

Are you interested in being my running mate for Lt Gov? (5/4 version)

Important: I'm willing to consider and talk to anyone who is eligible – see “What if we win...” below.

I do not currently have a running mate for Lt. Governor. In Minnesota, two people file together and run as a ticket. The filing period ends May 31st, 2022 – that's coming up fast.

If you are interested in running for Lt. Governor with me, I'm willing to consider anyone who is legally eligible to run. This means you must be a citizen of Minnesota (and therefore a U.S. citizen)

Here are the requirements (this is taken from the Minnesota Secretary of State's website.)

All Candidates

- must be eligible to vote in Minnesota [**Ed. Note:** this means you must be a U.S. citizen]
- must have not filed for another office at the upcoming primary or general election
- must be 21 years of age or more upon assuming office
- must have maintained residence in their district for at least 30 days before the general election

Major Party Candidates [**Ed. Note:** the MN Republican Party is designated as a major party]

- must have participated in the party's most recent precinct caucuses, or intend to vote for a majority of the party's candidates at the next general election

Additional Qualifications for Specific Offices

GOVERNOR OR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

- must be at least 25 years old upon assuming office
- must be a resident of Minnesota for at least one year before the general election

What if we win the Primary?

There is an important option here that I hope you will consider. If you want to be replaced and/or agree to be replaced, you can legally do this by leaving the state. I would then file a document saying you are no longer a state resident, and you would be replaced on the General Election ballot. If you have qualities that would make you a good candidate – this an excellent option – and you can move back to Minnesota after you're replaced on the ballot. During the time you're gone, the campaign would pay you a monthly stipend – amount TBD. One big advantage of this plan is simple: if I make it to the General Election (winning the primary) there is an opportunity to recruit a new “heavy hitter” candidate for Lt. Gov. However – I'll approach this question on the merits. If you can make a good case for staying on the ticket after a primary victory – I'll listen and will consider that option.

To sum up – if you're interested, please call me to discuss this. – Obviously, an important first step in the process will be for you to read my book I Governor of Minnesota – and like what I'm talking about. I'll provide interested potential candidates a free copy.

A final comment -- Dr. Scott Jensen, one of the GOP candidates, has selected former Viking Matt Birk as his running mate. If they're endorsed, I'd like to be able to roll out a plan for the Vikings to win the Super Bowl by 2025 – if you know a lot about football, I'll give your candidacy preferential consideration. To be blunt – winning the Super Bowl is something a lot of Minnesota voters may be more interested in than anything some politico says! This is all part of a general effort to encourage people to think differently – and to begin talking when that otherwise might not happen. (I actually *do* have a “secret plan” for how to do this – if Jensen/Birk is nominated at the convention it could be rolled out in book form during the campaign – you could possibly help write it and be a co-author. There is an admittedly light-hearted aspect to this. There would be some “serious side effects” from following the plan – that would be worth discussing too – but... bottom line... *it could be done.*)