

Taking the chance

With open seat, Scott knew now is her time to serve

By Mike Cook

A party activist for years, Rep. Peggy Scott (R-Andover) now has a greater opportunity to push forth her beliefs.



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She replaces Chris DeLaForest, who spent six years in the seat and door-knocked for Scott's campaign.

"I've kind of always had it in the back of my mind that I wanted to do this, but I never thought Chris was going anywhere," she said. "When he decided to step down, I kind of said

"I truly believe in conservative principles: smaller government, more power to the individuals and keep the government out of our lives as much as possible," she said.

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"It's probably now or never."

Scott brings a unique perspective to two of her assignments: the House Housing Finance and Policy and Public Health Finance Division and the House Property and Local Sales Tax Division. She and her husband, David, operate a small real estate business from their home.

"We pay non-resident property taxes on the rental properties that we own," she said. "For instance, in the city of St. Paul the property taxes have just increased so much in the last few years that it's difficult to break even."

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DISTRICT 49A

Population: (2007 est.) 42,753

Largest City: Andover

County: Anoka

Top Concern: 'I'm really, really adamant about getting through this crisis without raising taxes.'

plans to push for a widening of Highway 10 and completion of Highway 610, both located in her district. She'll be able to do that from a seat on the House Transportation Finance and Policy Division. "There's no fast way to get to Anoka County," she said.

Scott also hopes to work on behalf of divorced fathers, who, she says can often get the short end of things when it comes to custody issues, an issue that affected her in-laws.

"I'm a firm believer that children need both parents in their lives and every other weekend and one night a week just doesn't cut it," she said.