

Jeff Wiita, CPA

Principles That Count

I am a CPA running for State Auditor and I need your support.

CREDENTIALS

My credentials include a Bachelor of Accounting degree from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, May, 1983 (minors in Business Administration and Math, graduated cum laude). I became a Certified Public Accountant in 1990. I have worked in the State Auditor's Office for 26 years as an auditor. I've audited townships, small cities, large and small counties, and the City of Minneapolis.

INDEPENDENCE IN FACT & APPEARANCE

Long ago I decided that neither government unions nor professional organizations have taxpayers' and municipalities' best interests in mind. Only by avoiding affiliations can I maintain the gold standard of accounting; "Independence in Fact and in Appearance". Even though state law requires that I pay fair share dues, I'm not a member of a government union and have not been for many years.

I have a mission; I want to implement a program that ensures timely governmental audits at the lowest cost to the taxpayers while maintaining tight oversight of taxpayers' dollars. I need your help to both secure our party's endorsement next April and to win the general election next November.

A CONSERVATIVE MINNESOTA FAMILY

Sandy, a practicing physician, and I have been married for 26 years. We have two daughters ages 18 and 12. We believe in the conservative principles of the Minnesota GOP Platform and practice these principles in our family-centered lives. As an active member of GOP organizations for many years, I worked as Treasurer for the successful Mary Kiffmeyer Campaign for Secretary of State in 1998.



UNFUNDED MANDATE

Problems have plagued the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) for 36 years and I have a simple, but solid, Plan to solve them. Central to the problems is the OSA's unfunded mandate to audit all first class cities and all counties. The unfunded mandate means that the OSA audits first class cities and counties then bills these entities for their own audit costs on an hourly basis. Due to staffing issues, the work product of the OSA is neither timely nor cost effective.

THE PLAN

My Plan liberates first class cities and counties from the unfunded mandate and releases them to use private CPAs at considerable potential savings. Once audits are privatized, the Office of the State Auditor will use a peer review process to quality-control the private CPA firms that are auditing local governments. The several benefits will include: more audits done on time, savings from competitive private sector audits, a reduced workforce in the Office of the State Auditor and a more appropriate governance role for that office.

For information on The Plan, visit my web site:
www.JeffForStateAuditor.com

Jeff Wiita, CPA at a glance...

- * Jeff is on a quest to become the first Minnesota State Auditor with CPA credentials.
- * A quirk in the Minnesota Constitution does not require our State Auditor to be a CPA (the Minnesota Constitution is also silent on gun rights).
- * A State Auditor without CPA credentials cannot sign off on the work product of the Office of the State Auditor.
- * Jeff has a detailed plan to restore political independence to the Office of the State Auditor.
- * Jeff has seen elected State Auditors come and go for 26 years; he knows where the problems lie.
- * Jeff believes that business as usual just won't cut it anymore and he needs your support.
- * Jeff's Plan includes privatizing the Audit Practice Division and replacing it with a Peer-review Division thus changing the role of the OSA to that of oversight of peer-reviewed free-market governmental audits.

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Mission Statement:

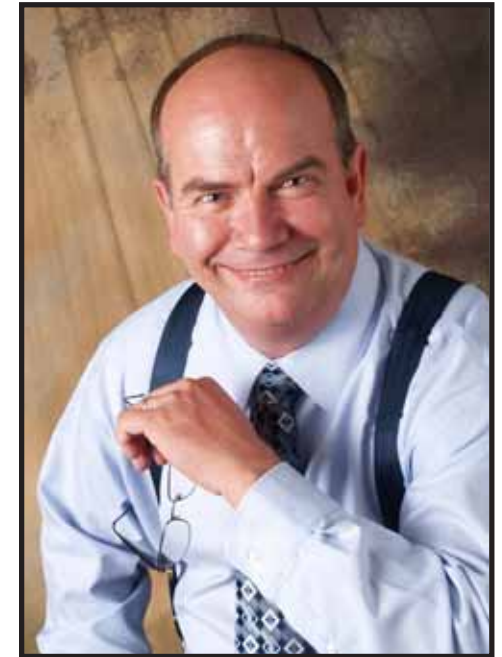
To create efficient and cost effective governmental audits by privatizing the auditing of local governmental audits through a well regulated peer review process administered by the State Auditor's Office.

.....a mission built on the conservative principles of fiscal responsibility and limited government.

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and in Appearance”**

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Jeff Wiita, CPA for State Auditor



***The time for
Government Accountability
has come!***

Surprisingly, there has never been a Minnesota State Auditor who has been a Certified Public Accountant.

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