



Ecology Democracy Party

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for Governor

ERIN WALLACE

for Lt. Governor



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- 🌱 **Establishing an ecology-based economy for Minnesota**
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🌱 **Moving Minnesota to an Ecological Economy** ([see http://tiny.cc/o8nrv](http://tiny.cc/o8nrv))

Issue: We are participating in a growth model economy which is rapidly depleting our ecological systems worldwide that places our future existence at risk. Through this economy, we externalize many of the cost factors such as extinction of species, contamination of our air, water and soil and the spread of diseases and illnesses.

Pentel/Wallace: We will internalize these costs by establishing an ecologically based economy built upon the health of our ecosystems, inherently strengthening the value of our dollar. We will establish an ecological health indicator to measure the degree to which each economic exchange restores the water, air, soil, and habitats to health and true sustainability.

🌱 **Minnesota Currency**

Issue: In the current system all dollars are created by private banks and “loaned” into circulation, but funds to make the “interest” payments can in the aggregate only be obtained via “borrowing” more money.

Pentel/Wallace: We will be the voice of the state in the national dialogue about monetary policy. We will work to establish a state currency, redeemable for taxes that will supplement Federal currency, and thereby close the state’s budgetary shortfall. Our state currency will be self-directed, environmentally sustainable and socially just.

🌱 **Proportional Representation for the Minnesota House of Representatives** ([see http://tiny.cc/do9fy](http://tiny.cc/do9fy))

Issue: Our current electoral system is a winner-take-all system. Your party or candidate could acquire 49% of the votes in a legislative district and you could still end up with zero representation in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

Pentel/Wallace: We will establish multi-party proportional representation (which is used by the majority of democratic nations world wide) within the Minnesota House of Representatives. Simply stated, if your party or candidate in a voting region receives 10% of the votes, they earn 10% of the seats.

🌱 **Ending Big Money and Corporate Interference in Minnesota’s political system** ([see http://tiny.cc/owvqc](http://tiny.cc/owvqc))

Issue: Minnesota is one of the most lobbied states in the country. In 2004 and 2005 alone, over \$50 million dollars was spent lobbying Minnesota policy makers and regulatory agencies. As a result, the average citizen can barely be heard.

Pentel/Wallace: We will enforce and expand existing law to remove the tentacles of big money and corporate interference in our government. We will use the power of the State to end corporate personhood and the absurd notion that money equals speech.

🌱 **Publicly Funded Elections** ([see http://tiny.cc/vej3w](http://tiny.cc/vej3w))

Issue: Only about 4% of the public gives money to parties & candidates. This means elected officials & party caucuses spend the public’s time raising money from a tiny group of big-money people rather than protecting the common resources & people of MN.

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