

DARIO ANSELMO FOR HOUSE

— EDINA • 49A —



The Anselmo Family - Dario, Jeanne, Andrew, Aidan and Ali

About Dario

Born in Duluth, I was raised in Minneapolis' western suburbs. My wife, Jeanne, and I have been proud members of Edina's Parkwood Knolls community for nearly 20 years, where our three children attend Edina Public Schools. Our schools are our community's bedrock, and I've worked hard to strengthen them by serving on the boards of the Edina Education Fund and Edina Give and Go – and as your representative in the Minnesota State Legislature.

I was humbled by your support in 2016, and I'm proud of the effective leadership I've brought to a divided house to deliver results as your representative. Now, I'm asking for your support again to continue the important work we've begun fighting for every family in Edina.

REPRESENTING ALL OF EDINA

Entrepreneur and Small Businessman

I bring a background as an **entrepreneur and small businessman**, having started my first company in Edina at age 21. After growing and selling it, I bought the Fine Line Music Café in downtown Minneapolis. I'm proud of how years of hard work **transformed the Fine Line into a thriving business and cultural institution**. As the *Star Tribune* noted when I sold the business in 2013, I was "one of Minneapolis' longest-operating club owners[.]... hosting everyone from George Clinton to President Bill Clinton, including Sheryl Crow, Maroon 5, the Pixies[.]" I continue to be involved in commercial real estate ventures.



Business and Community Leader

For me, being an **active community leader** is not just a campaign talking point; it's been a way of life for decades. My **leadership in Minneapolis' Warehouse District Business Association** and **Minneapolis Downtown Council** encouraged government to improve public safety, lower taxes and enable business growth opportunities to support a thriving downtown.

Knowing how critical **mental health support and services** are to ensuring all members of our community can thrive, I've **worked for 25 years on these issues**, including serving on the board of **Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance** and as a long-time board member of the **Minnesota Mental Health Association**. I'm proud to continue championing these causes as your representative.





Delivering Results for All Edinans

Now, more than ever, we need leaders who not only espouse shared values but who also can **effectively lead and get results in a divided government**. I'm proud to have **delivered meaningful results** in my first two years as your representative, including **tackling Edina priorities that eluded previous representatives for decades**.

I campaigned on the principles of **helping Minnesota's businesses remain competitive and growing our state's economy** for everyone; **improving educational outcomes for students** both in Edina and statewide; and **advocating for practical solutions to protect our environment**.

As your representative, I believe I've delivered real progress on all of these fronts, including **delivering tax relief and reducing regulations** that inhibit growth; finally giving **Edina families top priority to attend Edina schools** and **increasing per-pupil education funding** to ensure all Minnesota students can thrive in a global economy; and **authoring the bill to protect our state's lakes and rivers** by reducing over-salting on our roads.

With your support again in 2018, this is just the beginning!

LEADERSHIP FOR ALL EDINANS



Inclusive, Pragmatic Leadership

Edinans – and Minnesotans – deserve better than leaders who put political party over progress and spend more energy creating impasses than getting results. I'm proud of my reputation as a leader able to find common ground to deliver results in a divided house. As Edina's representative, I remain committed to representing each of you: to listen to your concerns, learn more about all sides of an issue, and lead across the aisle to get things done.

Compassionate Leadership

In a state known for farming and food services, I've made it a priority to help address the problem of food insecurity faced by some of our most vulnerable citizens. I'm proud to have authored a measure – signed into law this year with bi-partisan support – to help tackle hunger in Minnesota, funding the new Second Harvest Heartland facility which helps feed families in need in Edina and every corner of our state.



Results for All Edinans

Economy

Knowing first-hand that our economy is stronger without some of the nation's heaviest taxes and regulations, I helped **enact \$1.4 billion in historic tax relief** – benefiting seniors on Social Security, college graduates with student loan debt, local businesses, and families with child care expenses, among others. I also heard your concerns and led a bill to **reduce red tape for small businesses**, such as mortgage providers (HF3158).

Education

As your representative, I'm proud to have authored the new law that **finally gives Edina families top priority to send their children to Edina schools** (HF1083). I co-authored the bill that provides a **more than \$1.3 billion increase, putting more money in every classroom**, and secured **\$25 million for school safety improvements**. Knowing post-secondary education's key role in today's economy, I also worked to **secure \$45 million for critically-needed asset preservation at the University of Minnesota** (HF3351).

Environment

Protecting the environment remains a top priority, and I know that just pumping funds into bloated government bureaucracies is not the answer. I'm working toward **practical solutions to protect our state's natural resources**. This past session, I **led with a bill to protect our lakes and rivers** by decreasing the amount of salt used on Minnesota roads. The bill (HF3577) passed the House, and I look forward to advancing it in 2019.

Transportation & Safety

Minnesotans depend on a solid – and safe – transportation infrastructure as a foundation for prosperity and fulfillment. I **co-authored legislation** to fund the I-494 Corridor Commission to **address metro area congestion**, helping people access commute alternatives. I also **authored legislation to strengthen our state's drunk driving laws** – permanently revoking a license after five DWI convictions (HF3935).

Healthcare

All Minnesotans deserve access to quality healthcare. As Edina's representative, I fought for a **25 percent premium reduction** for Minnesotans hurt by skyrocketing individual market costs, as well as **meaningful reforms to increase affordability, choice and access to health insurance**. I also led legislation to **save both lives and healthcare dollars** through **smoking cessation funding** and **Tobacco 21** efforts (HF3291, HF3532).

Seniors

Seniors have been hit particularly hard by rising costs and taxes. As your representative, I helped pass legislation to give additional **tax relief for seniors on Social Security** and **led funding to address food insecurity** (HF1861), an issue disproportionately affecting seniors. I will continue to advocate for seniors, working to make it **easier to save for long-term care** and **investing in research to tackle diseases** such as Alzheimer's.

Mental Health

With suicide on the rise across all ages, and the number one cause of gun-related deaths, mental health is an issue we can't afford to ignore. This past session, I **authored a provision to help prevent teen suicides**, funding training for educators (HF3167). I'll continue championing mental health, as I have for decades, focusing on issues including suicide prevention and access to services for all ages.



Receiving American Heart Association's Heart Healthy Policy Champion Award

Representing All of Edina

I'm proud of the reputation I've earned as a leader who practices the politics of inclusion and civility, focusing on issues that unite us. With your support, I will continue to introduce and fight for policies to benefit all Edinans and Minnesotans.



Speaking at Capitol rally about gun violence

More work to do for Edina

It's been a tremendous honor to serve as your state representative in St. Paul. I think I've been successful **fighting for every family in Edina**, and I hope it's clear that my **work in the legislature reflects my commitments on the campaign trail**.

I'm running for re-election to build on the momentum we've started on behalf of all of Edina and Minnesota. I hope you'll join me in continuing the fight.

Our team of campaign volunteers is enthusiastic, energized and growing every day. We hope you'll join us!



I look forward to earning your continued support!

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