

**ALANA QUESTIONS: RESPONSES FROM GUBERNATORIAL
CANDIDATES, 2010
(ALANA – African Latino Asian and Native American)**

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ALANA sent a questionnaire to the following gubernatorial candidates last week (Dayton, Entenza, Kelliher, Emmer, Horner, Hahn). The questionnaire was meant to gauge support of the candidates of core issues important to the ALANA communities.

As of Sunday August 8, 2010, the following candidates responded with their answers (Dayton, Entenza, Kelliher, Horner). Responses were due August 6, 2010 but we are accepting late responses. We will update this list if any new responses comes in as all candidates have been sent multiple reminders.

Please read responses of each candidate below for the following 19 questions, candidates were given a “yes” or “no” option.

We include a summary page as well as a more detailed document that includes details when a candidate did not give a clear “yes” or “no” answer but explained their position.

The latest version of the responses will always be on our website and Facebook page.

ALANA/Onemn.org thanks these candidates for giving the issues important to our communities their time and attention. Let us continue to encourage our communities to vote on August 10, 2010.

Please share this report with your networks and media contacts. For more information about ALANA please see our websites above. Contact: alana2030@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page at

<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100001299150139>

The ALANA Economy of Minnesota

- **Over 12 billion dollars in purchasing power**
- **Over 22,000 firms with over 3 billion dollars in sales, employing over 30,000 people with over \$800 million in payroll**
- **Workers in both the high tech and low skilled occupations playing critical roles in many sectors of the economy**
- **Pay at least a billion dollars in taxes**

The ALANA Political Impact in Minnesota

- **According to the Census, 173,000 Black, Asian and Latinos voted in 2008 (No Census data available for voting patterns on Native American communities)**
- **There is a voting base of at least 285,000 ALANA people in Minnesota**

**GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES, 2010
(August 8, 2010)**

DEMOCRATS

REPUBLICAN

INDEPENDENT

QUESTIONS (SUMMARY)

DAYTON

ENTENZA

KELLIHER

EMMER

HORNER

HAHN

Q. 1 Do you share this perspective on ALANA business development and will you commit to leadership to ensure all state agencies implement a plan to grow ALANA businesses by June 2011?

YES

YES

YES

YES

Q. 2 Will you help develop critical infrastructure in Minnesota for the new global economy by supporting efforts to develop ethnic cultural corridors such as the World Cultural Heritage District, the African American Heritage Corridor, Native American Corridor on Franklin Ave, Little Mekong, Global Village (Free trade zone) etc?

YES

YES

YES

YES

Q. 3 Will you as governor ensure that federal and state equal employment opportunity laws and measures are applied, measured, tracked and reported to ensure minority participation in state and local contracts?

YES

YES

YES

Other*

Q. 4 Will you make closing the achievement gap in educational outcomes in Minnesota a top priority in your administration and allocate appropriate resources to this goal?

YES

YES

YES

YES

Q. 5 Will you assure us that ALANA candidates will be given consideration for appointment to key cabinet positions and not just for the department of human rights?

YES

YES

YES

YES

Q. 6 Will you include ALANA members in your transition team and in key positions within your administration?

YES

YES

YES

Other*

Q. 7 Will you make the elimination of the disparities in health care access and service for ALANA communities a top priority for your administration and allocate appropriate resources to this goal?

YES

YES

YES

YES

Q. 8 Will you support the Dream Act for the children of undocumented workers?

YES

YES

YES

YES

Q. 9 Will you reject Arizona type immigration policies in Minnesota?

YES

YES

YES

YES

Q.10 Will you work to achieve comprehensive immigration reform in the country?

YES

YES

YES

Other*

Q. 11 Will you commit resources and leadership to ensure there are affordable housing options available especially in areas where there are jobs?

YES

YES

YES

YES

Q. 12 Will you work to eliminate barriers to home ownership for ALANA communities such as in areas of financing?

YES

YES

YES

YES

Q. 13 Will you integrate ALANA communities in an intentional way in your business and workforce plans?

YES

YES

YES

YES

Q. 14 Will you support policies to help eliminate racial barriers in the criminal justice system?

YES

YES

YES

YES

Q. 15 Will you support programs to help ex-offenders find jobs and integrate back into society?

YES

YES

YES

YES

Q. 16 Will you enact programs to get ALANA youth ready for the workforce such as internships, apprenticeships and other opportunities for on the job training and work experience?

YES

YES

YES

YES

Q. 17 Will you enact policies to close the employment gap between ALANA communities and the rest of Minnesota?

YES

YES

YES

YES

Q. 18 Do you support policies that build the capacity of reservations to exercise their sovereignty through self government, that revitalize their culture, and advance self-determined community and economic development in Native American communities in Minnesota?

YES

YES

YES

Other*

Q. 19 Will you enact accountability systems to monitor results of policies eliminating barriers and enabling success for ALANA communities in various departments of your administration?

YES

YES

YES

Other*

* See Main document for details

FACT: Perspective on ALANA Business Development

“On March 16, 2010, the commissioner of Administration issued new orders designating Targeted Group businesses for all state agencies conducting purchasing and contracting under Minn. Stat. Chapter 16C, for Mn/DOT’s non-federal highway construction contracting & subcontracting, and for four Metropolitan Agencies. These orders replace similar orders issued on May 5, 1999, and November 17, 2000, on the same subject matter.”

“State agency personnel: Please take note of the following excerpts from the Commissioner’s Order regarding state agency purchasing:

1. Businesses owned and operated by minorities, women, veterans and disabled individuals make significant contributions to Minnesota’s economy.
2. Small businesses are major contributors to jobs and revenue growth in Minnesota.
3. Public spending can leverage small business development which in turn can help address issues such as job growth, increased tax revenue, increased human capital and reduction in dependency and crime.
4. Public spending to leverage small business development is a priority for Minnesota’s executive branch leadership and part of a larger strategy to make Minnesota globally competitive.
5. State and local government agencies are strongly encouraged to develop programs to help build the capacity of Minnesota’s small businesses.
6. State executive branch agency purchasing and contracting conducted under the authority of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 16C must, at minimum, comply with this order.”

THIS RULING BY THE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION WAS MADE AFTER THE STATE DISPARITY STUDY FOUND SIGNIFICANT UNDERUTILIZATION OF ALANA BUSINESSES IN STATE CONTRACTING.

QUESTION 1: Do you share this perspective on ALANA business development and will you commit to leadership to ensure all state agencies implement a plan to grow ALANA businesses by June 2011?

Democrat

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|-------------------|-----|
| Mark Dayton | Yes |
| Matt Entenza | Yes |
| Margaret Kelliher | Yes |

Republican

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| Tom Emmer | |
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Independent

Tom Horner Yes

Rob Hahn

QUESTION 2: Will you help develop critical infrastructure in Minnesota for the new global economy by supporting efforts to develop ethnic cultural corridors such as the World Cultural Heritage District, the African American Heritage Corridor, Native American Corridor on Franklin Ave, Little Mekong, Global Village (Free trade zone) etc?

Democrat

Mark Dayton Yes

Matt Entenza Yes

Margaret Kelliher Yes

Republican

Tom Emmer

Independent

Tom Horner Yes

Rob Hahn

QUESTION 3: Will you as governor ensure that federal and state equal employment opportunity laws and measures are applied, measured, tracked and reported to ensure minority participation in state and local contracts?

Democrat

Mark Dayton Yes

Matt Entenza Yes

Margaret Kelliher Yes

Republican

Democrat

Mark Dayton	Yes
Matt Entenza	Yes
Margaret Kelliher	Yes

Republican

Tom Emmer

Independent

Tom Horner	Yes
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Rob Hahn

QUESTION 6: Will you include ALANA members in your transition team and in key positions within your administration?

Democrat

Mark Dayton	Yes
Matt Entenza	Yes
Margaret Kelliher	Yes

Republican

Tom Emmer

Independent

Tom Horner Other (Again, I will seek out talented Minnesotans to serve in my administration regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual preference or political affiliation).

Rob Hahn

Independent

Tom Horner Yes

Rob Hahn

QUESTION 9: Will you reject Arizona type immigration policies in Minnesota?

Democrat

Mark Dayton Yes

Matt Entenza Yes

Margaret Kelliher Yes

Republican

Tom Emmer

Independent

Tom Horner Yes

Rob Hahn

QUESTION 10: Will you work to achieve comprehensive immigration reform in the country?

Democrat

Mark Dayton Yes

Matt Entenza Yes

Margaret Kelliher Yes

Republican

Tom Emmer

Mark Dayton	Yes
Matt Entenza	Yes
Margaret Kelliher	Yes

Republican

Tom Emmer

Independent

Tom Horner	Yes
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Rob Hahn

QUESTION 15: Will you support programs to help ex-offenders find jobs and integrate back into society? (http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/410855_holzer.pdf)

Democrat

Mark Dayton	Yes
Matt Entenza	Yes
Margaret Kelliher	Yes

Republican

Tom Emmer

Independent

Tom Horner	Yes
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Rob Hahn

FACT: Minnesota will face workforce challenges with it ageing population
(http://www.learnmoremn.org/userFiles/File/facts/Stinson-Gilaspy_s09.pdf)

QUESTION 16: Will you enact programs to get ALANA youth ready for the workforce such as internships, apprenticeships and other opportunities for on the job training and work experience?

Democrat

Mark Dayton	Yes
Matt Entenza	Yes
Margaret Kelliher	Yes

Republican

Tom Emmer

Independent

Tom Horner	Yes
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Rob Hahn

FACT: A recent report documents significant employment disparities in ALANA communities.

http://epi.3cdn.net/91deae2086a6f00e2a_afm6bnshh.pdf

QUESTION 17: Will you enact policies to close the employment gap between ALANA communities and the rest of Minnesota?

Democrat

Mark Dayton	Yes
Matt Entenza	Yes
Margaret Kelliher	Yes

Republican

Tom Emmer

Independent

Tom Horner Other (Minnesotans should insist that all policies that create an equal environment for success be monitored and maintained).

Rob Hahn