



Business PAC of Central Minnesota Guiding Principles

Overall Goal: The Business PAC of Central Minnesota is designed to seek out and help elect qualified people to office as well as to help the business community be a more aggressive participant in the political process.

- The Business PAC of Central MN is not an access PAC.
- The Business PAC is non-partisan and will support candidates who meet the PAC's objectives, regardless of party affiliation.
- Candidates must understand and support the concerns or interests of Central Minnesota businesses.
- Candidates must be electable.
- The candidates' campaign position or previous voting record will be used as a determining factor.



The Business Political Action Committee of Central Minnesota endorses the following candidates for office on November 8th.

St. Cloud Mayor

☒ Dave Kleis

St. Cloud City Council

☒ George Hontos
☒ Jeff Goerger
☒ Steve Gottwalt

St. Cloud School Board

☒ Joanne Dorsher
☒ Les Green
☒ Deb Lalley
☒ Ron Seibring

Waite Park City Council

☒ Herman Bartz
☒ Frank Theisen

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**Please remember
to vote Nov. 8th!**



**BUSINESS PAC OF CENTRAL MINNESOTA
5TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER**

**Tuesday, September 6, 2005
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Carl and Barb Caspers Residence
3983 Pine Point Road
Sartell, Minnesota**

*\$150 minimum contribution per couple
\$100 minimum contribution per individual*

Hosted by Carl and Barb Caspers

**Sponsored by
The Bernick Family
Bob and Linda Feuling**

Special Guest:

**FORMER US CONGRESSMAN &
CO-DIRECTOR, HUMPHREY INSTITUTE POLICY FORUM**

TIM PENNY

**Please call Jami Bestgen at (320) 252-2411
to RSVP your attendance**

If you cannot attend, but wish to make a contribution, please make checks
payable to: **BUSINESS PAC OF CENTRAL MN; PO BOX 812
ST. CLOUD, MN 56302-0812**

*Note: Corporate contributions are prohibited by law. This request is for a personal
contribution, which is not considered deductible for federal income tax purposes. The
Business PAC of Central MN has formerly been known as The St. Cloud Area
Chamber of Commerce PAC.*

For Immediate Release
October 18, 2005

Contact: Scott Raden
Chamber PAC Chair
320-250-0500

BUSINESS PAC OF CENTRAL MN ENDORSES KLEIS FOR MAYOR

The Business Political Action Committee of Central Minnesota (Business PAC of Central MN) endorses Dave Kleis in his candidacy for Mayor of the City of St. Cloud. "As a full time mayor, Dave Kleis will not only be accessible to residents of the City of St. Cloud, he will reach out to community members to ensure he understands their needs," said Business PAC of Central MN Chair Scott Raden. "Kleis will work cooperatively with surrounding communities in the region as well as with the business community to partner on creative solutions to efficiently and effectively provide services to residents," continued Raden.

"In our changing economic environment we believe the mayor needs to be the main cheerleader in the recruitment and welcoming of new business to St. Cloud as well as retention and growth efforts with existing St. Cloud businesses," said Raden. "Kleis will be intimately involved in the initiative to recruit science-based businesses to central Minnesota as well as current retention and growth efforts directed at local businesses," continued Raden.

The Business PAC of Central MN endorses Dave Kleis in his candidacy based on his stated positions on the following issues:

- Kleis will take a studied and fiscally responsible approach to meeting the City of St. Cloud's future space needs.
- Kleis will renew prior administrations' efforts to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the provision of City services. He will also explore creative solutions to more efficiently use City resources.
- Kleis will commit time to business recruitment and retention efforts, including the Science Initiative of Central Minnesota (SICM), a business recruitment and expansion initiative, and The Partnership's retention and growth efforts.
- Kleis will continue to make public safety a priority and explore unique solutions to more efficiently use resources.

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Business PAC of Central MN board members are: Chair Scott Raden, Jami Bestgen, Dave Borgert, Teresa Bohnen, Scott Hayes, Marty Mahowald, John Pederson, Bill Scarince, Penny Schmitt, Paul Stacke, and Arlene Williams. Scott Raden did not participate in endorsement discussions nor did he participate in voting for endorsement in this race.

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For Immediate Release
October 23, 2005

Contact: Scott Raden
Chamber PAC Chair
320-250-0500

**BUSINESS PAC OF CENTRAL MN ENDORSES
GOERGER, GOTTWALT, HONTOS FOR CITY COUNCIL**

The Business Political Action Committee of Central Minnesota (Business PAC of Central MN) endorses Jeff Goerger, Steve Gottwalt, and George Hontos in their candidacies for City Council for the City of St. Cloud. "Goerger, Gottwalt, and Hontos all have experience in city government and demonstrate an overall grasp for the breadth of the issues facing the City of St. Cloud as well as an understanding for the complexity of city government," said Business PAC of Central MN Chair Scott Raden. "This experience and understanding is a necessity in City Council members in our changing economic environment," continued Raden.

The Business PAC of Central MN endorses Goerger, Gottwalt, and Hontos in their candidacies based on their stated positions on the following issues:

- The candidates will take a studied and fiscally responsible approach to meeting the City of St. Cloud's future space needs.
- The candidates will support efforts to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the provision of City services to ensure customer needs are being met. They will also support the exploration of creative solutions to more efficiently use City resources.
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Group endorses 3 for City Council

Times staff report

A local business-oriented political advocacy group has endorsed Steve Gottwalt and George Hon-tos for re-election to the St. Cloud City Council, along with challenger Jeff Goerger.

According to a news release from Scott Raden, chairman of the Business Political Action Committee of Central Minnesota, the group endorsed the three candidates Wednesday based on:

- Their stated positions on the city's future space needs
- Studying the efficiency of

delivering city services.

- Support for the Science Initiative of Central Minnesota and for public safety.

The PAC was created by the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce but is incorporated separately and has its own board of directors.

Board members include Raden, Jami Bestgen, Dave Berger, Teresa Bohinen, Scott Hayes, Marty Mahowald, John Pederson, Bill Searince, Penny Schmitt, Paul Stacke and Arlene Williams.

Local PAC endorses 4 candidates

A local business political action committee has endorsed four candidates for St. Cloud school board.

Business PAC of Central Minnesota announced Wednesday it will support incumbent Joanne Dorsner, first-time challengers Les Green and Ron Seibring and former board member Deb Lalley.

The four are among eight candidates running for four three-year terms on the St. Cloud school board.

Duane Schumacher, Mike Conway, former board member Jerry Koshiol and Jennifer Shorter are also running.

The group is the political action committee of the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce.