

## Legislators connect with coffee and conversation

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Local legislators Sen. Bobby Joe Champion (DFL-59), Rep. Raymond Dehn (DFL-59B) and Rep. Joe Mullery (DFL-59A) are holding a series of coffee and conversation breakfast tours with a number of local city council members and commissioners.

The purpose of the meetings is to allow local residents a chance to meet one on one with their political leaders to talk about issues that affect them.

The first such meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 8, at Cuppa Java, 400 Penn Ave. S., from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m., and will include Hennepin County Commissioner Linda Higgins. The next scheduled meeting is set for the same day at the Lowry Café, 2207 Lowry Ave. N., from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. The day's final meeting takes place at Emily's F&M, 2124 44th Ave. N. from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., with Minneapolis City Council President Barb Johnson.

Another series of meetings is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 22, with gatherings at the Corner Coffee, 514 N. 3rd St., Ste. 102 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., featuring Higgins and Councilmember Jacob Frey followed by a 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. event at the Avenue Eatery, 1101 W. Broadway.

All the meetings take place in Minneapolis.

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In addition to the café meetings, Champion is holding a town hall meeting on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the University of Minnesota Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC), 2001 Plymouth Ave. N. The town hall meeting's purpose is to provide a preview of issues likely to be discussed during the 2014 legislative session.

“Minnesota is finally moving out of a decade of budget deficits and towards a more stable economy. Now that our state is on firmer ground, it is time to address some of the issues important to our communities.” said Champion. “I urge citizens to attend my town meeting and become better informed and help stay involved in the political process. Town hall meetings are also designed to be listening and learning sessions. We want to hear your ideas on how to make government work better for our communities, what legislative priorities we should focus on, and how we can better lead the state.”

For more information regarding the town meetings, please call the office of Sen. Champion at (651) 296-9246.