

Ron is delivering positive results.

Representative Erhardt actively supported and voted for:

- The Capitol Investment bill to replace and renew infrastructure.
- A number of Veterans bills to improve life for current and former military service members.
- \$10 million appropriation to fight aquatic invasive species.
- Legislative Citizen Commission of Minnesota Resources money from lottery proceeds dedicated for conservation.
- Outdoor Heritage Funding from the Legacy Amendment approved by voters in 2008.
- The Women's Economic Security Act (WESA) that expanded sick leave to provide care for family members and helped close the gender pay gap.
- 5% increase for nursing home workers and home healthcare workers.
- Increase in local government aide that will help reduce future property tax increases.

And looking ahead for Edina!

Ron has represented Edina in the legislature for 20 years. Ron has a solid track record of sensible, award winning leadership. It takes Ron's legislative experience, hard work and the respect of other leaders to get things done for Edina and Minnesota.

Ron will continue to deliver on Edina's top priorities:

- Improved education funding
- Fiscal discipline on taxes and spending
- Modernize transportation funding
- Women's workplace equity

"Ron Erhardt is a pragmatist, not an ideologue. He does what he thinks is best for the community and best for the state. That's just Ron, he's independent."

- Former Mayor Dennis Maetzdorf

Ron passed several bills exclusively for Edina

"This year I worked with many members of our community and, as chief-author, passed several bills to specifically benefit Edina."

- Representative Ron Erhardt



Edina residents joined chief-author Rep. Erhardt, to testify at the Capitol for the Edina Veterans' Memorial.

- **Edina Veterans' Memorial**
Included in the 2014 bonding bill was historic legislation for our community! For the first time ever, Edina will receive bonding funds for a specific project. \$225,000 was secured for the Edina Veterans' Memorial.
- **Tax Increment Financing**
The bill for redevelopment financing for the Southdale area was not looked on favorably by the Taxes Committee. Because of my 16 years on the committee and personal relationships, I was able to prevail in securing legislative approval.
- **Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Noise Study**
I led the effort to require MAC to monitor airplane noise to establish a baseline of current levels before the FAA tries again to install new flight patterns. MAC will need to provide two noise monitors, with the locations determined by input from the City of Edina and interested homeowners.

Ron ERHARDT
Edina's Representative

Legislative Experience makes the difference for Edina!



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Endorse Ron for Re-Election 2016

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Ron on Transportation: Building a better infrastructure for Minnesota

"As Chair of the Transportation Committee, I'm proud of the bipartisan support I garnered to pass the Omnibus Transportation Bill."

Chief-Author of the I-494 Improvement Bill

This year Ron chief authored Legislation for much-needed rehabilitation of I-494. He directed MNDOT to construct a full third lane on I-494 from I-394 to I-694 rather than a dynamic shoulder for buses. The I-494 Corridor Coalition gave him an award recognizing this accomplishment.

Rep. John Benson said, "The West and Southwest metro communities have waited over 10 years for I-494 to be completed. Ron's Transportation knowledge got the I-494 project done right!"



Award-winning Transportation Leadership

This spring, the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities presented Ron with the "Legislator of Distinction on Transportation" award for his "outstanding leadership" on transportation issues. He was also honored in 2012 and 2014 to receive the League of Minnesota Cities' award for statewide transportation advocacy.

(left) Eden Prairie Mayor Nancy Tyra-Lukens representing the I-494 Corridor Commission (including Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina, Minnetonka and Richfield) presents Ron with a recognition award for his I-494 Improvement Bill.



Ron on Education: Championing a world-class education system

During the 2013 Legislative Session, known as the Education session, Ron voted to pay back our schools the \$2.4 billion the previous Legislature had borrowed and voted to freeze college tuition for students at Minnesota's public higher education institutions.

Then, the legislature went even further helping our students with a historic investment of \$725 million in education for all learners, including early childhood learning scholarships and all day optional kindergarten.

In 2014, the legislature funded reduced-price lunch programs making them free for children in need and increased the per pupil funding by \$25. The Edina school district will receive an increase of \$112 per pupil in fiscal year 2014 and \$510 per pupil in fiscal year 2015.

"I co-authored a long overdue, special car license plate for Minnesota's 29,000 women veterans."



Ron with veterans Trista Metascapillo and Jill Troutner, and fellow co-author, Rep. Mary Sawatzky.

Ron on Taxes: Protecting your pocketbook with responsible fiscal management

"I voted against the 2013 tax bill."
- Rep. Ron Erhardt



Ron voted NO on the 2013 tax bill because it was larger than necessary and put too much tax on business and higher incomes. The state did need new money to balance the budget, but Ron knew the approach was wrong.

He voted NO on construction of a new Senate office Building. It was just not necessary.

Ron voted yes on the 2014 tax bill because it was the opportunity to remedy some of the overreach of the 2013 tax bill. He chief-authored the repeal of the business-to-business sales taxes: the storage and warehousing tax, the tax on the labor of equipment repairs, and the tax on telecommunications equipment. Ron also chief-authored the repeal of the Gift Tax and the increase of the budget reserve.

The MN State Budget

The 2013 legislature was faced with a \$627 million structural deficit and \$854 million loan left from what was borrowed from our Minnesota schools. Increased tax revenue and Minnesota's robust economic growth enabled the state to pay back the money borrowed from the schools and balance the structural deficit. The 2014 budget forecast projected a \$1.233 billion budget surplus for the 2014-2015 biennium. The projected surplus was used as follows:

Tax Cuts	\$550 million
Supplemental Budget	\$303 million
Bonding	\$200 million
Additional Budget Reserve	\$150 million
Prudently left on bottom line	\$ 30 million
TOTAL	\$1.233 billion