



2024 PLATFORM:

“I am convinced if we do a few things differently, we can do better and still hit the mark for most of the hard working people of our country. We don’t need to be in the middle of every hot issue. We can lead coalitions to do good things for our nation, party, communities, and our neighborhoods. These are priorities I have for the people in MN CD5 written in January of 2024.

I believe in continuous improvement and these will adjust as needed. I wish I had the confidence to say I have nothing to learn, but I pride myself on learning something new everyday. Obama was once against some gay rights, but he learned things from his daughters and went on to repeal the Don’t Ask Don’t Tell policy in the US military during my service years. They now allow LGBTQ+ folks in the military. I want to be like Obama. He is a role model for me as someone who believes in lifelong learning.”

Tim believes in getting a little better everyday and inspiring that in the world around him. He is taking that approach to the U.S. Congress to create new policies. He believes we need to always be reassessing how we view the world stage and making small course corrections so we don’t get too far off course.

1- Federal Law Reform

“In the freest country in the history of the world, we have 5% of the world’s population, and 20% of the world's prisoners. This must change, while these policies won’t fix everything, it is a start. I will work to champion these issues.

-Legalize cannabis nationwide, but make smoking illegal in locations where regular smoking is illegal.

-Decriminalization of sex workers. No one should get a criminal record for being trafficked or for choosing to be a sex worker. I believe people should be able to choose what they do with their bodies. This is a public health issue, not a criminal one.

-If men mostly have a monopoly on destruction, women should mostly have a monopoly on creation. Women’s access to reproductive health care is a civil right and needs to be protected across our nation.

-Decriminalization of psychedelics in their natural, or original form used by the people of the 1st nations.

-Legalization of psychedelics for all medical purposes. Psychedelics, when well regulated are proven to help many of the mental health challenges our communities suffer from, especially veterans.

-Decriminalize small personal amounts of drug residue and paraphernalia using the MN law as a framework. The last thing an unhoused addict needs is a criminal record. This is a public health issue not a criminal one.

-Ratify the ERA. I am a fierce advocate for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. The ERA was introduced over 100 years ago, but is still not part of our constitution. I will also be a strong advocate for reform when it comes to holding police and military officials accountable for protecting women from sexual harassment and sexual trauma of any kind while defending and upholding our constitution.

2- Higher Education and Job Training

“I have spent a large part of my time as an adult working with inner city youth as a Minneapolis South High football coach, teacher, mentor, Minnesota National Guard Recruiter, and as a small business owner volunteering and inspiring my employees to give back to our community. I also created the MPS Pitch Rally to fund young start up businesses for MPS graduates 23 and under. This funding helps provide young adults with the mentors and tools needed to be successful in capitalism because when they are successful in capitalism, they will not want to burn it down. We must give the youth of our nation these tools.”

-Public schooling must prepare students for owning a small business, working in a highly technical job, or a career in the trades by fostering experiences starting in middle school.

-Free community college, trade schools, and high tech training programs that result in 80%+ job placement for public school students of families where parents each make less than \$80,000 a year adjusted for dependents. It's good for your communities and for our economy to make our economy more competitive in every emerging high tech job in this new world where having a good career doesn't require a 4 year degree. This will allow for easier career transitions as technology changes and jobs become obsolete. It also helps older workers get retraining if unemployed as age discrimination is the number one awarded employment law settlement in the U.S. The average person changes jobs seven times in their career. With new AI tools now widely available, this could increase drastically.

-Under 25 Public School Shark Tank style small business pitch competition with seed funding.

-Create the Silicon Valley of the north at the 3rd precinct site in Minneapolis by funding dozens of new startups in the communities most affected by the unrest.

-Tax payer Angel Investment of \$100,000 for contest winner each year (Proceeds fund expansion into more communities)

-Fund nationwide public school Personal Trainer certification. Teaching the youth to lead Health, Fitness, and Mindfulness training by example in economically challenged communities while giving them certifications to work in these industries or start a business upon graduation.

“Blue collar workers and technical workers will build our community back bigger and better. Folks don’t need 100K student loans. They need 100K jobs in a few years in the trades or high tech jobs.”

-Invest in trades shop infrastructure in Public schools to create the next generation of trades workers to rebuild America’s infrastructure and housing using technology as an assistant.

-Public school high tech job training certificates in cyber security, artificial intelligence, digital media.

3- Clean Water, a Healthy Planet, and Green Energy

“A strong economy is a green economy moving forward. Our health and well being depend on responsible investments in this space.

-2 cent federal tax for every plastic bag purchased that does not contain 50% material recycled from US waters. This pays for annual public school student water clean ups.

-Ban commercial creation of PFAS and other new forever chemicals.

-No drilling in the BWCA and no new gas and oil pipelines in Minnesota.

-Funding dam removal and restoration of waters crucial to support native fish species when it creates private sector jobs to offset the cost to taxpayers over a reasonable amount of time.

I support the federal goal of being Net Zero by 2050.

4- Mental Health / Opioid Crisis

-Stop straw gun purchases to severely limit the sale of weapons sold by addicts to support drug addiction while getting the dealers sent to federal prison where they have great addiction programs and a lower recidivism rate.

-Straw Gun Purchase / Auto Sear Reduction Task Force- Take them off the streets by funding 100 new ATF for this task only. With about 30,000 deaths in the drug war each year, we must fix this program.

-10K bonus as a tax credit for Mental Health Responders (Firefighters, EMT, Nurses, Gov Addiction Response)

-50 K bonus as a tax credit for student loan repayment of Mental Health Care providers

-150 K bonus as a tax credit for student loan repayment for Mental Health Doctors

-Must serve 2 years in economically challenged /urban/ rural area to combat lack of staff nationwide in these areas

5 - Ethics Reform & Campaign Finance

“The special interest money in politics, and chasing it are at the heart of the problems in Washington, DC. I am on a mission to get the big money out of politics. We need accountability and transparency for folks in congress and on the Supreme Court. The legalized corruption we have today needs to be abolished starting with the policies below.”

-No lobbying by lawmakers for 8 years after holding a federal office.

-Prohibit members of congress from owning stocks, but not mutual funds.

-The same age requirements for US military officers should be used for elected officials in DC. Why do we let people older than 4 star generals vote for them to go to war?

6 - Police

Remake and rebuild the Police through a civil rights lens including effective alternative unarmed response when it's safe, and data supports its effectiveness.

-Tim “will not rest until people of all colors, creeds, sexual orientations and immigration status can truly feel safe in and outside of American cities, even after dark.”

-He believes that when our police force is rebuilt to share our core values and lived experience of our community, we will become a bright shining star for the state, and country to follow for police reform.

-“I don't think any of the other candidates care about remaking and rebuilding our police force to match our core values and lived experience. I haven't heard a plan from any elected official or candidates to do anything to address our critical lack of police officers in our community. This issue is not just a Minneapolis problem. It's growing exponentially across our nation with many of the 100,000 police officers that Bill Clinton helped incentivize to join the force in the 90's are retiring soon.

-If we can have 5 star uber drivers, why can't we have 5 star police officers by using a web/mobile application to rate community interactions

-Fund enough investigators to respond to police brutality claims in 90 days or less with the status tracked on an internet and a mobile phone application.

-Recruiting and retention bonus of 50K for public school grads from redlined communities, 50K to serve in economically challenged communities, 50K for veterans, and most importantly 50K every three years for officer's that meet a 5 star service criteria.

7- Branded Corporate Sponsorships

Too often politicians want to spend hard earned tax payer money when it would be faster, and more efficient to partner with corporate sponsors and nonprofit organizations. We will do this with co branding, marketing, and job placement within companies in these sectors.

- Trades and Trade Unions

- Police
- Fitness Certifications
- Firefighters / EMT
- Nursing
- High Tech
- Video Content Marketing Firms
- Local Small business pitch competition winners

8 - Infrastructure

Rebuilding infrastructure is a problem. I see it as an opportunity. We need to build with the private sectors that offer the next generation to lead the world by example so we can be more competitive as we rebuild our manufacturing base for increased national defense production and domestic supply chain consolidation.

-Funding safe, healthy and climate-resilient neighborhoods connected by accessible, carbon-free transportation.

-Fund legacy pollution cleaning up of superfund sites near Little Earth and near the garbage burner in north Minneapolis.

9- Immigration Reform

“My family largely came to this country after the Civil War for the same reasons most do-Opportunity for their children to live a better life free from persecution. Most of us Americans are compassionate and value folks as neighbors that are hard working and have a positive vision for the future. We simply want safety and security for our families and communities. This is an issue of humanity and economics. We must do better for the future of our nation so that our children can grow and succeed together.”

-Tim supports comprehensive immigration reform, including enhanced border security, a pathway to citizenship for those here now (DACA), and a streamlined process for those seeking to enter the country legally.

-Green-card to blue uniform new deal. Create an Immigrant to military & police accelerated citizenship path. We need more hard working immigrants to answer the call to serve regardless of their color, race, creed or sexual orientation. If you can raise an army of soldiers in a year and send them overseas, you can build an army of qualified immigrants in a year to join the military or police force down the street. We spend hundreds of millions of dollars on military bonuses each year. This is a HUGE potential cost saving. It also has the potential to offset the cost of some Illegal immigration.

Every immigrant who serves our country or community for 2 years honorably will automatically become a citizen. How is it that folks who qualify for VA benefits currently are not citizens? What sense does that make?

10- Housing

-Fund 90 day temporary housing for our unhoused brothers and sisters. Many unhoused are hard working folks that need a hand up before things get bad, not a handout.

-Human dignity and the safety of unhoused residents must be at the center of our plan while treating them with compassion. We need to prioritize healthcare, social services, a bridge to stable housing, mental health support, chemical dependency treatment, and 90 days of storage for personal belongings. For the richest country in the history of the world, it is our obligation to serve our most in need better.

-Establish a maximum rent increase rebate system that pays for excess rent that surpasses inflation based on zip code for the disabled, elderly, single parents, and people who make less than an adjusted 30% of the average area income. Double this incentive to folks living in previously redlined communities to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion all over the country.

-Create a 100% Disabled Veteran property tax rebate federally. If a veteran has a disability rating, they get that % off as a discount of their property tax on their federal income taxes. If the veteran already gets a discount from their respective state this rebate only applies to a prorated amount of what their VA disability % is.

11 -Gun Violence Prevention

Any common sense gun laws passed in Minnesota need to be a framework for federal gun law reforms. They also need to be equitably enforced to stop the school-to-prison pipeline. We must use big data, proactive mental health care, and scientific research on a federal level to stop school shootings and gang shootings before they happen. We also need to respect that gun rights are constitutionally protected civil rights and need to be treated with respect like the right to vote.

Tim is a veteran and lifelong hunter. He believes it's every responsible gun owner's obligation to teach gun safety and responsible gun ownership to their neighbors and family. He is an advocate for providing free gun safety classes and gun locks because many of the gun deaths, unfortunately, are children that find adult's unsecured firearms.

12- Jobs & Economy

"As a business owner for much of my professional life, I know that small businesses drive our economy. I have made supporting them a top priority. I believe that balanced public policy is both pro-business and pro-worker. Those ideas are not conflicting. When there is a win for employees, the company will

be more profitable and the customers will be happy and come back. That's why I will advocate for policies that grow the economy by reducing red tape, investing in people, inspiring innovation, and sharing the success of a free market with all of our citizens."

Tim has a diverse history in business development and oversight, from being a Personal Training Director at Bally Total Fitness (Fortune 500 company at the time) to leading his family owned businesses. SGT Peterson's Personal Training and Bootcamps, and Captain Peterson's Deep Sea fishing out of Dog Island, FL. He volunteered over 100 hours, training high school students at SGT Peterson's Boot Camp, and took dozens of disabled veterans from this area deep sea fishing while owning Captain Petersons.

13- Medicare For All Who Want It

without making people do it. That's the public option we need. Tim believes that we need affordable healthcare for all Americans. Medicare for all who want it, is the best way to deliver that vision.

14- Retirement Security

All workers, including those that are new to the system deserve to retire with dignity, owning a home to pass generational wealth onto their family, especially when disabled on the job. For those who are close to retirement, they deserve to get what they paid for over their entire lives. We need to ensure this by working across party lines to protect current retirement benefits including Social Security, Medicare and especially federal funds for caregivers.

When I am elected to congress, I will introduce legislation to keep funding these programs, not just for the next congress but for generations.

15- Veterans Service and Support

"I served for 15 years at home and abroad in the USAF and Minnesota National Guard during the Global War on Terror, so I understand the sacrifices my brothers and sisters in arms and their families face, and what challenges they endure after service. It is my obligation to ensure that we take great care of those who risk their lives to serve our country and that we uplift the family members they leave behind."

This election is about changing the future. I am asking you to join the movement for a brighter future together. A future of the Minneapolis and CD5 DFL filled with not just Democrats but also filled with Independents and Republican voices that care about "Reasonable progress together".

It's no secret our community struggled during Covid, the civil unrest, and the lack of public safety since.

But great setbacks, set the stage for great comebacks and god willing we are going to lead that comeback.

It's time to be proud of our community and our country again.

We have always led the way fighting for the beautiful ideals of our nation. On July 2, 1863 free Americans of the 1st volunteer Minnesota Infantry division outnumbered 5-1, lost 82% of their forces fighting racism at Gettysburg.

In WW2, we sent tens of thousands of soldiers and trained hundreds of thousands of soldiers to defeat the Nazis and liberate the racist concentration camps.

Hubert Humphrey desegregated our workforce, fought antisemitism, and passed the Civil Rights Act with Martin Luther King, Jr.

It's time we let history lead the way and let our beautiful light shine once again. Our flag will continue to be a beacon of light for all of the oppressed people throughout the world.

From the women protesting on Iran's streets, to the protesters in Hong Kong, carrying our flag while giving the Chinese Communist Party a run for their money, I say "Let there be light"

Thank you, and Godspeed.

Everyone is welcome in the community of light that we are building together. Whether you're a believer in god, whatever you say is its name. Or if you're a non-believer. You're invited.

We got this!