



# **GOP Gov candidate bobagain seeks primary running mate “enabler” – all eligible Minnesotans (includes GOP, DFL\* & Ind\*) can apply for Lt Gov – no commitment; working relationship negotiable – paid position if elected; can resign if elected**

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**Minneapolis, MN, 5/18/22** – Following the Minnesota Republican party’s 2022 State Convention in Rochester, Bob “Again” Carney Jr. (“bobagain”) is running in the August 9<sup>th</sup> GOP primary and is seeking an “enabler” to serve as a running mate. “Ideally this would be someone with recognized ‘establishment’ credentials – but I’m willing to talk with anyone, including DFLers and Independents,” bobagain said.

The goal is to present a “respectable” ticket – from the establishment and the media’s point of view. However, bobagain is willing to consider anyone with a sincere desire and commitment to public service, and who has a determination to try to move Minnesota politics away from the pitfalls of hot buttons and division. Beyond that, good ideas of any kind, and a wide range of unique credentials, including “life experience,” will be considered.

“The working relationship (if any) is negotiable,” bobagain said. Here are the minimum requirements:

1. The candidate must be 25 years or older, a Minnesota resident for one year, and eligible to vote in Minnesota.
2. The candidate doesn’t have to do anything beyond showing up at the Secretary of State’s office with bobagain to file an Affidavit of Candidacy. The campaign will pay the filing fee. The filing deadline is 5 PM on May 31<sup>st</sup>.
3. \*The Affidavit of Candidacy says (emphasis added): “If a major political party candidate, [this applies to the MNGOP] I either participated in the party’s most recent precinct caucuses or *intend to vote for a majority of that party’s candidates at the next general election.*” By signing the Affidavit, the candidate will be affirming this is true. DFLers and Independents can qualify by intending to vote as described when filing. Pretty slippery, huh!?
4. If the ticket wins the primary, it is difficult (but not impossible) to leave the ticket and be replaced before the general election. If the ticket wins the General Election, the Lt Gov can resign any time after taking office. The annual salary is \$31,141 and typically involves presiding when the State Senate is in session. The Lt Gov *can* literally do nothing – the State Senate President can preside when the Lt Gov is absent.

Potential candidates don’t have to agree with bobagain on any litmus test. A Lt Gov candidate is free to disagree with or denounce anything bobagain says, or doesn’t say.

“If you are interested, or just plain willing, to ‘enable’ my candidacy for Governor by serving as my Lt Gov running mate, please call or e-mail me to discuss this. We can arrange a Zoom discussion,” bobagain said.

A one-day free Kindle download period for bobagain’s relevant e-books will be announced and will be at least a few days before the filing deadline. Candidates who emerge as serious prospects can also be reimbursed by the campaign for downloading any relevant e-books.

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