

MELANIE FORD RECEIVES KEY ENDORSEMENTS
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Melanie Ford, St. Louis County Attorney, has received two key endorsements in her County Attorney reelection bid.

The first is from **womenwinning**, the largest and most influential statewide women's PAC. "Melanie Ford is a significant community leader who is making real improvements in the lives of the people of St. Louis County," notes **womenwinning** Executive Director Sarah Taylor-Nanista.

The Women's Campaign Forum, a non-partisan national network dedicated to advancing women leaders at all levels of political participation, also endorsed Ford. "Melanie Ford is a committed public servant," states WCF President Siobhan "Sam" Bennet; "her initiatives in equal justice, reducing truancy, and responsible fiscal management are changing the face of government in Northeast Minnesota."

Upon learning of these endorsements, Ford commented, "I am thrilled to receive these two endorsements. **womenwinning** and the Women's Campaign Forum are key organizations that successfully train and fund serious, viable women candidates; their support means that my initiatives in public safety, in protecting children and our most vulnerable citizens, and in responsible fiscal management are making a difference."

*womenwinning works to encourage, promote and support women's leadership in all political parties and levels of public office. **womenwinning** is the only non-partisan women's organization with both a State and Federal Political Action Committee (PAC) in the state of MN. Since 1982, it has given one million dollars to more than 2000 women's campaigns through direct contributions and support for candidate training and recruitment. Since its inception, the percentage of women state legislators, county commissioners and mayors has doubled.*

The Women's Campaign Forum is a non-partisan national network dedicated to achieving parity for women in public office. As political venture capitalists, they work to advance women leadership at all levels of political participation and empower individuals to stand up for issues of critical importance to the health of the nation, including reproductive health. They work with women leaders at all stages of their political lives to cultivate their expertise and enrich their experience.

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