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Community Asked to Beware of More Illegal Fletcher Sign Placements

The Bostrom for Sheriff campaign has sent a letter to all the public work departments in the cities of Ramsey County advising them to be on the watch for illegal campaign signs. Matt Bostrom, candidate for Ramsey County Sheriff, expects the appropriate governing body to be responsible in removing illegal signs as required by state statute.

“With his refusal to attend debates this year Bob Fletcher has apparently decided that his campaign for re-election will rely solely on hiding behind his lawn signs,” says Bostrom campaign spokesperson Randy Gustafson.

The Bostrom for Sheriff campaign has received numerous letters and phone calls from Ramsey County residents stating that lawn signs have been placed on their property without permission. Bob Fletcher has demonstrated that he won't abide by simple campaign laws about lawn signs. (AP Story 7/23/10 <http://wcco.com/local/campaign.signs.houses.2.1821018.html>)

“The Bostrom For Sheriff Campaign has adhered to the law and taken great measures to only place signs where permission has been granted - people should expect the same from all candidates,” says Gustafson. “Unfortunately, the Fletcher campaign has a track record of placing signs without permission on private property, vacant homes, foreclosed properties and placing them on public property in violation of state law. This is not the first campaign Bob Fletcher has done this with his lawn sign strategy.”

“It is a shame when a law enforcement officer who should be enforcing laws chooses instead to violate them for personal political gain,” Gustafson says. “Unfortunately it speaks volumes about character and it puts a black mark on all who have dedicated their careers to public safety service.”

The Bostrom Campaign is also advising local citizens that they can remove signs that have been placed on their property without permission, and remove signs placed illegally on public property. If they do remove a sign they are encouraged to call their local public works department for retrieval of the sign.

For more information about Matt Bostrom and his campaign for Ramsey County Sheriff visit his web site at www.BostromForSheriff.com

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Links to Minnesota Statutes regarding placement of signs

http://www.dot.state.mn.us/govrel/rw_signs.html

Minnesota Statutes, section 160.27

Minnesota Statutes, section 173.15