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(Saint Paul, MN) - Current Chair of the Republican Fourth Congressional District Bev Aplikowski has announced the formation of the Republicans for Matt Bostrom PAC.

"It is time to step forward and seek positive change in the direction of public safety in Ramsey County," Bev Aplikowski, Chair of Republicans for Matt Bostrom PAC states. "The Republican Party does not endorse candidates for non-partisan elected positions, such as County Sheriff, so we have formed this political action committee as a positive method to encourage support for Matt Bostrom from Republicans in this very important election year. The best scenario is when our non-partisan positions get bi-partisan support."

As Republicans we believe that Matt Bostrom is by far and away the best candidate for Ramsey County Sheriff. He has the law enforcement experience and qualifications to restore integrity to the Sheriff's Office, and most importantly he holds the right temperament to be Sheriff.

"As taxpayers we should be looking carefully at the fiscal issues because there is a clear difference between the incumbent Sheriff and challenger Bostrom," Aplikowski says. "During his nearly sixteen years in office Sheriff Fletcher has over spent his budget repeatedly forcing the County Board to find additional tax dollars to cover his excessive spending. Fletcher even sued the County Board in 1999 for more money when he didn't think the Board was generous enough with his salary increase.

"By contrast Matt Bostrom during his tenure as St. Paul's Assistant Chief of Police demonstrated that he can manage multi-million dollar budgets and deliver effective public safety within budget. Matt Bostrom understands our current economic difficulties and if elected has pledged to freeze the budget at the 2010 level for at least two years, without laying people off or reducing their salaries.

"In 2008 when St. Paul hosted the Republican National Convention Matt Bostrom served admirably as the ground security chief of all security functions for the event. His planning and leadership was key to the largest cooperative effort of local, state and federal law enforcement in Minnesota's history, and his work helped St. Paul and Minnesota get positive national reviews," Aplikowski noted. "And he did it within budget.

"Cooperation and coordination between all the local law enforcement agencies and departments is also a plus for Matt Bostrom. As a former Mayor I can see the benefit of Matt Bostrom's record and philosophy that a spirit of cooperation, trust, and mutual respect is vitally important to public safety in Ramsey County," Aplikowski said. "Unfortunately, willing cooperation between the current Sheriff and our municipal public safety agencies has not been the track record. The citizens of Ramsey County deserve better, and they will see positive results when Matt Bostrom is elected Ramsey County Sheriff."

Bev Aplikowski, current Republican Fourth Congressional District Chair and former Mayor of Arden Hills is the Chair of the newly formed Republicans for Matt Bostrom PAC. Vadnais Heights City Council Member Joe Murphy is the Treasurer.

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