

Good morning DCR Chamber Members,

You may have been aware of, or even expecting to attend “Good Day Dakota County”, next Monday October 10, featuring a debate between U.S. Congressional Candidates Angie Craig (DFL), Jason Lewis (R) and Paula Overby (I). As you know, the CD2 race is widely considered one of the closest and more important U.S. House races in the entire country.

Regrettably, this event has officially been canceled due to Angie Craig’s decision not to participate.

This is frustrating for us as a Chamber, in part because we take our obligation very seriously to educate the business community on candidates’ positions on important pro-business issues. We also believe it is important for candidates to meet with their potential constituents directly, and learn from them about the ways in which government affects their ability to continue to invest and create jobs in our region. These opportunities are particularly important when candidates seeking higher office have no established voting record. Both major party candidates are seeking to position themselves as pro-business candidates, and unfortunately we now have no way to test their assertions, or offer advice by engaging in conversation.

Your Chamber is especially proud of its track record of providing good information, direct from the candidates. Over the years, these face-to-face opportunities have been invaluable for our members and general public; and indeed, the candidates themselves, to learn about our community and attempt to work together. In the last 60 days we’ve hosted 12 forums, with two more to follow, for candidates at the city council, school board, county board, and state legislative levels. The events are non-partisan, professional, informative, and well-attended.

Your Chamber will seek out other ways to keep you informed about the candidates’ positions on important business issues, including a rescheduled event, assuming we can earn the participation of all major party candidates. We encourage you to contact the candidates directly and ask them to participate fully in an open discussion of the key and critical issues affecting your business.

Finally, our next Good Day Dakota County will be held on November 14 with its featured focus on the regional impact of the 2018 SuperBowl. Alex Tittle, VP of Business Connect and Corporate Affairs, will share an overview of what is being planned in Minnesota for Super Bowl LII along with the economic impact for the region and how you as a business can benefit from this world-stage event. Watch for more information to come.

Sincerely,

Vicki Stute  
President