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DORON CLARK ANNOUNCES RUN FOR MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL
Campaign to focus on strong neighborhoods and quality jobs

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (October 27, 2008) – Neighborhood leader and businessperson Doron Clark today announced his candidacy for Ward 1 of the Minneapolis City Council. His campaign promises to make strong neighborhoods and quality jobs for the city of Minneapolis top priorities.

“This race is about responsive government and bringing voices of the people who live and work in Minneapolis back to City Hall,” said Clark who made his announcement for candidacy to a group of supporters at the Audubon Coffee Shop in Northeast Minneapolis.

STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS

In light of City Hall’s recent actions to undermine neighborhoods, Clark discussed the importance of ensuring that neighborhoods have the right to control their own destinies and that neighbors should also be able to expect that their elected representatives will champion the issues that directly impact their lives.

“Our current council member, Paul Ostrow, has stripped neighborhoods of funding and has supported adding a layer of government bureaucracy that will force neighborhoods to jump through yet another hoop,” said Clark who vowed to restore independent neighborhoods and represent their priorities.

QUALITY JOBS

With today’s challenging economic times, Clark, who works at Target Corporation to develop leadership and technical skills among Target executives, believes that Minneapolis must focus its efforts on attracting quality jobs to the city and has promised to actively pursue and encourage interest in business sites that have remained empty for too long. Clark cited the Shoreham Yards as an example of a site that has the potential to bring more than 1,500 jobs to Northeast Minneapolis. He also noted that he would pursue development of the vacant site at Central and Lowry Avenues and restore the Hollywood Theater to its former glory.

“I understand the value of connecting people with quality jobs and we’re not currently utilizing the all of our assets in Northeast to develop jobs,” Clark said.

Doron Clark is the co-chair of Windom Park Citizens in Action and is employed at Target Corporation in the Merchandising, Marketing, & Global Training department. Clark has served as a delegate to the past two DFL State Conventions. He has also been recognized for his volunteer work at Hamline University as a director for several planning /development committees and as a seven-year Big Brother and director for the programming committee for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Twin Cities. An active member of his church, Northeast’s Grace United Methodist Church, he most recently led a service trip to the Mississippi Coast to assist in Hurricane Katrina relief.

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