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STONEWALL DFL ENDORSES DORON CLARK FOR CITY COUNCIL
Many Look to Respected DFL Caucus for Leadership in Contested Races

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (March 2, 2009) – Neighborhood leader and businessperson Doron Clark, candidate for Minneapolis City Council – Ward 1, today announced the endorsement of Stonewall DFL.

“I’m honored by Stonewall DFL’s endorsement,” Clark stated in accepting the group’s endorsement. “I fundamentally believe that basic civil rights must be extended to all members of our community.”

David DeGrio, Clark’s GLBT Outreach Director shared, “Doron is a true advocate for all neighbors living in Northeast. Stonewall’s endorsement shows that Doron will fight for equality and fairness for all people in Northeast.”

Clark’s campaign manager, Nolan Pitlick added, “Stonewall DFL thoughtfully considers all candidates in a race. Their endorsement shows the depth of knowledge Doron holds on a diverse spectrum of topics.”

Stonewall DFL’s endorsement joins the endorsement of AFSCME; neighborhood presidents Jeffrey Kraker (Logan Park), Jeffrey Martin (Waite Park), and Wendy Menken (SE Como); and hundreds of Northeast neighbors.

Clark has focused on three areas in his candidacy: developing strong neighborhoods, creating quality jobs and practicing responsive leadership. These priorities grew out of Doron’s long-held commitment to equality and justice.

BACKGROUND

Doron Clark is the president of Windom Park Citizens in Action and is employed as a job skills developer at Target Corporation. A long-time East Side resident, Doron, his wife, and child make their home in the Windom Park neighborhood. Clark has served as a delegate to two DFL state conventions in 2006 and 2008. An experienced organizer, Clark led the task force that preserved Stinson Parkway, played a key role electing Jill Davis to the Minneapolis School Board, is part of Neighbors for NRP, and chairs the Windom Park Community Carnival, the neighborhood’s largest annual fundraising event that draws 1500 people. An experienced leader, Clark worked for the Minnesota State Senate in the late 1990s.

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.

STONEWALL DFL

As an officially chartered caucus of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota, Stonewall DFL is Minnesota's first and longest operating political organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

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