

# Chapter 1

Hello, my name is Jeff Wiita, CPA. I'm working to be the first State Auditor who is, in fact, a CPA.

You may be surprised, perhaps justifiably alarmed, to learn that neither the Minnesota Constitution nor our State's laws require the State Auditor to be a qualified CPA (Certified Public Accountant). No State Auditor in the history of Minnesota has been a CPA.

It's time that this important office stops being used as a springboard for higher office. More now than ever, the State Auditor's Office must provide accountability for scarce tax dollars. Tax dollars are not donations; they are taken under penalty of law from the people of Minnesota. Such money must be spent and accounted for with a uniquely high level of fiduciary responsibility.

With a motivation born of dedication and faith, my goals are to be your next Minnesota State Auditor and elevate the recognition of the Office while working to upgrade the qualification requirement to the level of CPA.

Toward these goals I have:

- Announced my candidacy on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Developed a list of people whose support I will need to conduct a successful campaign.
- Requested and received detailed and sensitive information from a September 8th request to the State Auditor's Office.
- Developed an informative website [www.JeffForStateAuditor.com](http://www.JeffForStateAuditor.com).
- Met many of you at the 2009 State GOP Convention, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Attended Congressional District Meetings and met Executive Committee Members.
- Met with Secretary of State Mark Ritchie regarding the ability of current election law to support informed voter choice by including the acronym *CPA* on the ballot.
- Submitted a brief and a Request for a Legal Opinion to Attorney General Lori Swanson on the matter of *CPA* appearing on the ballot.
- Sent this email to you re-introducing myself using my recently updated contact list.

I have developed both a concise mission statement and an in-depth plan for the Office of the State Auditor. Please examine them both on [this page](#) of my website. I'm confident that even seasoned political activists will find eye-opening information on this important Office of State Auditor that usually flies well under the public radar.

Let's conclude by labeling this letter Chapter 1. Watch for future chapters that will include the Legal Opinion from Attorney General Lori Swanson and the release of information concerning audit costs and timeliness of audits.

I will need your help to give Minnesota the fiduciary oversight it owes its taxpayers. If you have already decided to support me, ***Welcome Aboard!*** If not, please let me convince you, with future letters and website updates, why this Office of State Auditor, my election to the Office, and the 2010 election are so important.

The time for government accountability has come.

Sincerely,

Jeff Wiita, CPA

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