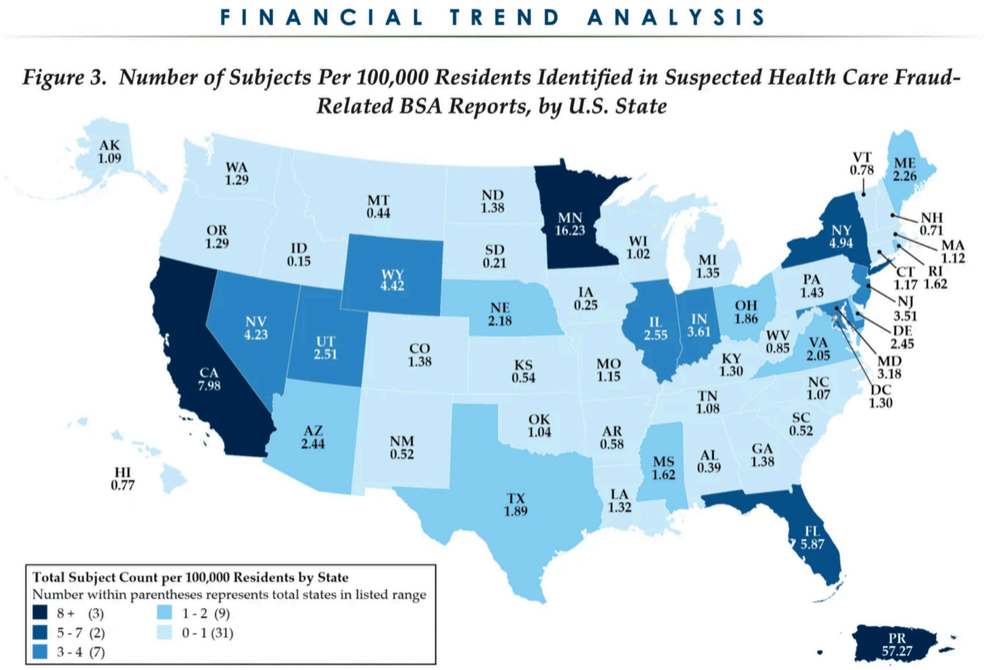
At the League of Women Voters forum, **Tina Liebling** was asked about fraud and the cost of living. She had just cited a billion-dollar Medicare fraud conviction in South Florida:

> "...I just saw in South Florida, one person was just convicted for a billion dollars in Medicare fraud. This was in Florida. **So this is a problem all across the country. It has nothing to do with affordability in Minnesota at all.** And, you know, but it is a very serious problem. And we constantly have to try to stay ahead of the fraudsters."
>
> — Tina Liebling, 40:32–40:41

Hear Her Say It — 40:32

Opens the forum at that moment, with the questions around it.

The newly released data shows Minnesota has the highest rate of fraud suspects of any state.



Subjects per 100,000 residents in suspected health care fraud reports. Minnesota: **16.23**.

Read the Report

If someone you know denies the scope of it, send them the evidence rather than the argument.

A Compilation Resource on Fraud

The Center of the American Experiment's *Fraud in Minnesota* program is now available to watch — for anyone who missed it in Rochester.

KNOW YOUR GROUND

A conversation at the door goes better when you can say what the law actually is rather than what you have been told it is. Two things worth having to hand:

The Constitution of the State of Minnesota — read it at the Revisor's office. It is shorter than people expect.

What the Legislature is actually doing — bills, committees and votes, from the source rather than from a headline.

Wider reading: Alpha News · Center of the American Experiment.

Republican Party of Olmsted County

3518 55th St NW, Rochester, MN 55901

Off Hwy 52 at West Circle Dr NW, next to Coco Nails, near the Kwik Trip on 55th.

Open the Map

AT THE OFFICE — 3518 55th ST NW

Yard signs are still in stock for every candidate. Come and get one.

Caps, visors, t-shirts and sweatshirts for the cold days are in as well — cash, cheque, debit or credit. Photographs are on the Olmsted County GOP Facebook page.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 12PM–3PM · Tuesday 10AM–4PM · Wednesday 10AM–2PM
Thursday 10AM–4PM · Friday 12PM–4PM · Saturday 10AM–1PM

Donate to Win

Minnesota's Political Contribution Refund Program gives it back to you. Write a cheque to **Olmsted County GOP** for **$75 single** or **$150 married**, post it to PO Box 6201, Rochester, MN 55903-6201, and we send you the receipt and the claim form. The state usually returns it inside a month.

It costs you nothing in the end, and it is the difference between a campaign that can reach voters and one that cannot.

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