

REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

AL HOFSTEDDE BREAKFAST

Minneapolis, Minnesota

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It's good to be with you this morning and to be able to share with you this fine breakfast and feeling of friendship and comradarie.

Most of you have known me for many years and know that I don't particularly enjoy speaking in the morning. Mornings are for waking up, getting organized and slowly moving into the day. But when my good friend Al Hofstede asked me to join you and asked me to make some remarks, I just couldn't say no.

Al has been a friend of mine for years. I have watched him move forward and advance in government and in the knowledge of government.

Al served as my Campaign Manager during the last re-election in 1976. And although my campaign was cut short in October, Al and I did have the opportunity to work and travel together all across Minnesota for the six months from April through September.

Those were good months. It not only gave me a chance once again to get around to every part of this beautiful state of ours, but it also gave me the chance to visit on a regular basis and a personal basis with this fine man, Al Hofstede.

Make no mistake about it, Al is concerned. He is committed, always seeking solutions; energetic and compassionate.

I know this all too well. As we traveled around this state and this great city of ours, Al was there at my elbow. He knew what was happening.

He explained complex issues to me and brought to my attention the concerns of every segment of society on various problems. He preached to me of ills that were affecting our city and proposed to me many good and realistic solutions.

And, let me say something else about Al. If you ever want to talk about a man who is fiscally responsible, who understands the value of the dollar and who knows how to get the most out of a dollar -- this man, Al Hofstede, is all that.

Oh, yes, my campaign for re-election was well financed. So were other campaigns that I have run over the years. But in every one of them I always seemed to end up in debt, to be scrambling near the end to find sufficient funds.

Al Hofstede managed a campaign for me that ended up in the black. That's my kind of campaign manager!

I am not the easiest man to keep in line when it comes to campaigning. I want to do everything and be everywhere. And, I don't always like to think about the cost.

But, Al was there -- oh, so ever, ever watchful of what was happening.

He organized a superb campaign, kept watch over the flow of funds and ended my campaign with a surplus.

That surely is a sign of a man of fiscal integrity.

But, enough about Al and me. What about Al and you? What about Al and this city of Minneapolis?

Well, let me tell you this. In 1974 and 1975, hardly a week went by that Al Hofstede wasn't on the phone to me or my office. Occasionally, he would drop in to visit me in my office either here in Minneapolis or down in Washington.

And he wasn't just contacting me. He was doing the same with Senator Mondale, Congressman Fraser, with the Secretary of HUD or the Secretary of Labor -- he was making us all aware on a week by week basis of the city of Minneapolis.

And, believe me, he didn't just call to pass the time of day. He called with demands, with ideas, with programs, with an insistence to get what was best for the city of Minneapolis.

Al came to Washington to testify before committees of Congress. He was listened to. His advice was sought, and on numerous occasions colleagues of mine in the Senate would come up to me and say, "Who is this young man, this Mayor from Minneapolis, who has such remarkable ideas and such a vast knowledge of what is needed in our cities?"

In the mid-70's, we in Congress passed what is known as a Community Development Block Grant system. It was a system in which government would give to the cities and states a lump sum of money to be used as local government best saw fit.

Let me tell you that Al Hofstede was down there in Washington telling us that such a proposal lacked one element -- the element of citizen participation. So it got written into the law. Local governments still have the decision as to how to spend the money, but it was to be done with the participation of citizen advisory committees. And, I might mention that Minneapolis was the first major city to send its report to Washington.

What a difference. Several years ago we had a mayor out front working and demanding and assuring citizen participation. Contrast that to the situation today, where in Minneapolis neighborhood elections that participation has dropped for the second straight year, with only 984 people participating in the election of members to the City's Citizen Advisory Committees. That's one good reason why we need Al Hofstede's leadership again.

I recall shortly after Al left office and went to work with a local bank, that I picked up a newspaper and read about a Minneapolis bank announcing full disclosure of lending practices and the outlawing of "redlining." As I read the article, I thought to myself, what a good and responsible move for a bank to make. How progressive, how citizen-oriented.

Then I realized that the bank was the very same bank in which our former mayor, Al Hofstede, had gone to work. How quickly he moved that bank into recognizing its responsibilities to the community.

But I ought not to have been surprised. For, Al's record while he was mayor was surely one of getting government and private institutions to recognize their community responsibility to the people.

I recall Al's leadership and support of major programs, especially in the field of housing, that were of benefit to the citizens and to the neighborhoods in Minneapolis.

Programs such as the Home Ownership Program. And, innovative programs to maintain our neighborhoods, such as the Urban Homestead Program and the Spot Renewal Program, not to mention his support of the Local Loan and Grant Program for rehabilitation of housing.

With Al's leadership as Mayor of Minneapolis, the State Capitol saw and heard from Al as he pushed increased tax credits for renters, as well as the senior citizen tax freeze and the circuit breaker on residential property taxes.

Al's concern for housing and for neighborhoods is important -- particularly when we realize what is happening in our society today.

A study earlier this month, which I am sure you have read about, indicates that the cost of an average home is going up in the 1980's to an astronomical \$78,000. Even today, only 27 percent of American families can afford a home priced at \$44,000. That's a drop-off from the 47 percent of American families who could afford the median new home price of \$23,000 just seven years ago.

This is a problem -- a serious one, one which must be met. As we face that problem and that future, we need people with ideas, people with vision, people like Al Hofstede who knows housing, knows the city, knows the neighborhoods, and who can get something done.

That same report showed that there was an out migration of people from the metropolitan areas to the country. That's going to mean that many cities are going to wind up with a housing surplus as well as serious financial problems.

Al Hofstede recognized that danger early in his first term as mayor, and he worked long, hard hours to find solutions.

And what else do we hear in the news these days? Again, just earlier this very same month, the National Advisory Committee on Criminal Justice, Standards and Goals predicted a possible recurrence of urban riots. It advised police agencies to continue contingency preparations for civil disorders.

I don't recall that we had any civil disorders while Al Hofstede was mayor. We didn't because Al, as mayor, demonstrated a strong will to improve public safety and to achieve decent law enforcement. Al set up the Police Precinct Advisory Committees when he was mayor, that brought both law enforcement and citizens together to work for mutual solutions to neighborhood problems. He set forth a goal of minority recruitment in the Police Department.

Al Hofstede has been concerned about achieving solutions to neighborhood problems in the area of law enforcement. He has shown by his past actions his determination to have a safe city.

When Al was mayor, our law enforcement in this city protected our elderly -- our law enforcement was sensitive to the concerns and the fears of our minorities -- our law enforcement gave priority to the protection of lives, homes and property of our citizens.

I can go on and on about Al Hofstede, about his programs that he had for the city, about his visions for keeping Minneapolis number one. And, most of you know and recognize what his successes have been, what his programs have been, and you look to the vision of this man to aid this city.

But, let me remind you of one of the successes which Al didn't have.

On November 4, 1975, Al didn't have success at the polls. On November 4, 1975, hopes and dreams and aspirations of a city and its young mayor and its party went down in defeat.

And we have nobody to blame but ourselves. The people didn't turn Al out of office. The people didn't reject the programs and the visions of Al Hofstede. It's just that we Democrats failed to vote.

We cannot afford to let that happen again.

Let me remind you that Minneapolis, after many years of trying -- beginning way back when I was mayor -- now has produced charter reform.

Let me tell you what that means. That means that the next mayor of this city is going to have budgeting and planning power.

The policy making power is going to be reflected in the office of the mayor and the man who holds that position. That means that it is vitally important to know that the man who is in that mayor's office is somebody who knows city government.

It is important to know that the man who sits as mayor of Minneapolis recognizes the intricacies of a city's involvement with Federal and State government -- recognizes the cooperation which must exist with the State Legislature -- and recognizes above all the limits and responsibilities of executive power.

Let there be no mistake about it, Al Hofstede is the man we want to see in that mayor's chair.

I speak to you today as Democrats. You are Democrats who are concerned about our city and about our government. You are Democrats who believe and know that our party has the will, the knowledge and the desire to make government work.

Oh, no, we don't have all the virtues -- I know that. But our philosophy of government, our concern for the people, the compassion that we express -- that is the type of government that we want for our city. So, as Democrats we must work to assure that we have in office people who reflect those concerns that we have.

Let me remind you that when Al Hofstede became mayor, we held 12 of the 13 seats in the Minneapolis City Council. Today we only hold 9 of those seats -- although it is still a majority. But we know that a least two of those Democratic aldermen are not going to seek their seats again, and we hear rumor that some other Democratic aldermen may also not be back.

So it is important that we, as Democrats, unite behind a strong mayoral candidate to assure that our hopes and our concerns -- that our philosophy as Democrats -- are maintained in this city.

Oh, yes, I know that Al Hofstede is not the only Democrat seeking the office of mayor. And, I personally know most of the other candidates and find them to be good and decent people. As a matter of fact, I have supported two of those other candidates for the offices which they presently hold.

But I believe we are all in agreement that we need a candidate who can win in a general election this year against the opposition. We must put forth and endorse our strongest candidate, a man whose record of past achievements and whose vision for the future gives us pride and great hope.

We need as mayor of this great city of ours your good friend and my good friend, Al Hofstede.

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AND COMARADARIE.

MOST OF YOU HAVE KNOWN ME FOR MANY YEARS AND KNOW THAT I
DON'T PARTICULARLY ENJOY SPEAKING IN THE MORNING. / MORNINGS
ARE FOR WAKING UP, GETTING ORGANIZED AND SLOWLY MOVING INTO
THE DAY. / BUT WHEN MY GOOD FRIEND AL HOFSTEDE ASKED ME TO
JOIN YOU AND ASKED ME TO MAKE SOME REMARKS, I JUST COULDN'T
SAY NO.

AL HAS BEEN A FRIEND OF MINE FOR YEARS. / I HAVE WATCHED
HIM MOVE FORWARD AND ADVANCE IN GOVERNMENT AND IN THE KNOWLEDGE
OF GOVERNMENT.

AL SERVED AS MY CAMPAIGN MANAGER DURING THE LAST
RE-ELECTION IN 1976. AND ALTHOUGH MY CAMPAIGN WAS CUT SHORT
IN OCTOBER, AL AND I DID HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK AND
TRAVEL TOGETHER ALL ACROSS MINNESOTA FOR THE SIX MONTHS FROM
APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER.

↳ THOSE WERE GOOD MONTHS ↳ IT NOT ONLY GAVE ME A CHANCE
ONCE AGAIN TO GET AROUND TO EVERY PART OF THIS BEAUTIFUL
STATE OF OURS, BUT IT ALSO GAVE ME THE CHANCE TO VISIT ON
A REGULAR BASIS AND A PERSONAL BASIS WITH THIS FINE MAN,
AL HOFSTEDE.

↳ MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, AL IS CONCERNED ↳ HE IS
COMMITTED, ALWAYS SEEKING SOLUTIONS; ENERGETIC AND COMPASSIONATE.

I KNOW THIS ALL TOO WELL. AS WE TRAVELED AROUND THIS STATE AND THIS GREAT CITY OF OURS, AL WAS ~~THRE~~^{THERE} AT MY ELBOW. HE KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING.

HE EXPLAINED COMPLEX ISSUES TO ME AND BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THE CONCERNS OF EVERY SEGMENT OF SOCIETY ON VARIOUS PROBLEMS. HE PREACHED TO ME OF ILLS THAT WERE AFFECTING OUR CITY AND PROPOSED TO ME MANY GOOD AND REALISTIC SOLUTIONS.

AND, LET ME SAY SOMETHING ELSE ABOUT AL. IF YOU EVER WANT TO TALK ABOUT A MAN WHO IS FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE, WHO UNDERSTANDS THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR AND WHO KNOWS HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF A DOLLAR -- THIS MAN, AL HOFSTEDE, IS ALL THAT.

OH, YES, MY CAMPAIGN FOR RE-ELECTION WAS WELL FINANCED.
SO WERE OTHER CAMPAIGNS THAT I HAVE RUN OVER THE YEARS. BUT
IN EVERY ONE OF THEM I ALWAYS SEEMED TO END UP IN DEBT, TO
BE SCRAMBLING NEAR THE END TO FIND SUFFICIENT FUNDS.

AL HOFSTEDE MANAGED A CAMPAIGN FOR ME THAT ENDED UP IN
THE BLACK. THAT'S MY KIND OF CAMPAIGN MANAGER!

I AM NOT THE EASIEST MAN TO KEEP IN LINE WHEN IT COMES
TO CAMPAIGNING. I WANT TO DO EVERYTHING AND BE EVERYWHERE.
AND, I DON'T ALWAYS LIKE TO THINK ABOUT THE COST.

BUT, AL WAS THERE -- OH, SO EVER, EVER WATCHFUL OF WHAT
WAS HAPPENING.

✓ HE ORGANIZED A SUPERB CAMPAIGN, KEPT WATCH OVER THE FLOW
OF FUNDS AND ENDED MY CAMPAIGN WITH A SURPLUS.

✓ THAT SURELY IS A SIGN OF A MAN OF FISCAL INTEGRITY.

BUT, ENOUGH ABOUT AL AND ME. ✓ WHAT ABOUT AL AND YOU?

WHAT ABOUT AL AND THIS CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS?

✓ WELL, LET ME TELL YOU THIS. IN 1974 AND 1975, HARDLY
A WEEK WENT BY THAT AL HOFSTEDE WASN'T ON THE PHONE TO ME
OR MY OFFICE. ✓ OCCASIONALLY, HE WOULD DROP IN TO VISIT ME
IN MY OFFICE EITHER HERE IN MINNEAPOLIS OR DOWN IN WASHINGTON.

AND HE WASN'T JUST CONTACTING ME. HE WAS DOING THE
SAME WITH SENATOR MONDALE, CONGRESSMAN FRASER, WITH THE
SECRETARY OF HUD OR THE SECRETARY OF LABOR -- HE WAS MAKING
US ALL AWARE ON A WEEK BY WEEK BASIS OF THE CITY OF ^{needs of the} MINNEAPOLIS.

~~AND, BELIEVE ME, HE DIDN'T JUST CALL TO PASS THE TIME OF
DAY. HE CALLED WITH DEMANDS, WITH IDEAS, WITH PROGRAMS, WITH
AN INSISTENCE TO GET WHAT WAS BEST FOR THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS.~~

AL CAME TO WASHINGTON TO TESTIFY BEFORE COMMITTEES OF
CONGRESS. HE WAS LISTENED TO. HIS ADVICE WAS SOUGHT, AND
ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS COLLEAGUES OF MINE IN THE SENATE WOULD
COME UP TO ME AND SAY, "WHO IS THIS YOUNG MAN, THIS MAYOR
FROM MINNEAPOLIS, WHO HAS SUCH REMARKABLE IDEAS AND SUCH A
VAST KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS NEEDED IN OUR CITIES?"

IN THE MID-70'S, WE IN CONGRESS PASSED WHAT IS KNOWN
AS A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SYSTEM. ¹ IT WAS A
SYSTEM IN WHICH GOVERNMENT WOULD GIVE TO THE CITIES AND
STATES A LUMP ^{SUM} OF MONEY TO BE USED AS LOCAL GOVERNMENT BEST
SAW FIT.

LET ME TELL YOU THAT AL HOFSTEDE WAS DOWN THERE IN
WASHINGTON TELLING US THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL LACKED ONE
ELEMENT -- THE ELEMENT OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION. ¹ SO IT
GOT WRITTEN INTO THE LAW. ¹ LOCAL GOVERNMENTS STILL HAVE THE
DECISION AS TO HOW TO SPEND THE MONEY, BUT IT WAS TO BE
DONE WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES.
AND, I MIGHT MENTION THAT MINNEAPOLIS WAS THE FIRST MAJOR
CITY TO SEND ITS REPORT TO WASHINGTON.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE. SEVERAL YEARS AGO WE HAD A MAYOR
OUT FRONT WORKING AND DEMANDING AND ASSURING CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION. CONTRAST THAT TO THE SITUATION TODAY, WHERE
IN MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTIONS THAT PARTICIPATION
HAS DROPPED FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR, WITH ONLY
984 PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE
CITY'S CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES. THAT'S ONE GOOD REASON
WHY WE NEED AL HOFSTEDE'S LEADERSHIP AGAIN.

L I RECALL SHORTLY AFTER AL LEFT OFFICE AND WENT TO WORK
WITH A LOCAL BANK, THAT I PICKED UP A NEWSPAPER AND READ
ABOUT A MINNEAPOLIS BANK ANNOUNCING FULL DISCLOSURE OF
LENDING PRACTICES AND THE OUTLAWING OF "REDLINING." As I
READ THE ARTICLE, I THOUGHT TO MYSELF, WHAT A GOOD AND
RESPONSIBLE MOVE FOR A BANK TO MAKE. How PROGRESSIVE,
HOW CITIZEN-ORIENTED.

L THEN I REALIZED THAT THE BANK WAS THE VERY SAME BANK
IN WHICH OUR FORMER MAYOR, AL HOFSTED, HAD GONE TO WORK.

L HOW QUICKLY HE MOVED THAT BANK INTO RECOGNIZING ITS
RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE COMMUNITY.

BUT I OUGHT NOT TO HAVE BEEN SURPRISED. FOR, AL'S
RECORD WHILE HE WAS MAYOR WAS SURELY ONE OF GETTING
GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS TO RECOGNIZE THEIR
COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PEOPLE.

I RECALL AL'S LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT OF MAJOR PROGRAMS,
ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD OF HOUSING, THAT WERE OF BENEFIT
TO THE CITIZENS AND TO THE NEIGHBORHOODS IN MINNEAPOLIS,
PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM. AND,
INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS TO MAINTAIN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, SUCH
AS THE URBAN HOMESTEAD PROGRAM AND THE SPOT RENEWAL PROGRAM,
NOT TO MENTION HIS SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL LOAN AND GRANT
PROGRAM FOR REHABILITATION OF HOUSING.

WITH AL'S LEADERSHIP AS MAYOR OF MINNEAPOLIS, THE
STATE CAPITOL SAW AND HEARD FROM AL AS HE PUSHED INCREASED
TAX CREDITS FOR RENTERS, AS WELL AS THE SENIOR CITIZEN
TAX FREEZE AND THE CIRCUIT BREAKER ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAXES.
L AL'S CONCERN FOR HOUSING AND FOR NEIGHBORHOODS IS
IMPORTANT -- PARTICULARLY WHEN WE REALIZE WHAT IS
HAPPENING IN OUR SOCIETY TODAY.

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A STUDY EARLIER THIS MONTH, WHICH I AM SURE YOU HAVE
READ ABOUT, INDICATES THAT THE COST OF AN AVERAGE HOME IS
GOING UP IN THE 1980'S TO AN ASTRONOMICAL \$78,000. EVEN
TODAY, ONLY 27 PERCENT OF AMERICAN FAMILIES CAN AFFORD A
HOME PRICED AT \$44,000. THAT'S A DROP-OFF FROM THE 47 PERCENT
OF AMERICAN FAMILIES WHO COULD AFFORD THE MEDIAN NEW HOME
PRICE OF \$23,000 JUST SEVEN YEARS AGO.

THIS IS A PROBLEM -- A SERIOUS ONE, ONE WHICH MUST
BE MET. AS WE FACE THAT PROBLEM AND THAT FUTURE, WE
NEED PEOPLE WITH IDEAS, PEOPLE WITH VISION, PEOPLE LIKE
AL HOFSTEDE WHO KNOWS HOUSING, KNOWS THE CITY, KNOWS THE
NEIGHBORHOODS, AND WHO CAN GET SOMETHING DONE.

THAT SAME REPORT SHOWED THAT THERE WAS AN OUT
MIGRATION OF PEOPLE FROM THE METROPOLITAN AREAS TO THE
COUNTRY. THAT'S GOING TO MEAN THAT MANY CITIES ARE
GOING TO WIND UP WITH A HOUSING SURPLUS AS WELL AS SERIOUS
FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.

AL HOFSTEDE RECOGNIZED THAT DANGER EARLY IN HIS FIRST
TERM AS MAYOR, AND HE WORKED LONG, HARD HOURS TO FIND
SOLUTIONS.

AND WHAT ELSE DO WE HEAR IN THE NEWS THESE DAYS?

AGAIN, JUST EARLIER THIS VERY SAME MONTH, THE NATIONAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE, STANDARDS AND
GOALS PREDICTED A POSSIBLE RECURRENCE OF URBAN RIOTS.

IT ADVISED POLICE AGENCIES TO CONTINUE CONTINGENCY
PREPARATIONS FOR CIVIL DISORDERS.

I DON'T RECALL THAT WE HAD ANY CIVIL DISORDERS WHILE

AL HOFSTEDE WAS MAYOR. WE DIDN'T BECAUSE AL, AS MAYOR,

DEMONSTRATED A STRONG WILL TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY AND

TO ACHIEVE DECENT LAW ENFORCEMENT. AL SET UP THE POLICE

PRECINCT ADVISORY COMMITTEES WHEN HE WAS MAYOR, THAT

BROUGHT BOTH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CITIZENS TOGETHER TO WORK

FOR MUTUAL SOLUTIONS TO NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEMS. HE SET FORTH

A GOAL OF MINORITY RECRUITMENT IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

~~AL HOFSTEDE HAS BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT ACHIEVING
SOLUTIONS TO NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEMS IN THE AREA OF LAW
ENFORCEMENT. HE HAS SHOWN BY HIS PAST ACTIONS HIS
DETERMINATION TO HAVE A SAFE CITY.~~

L WHEN AL ^{WAS} ~~AS~~ MAYOR, OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THIS CITY
PROTECTED OUR ELDERLY -- OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT WAS SENSITIVE
TO THE CONCERNS AND THE FEARS OF OUR MINORITIES -- OUR LAW
ENFORCEMENT GAVE PRIORITY TO THE PROTECTION OF LIVES, HOMES
AND PROPERTY OF OUR CITIZENS.

I CAN GO ON AND ON ABOUT AL HOFSTEDE, ABOUT HIS PROGRAMS
THAT HE HAD FOR THE CITY, ABOUT HIS VISIONS FOR KEEPING
MINNEAPOLIS NUMBER ONE. AND, MOST OF YOU KNOW AND RECOGNIZE
WHAT HIS SUCCESSES HAVE BEEN, WHAT HIS PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN,
AND YOU LOOK TO THE VISION OF THIS MAN TO AID THIS CITY.

BUT, LET ME REMIND YOU OF ONE OF THE SUCCESSES WHICH
AL DIDN'T HAVE.

ON NOVEMBER 4, 1975, AL DIDN'T HAVE SUCCESS AT THE
POLLS. ON NOVEMBER 4, 1975, HOPES AND DREAMS AND ASPIRATIONS
OF A CITY AND ITS YOUNG MAYOR AND ITS PARTY WENT DOWN IN DEFEAT,

AND WE HAVE NOBODY TO BLAME BUT OURSELVES. THE PEOPLE
DIDN'T TURN AL OUT OF OFFICE. THE PEOPLE DIDN'T REJECT THE
PROGRAMS AND THE VISIONS OF AL HOFSTEDE. IT'S JUST THAT WE
DEMOCRATS FAILED TO VOTE.

WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LET THAT HAPPEN AGAIN.

LET ME REMIND YOU THAT MINNEAPOLIS, AFTER MANY YEARS
OF TRYING -- BEGINNING WAY BACK WHEN I WAS MAYOR -- NOW
HAS PRODUCED CHARTER REFORM.

LET ME TELL YOU WHAT THAT MEANS, THAT MEANS THAT THE
NEXT MAYOR OF THIS CITY IS GOING TO HAVE BUDGETING AND
PLANNING POWER.

L THE POLICY MAKING POWER IS GOING TO BE REFLECTED IN
THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND THE MAN WHO HOLDS THAT POSITION.

L THAT MEANS THAT IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT THE
MAN WHO IS IN THAT MAYOR'S OFFICE IS SOMEBODY WHO KNOWS CITY
GOVERNMENT.

L IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT THE MAN WHO SITS AS MAYOR
OF MINNEAPOLIS RECOGNIZES THE INTRICACIES OF A CITY'S
INVOLVEMENT WITH FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT -- RECOGNIZES
THE COOPERATION WHICH MUST EXIST WITH THE STATE LEGISLATURE --
AND RECOGNIZES ABOVE ALL THE LIMITS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
OF EXECUTIVE POWER.

LET THERE BE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, AL HOFSTEDE IS THE MAN
WE WANT TO SEE IN THAT MAYOR'S CHAIR.

I SPEAK TO YOU TODAY AS DEMOCRATS. YOU ARE DEMOCRATS
WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT OUR CITY AND ABOUT OUR GOVERNMENT.
YOU ARE DEMOCRATS WHO BELIEVE AND KNOW THAT OUR PARTY HAS
THE WILL, THE KNOWLEDGE AND THE DESIRE TO MAKE GOVERNMENT
WORK.

OH, NO, WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE VIRTUES -- I KNOW THAT.
BUT OUR PHILOSOPHY OF GOVERNMENT, OUR CONCERN FOR THE
PEOPLE, THE COMPASSION THAT WE EXPRESS -- THAT IS THE TYPE
OF GOVERNMENT THAT WE WANT FOR OUR CITY. SO, AS DEMOCRATS
WE MUST WORK TO ASSURE THAT WE HAVE IN OFFICE PEOPLE WHO REFLECT
THOSE CONCERNS THAT WE HAVE.

L LET ME REMIND YOU THAT WHEN AL HOFSTEDE BECAME MAYOR,
WE HELD 12 OF THE 13 SEATS IN THE MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL.

TODAY WE ONLY HOLD 9 OF THOSE SEATS -- ALTHOUGH IT IS
STILL A MAJORITY. BUT WE KNOW THAT A LEAST TWO OF THOSE

DEMOCRATIC ALDERMEN ARE NOT GOING TO SEEK THEIR SEATS AGAIN,

~~AND WE HEAR RUMOR THAT SOME OTHER DEMOCRATIC ALDERMEN MAY ALSO~~

~~NOT~~ ~~BACK.~~

L SO IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE, AS DEMOCRATS, UNITE BEHIND
A STRONG MAYORAL CANDIDATE TO ASSURE THAT OUR HOPES

AND OUR CONCERNS -- THAT OUR PHILOSOPHY AS DEMOCRATS --

ARE MAINTAINED IN THIS CITY.

OH, YES, I KNOW THAT AL HOFSTEDE IS NOT THE ONLY
DEMOCRAT SEEKING THE OFFICE OF MAYOR. AND, I PERSONALLY
KNOW MOST OF THE OTHER CANDIDATES AND FIND THEM TO BE GOOD
AND DECENT PEOPLE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I HAVE SUPPORTED
TWO OF THOSE OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES WHICH THEY
PRESENTLY HOLD.

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CANDIDATE WHO CAN WIN IN A GENERAL ELECTION THIS YEAR AGAINST
THE OPPOSITION. WE MUST PUT FORTH AND ENDORSE OUR STRONGEST
CANDIDATE, A MAN WHOSE RECORD OF PAST ACHIEVEMENTS AND WHOSE
VISION FOR THE FUTURE GIVES US PRIDE AND GREAT HOPE.

WE NEED AS MAYOR OF THIS GREAT CITY OF OURS YOUR
GOOD FRIEND AND MY GOOD FRIEND, AL HOFSTEDE.



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