North Dakota United Endorses Robinson, Muscha and Buhr

BISMARCK, N.D. – With the 2016 election just a few weeks away, the District 24 legislative are drawing attention from groups across the state. North Dakota United, the largest professional organization in the state, has announced its endorsements in several key legislative races, including District 24.

"At North Dakota United, we are interested in two of the most important institutions in the state: Great Public Education and Great Public Service," said Nick Archuleta, president of North Dakota United. "Ensuring excellence in each is at the heart of our organization and the reason we exist. That is why, on behalf of our 11,500 members, NDU is proud to endorse Sen. Larry Robinson for another term in the N.D. Senate, and Rep. Naomi Muscha and Sharon Buhr for the N.D. House of Representatives."

Archuleta continued, "We are proud to endorse each of these individuals as they strive to serve the citizens of District 24. Last session, Robinson and Muscha proved to be passionate and effective advocates for great public schools and exceptional public service in our state. Sharon Buhr's outstanding record of service to her community makes her the perfect candidate to join Larry and Naomi in the Legislature. The citizens of District 24 can be assured that Robinson, Muscha and Buhr will stand up for our outstanding educators and public employees, here and across North Dakota."

Robinson works as the Executive Director of Advancement at Valley City State University, and has served in the Senate since 1989. "I'm proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with union members and public employees to make our communities stronger," Robinson said. "I am absolutely fired up and ready to return to Bismarck to do the best I can to represent the interests of District 24."

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Muscha is a retired teacher, and has contributed her keen insights in education to the House of Representatives since 2013. "As a retired teacher, I know first-hand how hard teachers work to make sure our kids get the quality education they deserve," said Muscha. "You need someone to work just as hard for you in Bismarck, and I am committed to doing just that."

Buhr is director of the Young People's Healthy Heart Program at CHI Mercy Health and is a clinical dietitian for Sanford Health. She served for 21 years on the Valley City School Board, and has real world experience and knowledge in both K-12 public education as well as human services in North Dakota. "Our children are our most precious asset," Buhr said, "and they are the future of our state and nation. It is our responsibility to provide them with a quality education that allows them to reach their full potential."

"North Dakota United chooses candidates to recommend based on information collected through voting records, candidate surveys and face-to-face interviews with the ND United Political Action Committee (UPAC)," Archuleta said. "Our association takes a very deliberate, measured approach to making candidate endorsements. NDU's endorsements are based on candidate stances on the issues that we care passionately about, and not on any candidate's political affiliation."

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