

2007 LEGISLATIVE SURVEY RESULTS

This was not a scientific poll, but a sampling of constituent opinions.

State Representative JOHN WARD

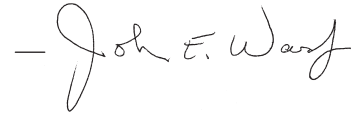
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I want to share with you the results of the 2007 questionnaire. The responses from over 300 residents will help me to better represent all the people of House District 12A. To everyone who took the time to complete and return the questionnaire - thank you!

As your State Representative, I am committed to working hard on your behalf at the Capitol. Please feel free to contact me whenever you have questions or special concerns. It is an honor to serve as your Representative in the Minnesota House.



- 1) The state currently has a \$1 billion surplus of one-time funds to spend. What areas would you spend the money on? (choose four answers by labeling 1–4, 1 being highest priority and 4 being the lowest priority)

Note: Ranking is based on quantity and priority of answers received. A lower number represents a higher priority. Answers with highest number totals in each ranking are marked with the small superscript numbers, 1–4.

K–12 Education	1 ^{1,2}
Property Tax Relief	2
Environment	3 ⁴
Veterans Services	4 ³
Early Childhood	5
Public/Mental Health	6
Higher Education	7
Transportation	8
Put in Reserve Account	9
Public Safety	10
Housing	11
State Government	12

- 2) Currently a renewable energy mandate is being proposed that would require generators of electricity to produce 25% of their energy from renewable sources by the year 2020. Do you:

Support the mandate	93%
Oppose the mandate	7%

- 3) An education funding bill proposes that the state increase K–12 education funding by 3% per year in 2007 and 2008. That would be an increase of approximately \$450 million over the next two years. Do you:

Support a 3% increase per year	79%
Oppose a 3% increase per year	21%

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4) In regards to a statewide smoking ban, would you be in favor of:

Maintaining current law	23%
Establishing a state-wide ban in all places except private clubs and bars	29%
Establishing a complete ban	48%

5) The legislature may be voting on a bill that will merge MinnesotaCare and MA to ensure all children have access to health care in the state of Minnesota. Parents would need to meet eligibility based on income (upper limit: \$60,000 for a family of 4). Would you:

Support the coverage	90%
Oppose the coverage	10%

6) On November 7, 2006, Minnesotans approved dedicating approximately \$300 million per year of Motor Vehicle Sales Tax to transportation. MnDOT estimates that we will still be nearly \$700 million short per year in addressing current maintenance and upgrade needs. Minnesota hasn't raised the gas tax since 1988. Would you:

Support a 5 cent gas tax increase (Avg. \$40-60 per year per driver)	63%
Oppose a 5 cent gas tax increase	37%

7) Last year, there was a proposal to increase the sales tax and dedicate a portion for funding for conservation. Would you support a similar proposal this year?

Yes	40%
No	45%
No Opinion	15%

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