

Ban the Ban



House District Scorecard

District 50A

Includes the Cities of Columbia Heights, Hilltop, and parts of Fridley and St. Anthony.

Incumbent



Name: Carolyn Laine
Party: Democratic-Farmer Labor
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[PCR Eligible](#): N/A

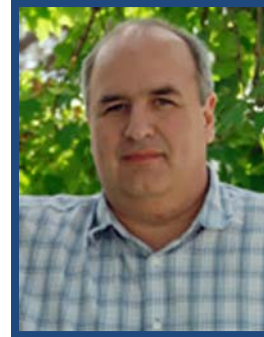
Carolyn Laine got what she was hoping for: a comprehensive smoking ban with very few exemptions. Carolyn did vote in favor of the smoke shack amendment, so she's not as hard-nosed about this issue as a few of the other reps, but it's unlikely that she would vote in favor of any exemptions more significant than a smoke shack.

LIBERTY RATING

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The freedom rating ranges from 1-10, with a 10 being extremely supportive of private property rights and a 1 supporting strong government control of private property.

Challenger



Name: Tim Utz
Party: Republican
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[PCR Eligible](#): No

BtBMN fully supports Tim Utz for House, and this is what Tim has shared with us:

"I am a non-smoker and I would still vote to repeal the statewide smoking ban. Our constitution and logic (a quality long lost in Saint Paul) dictates free association. Two examples are local watering holes or bars and Middle Eastern Hookah eateries where culture dictates smoking.

"As stated before, when government taxes, they legitimize goods, services or products. Restricting, limiting and banning them then become hypocrisy. Well-intended legislators and lobby groups have long forgotten that "We the People" rule our personal lives, not government. A government's first duty is to protect personal liberty, not dictate conduct."

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