



Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State

Minnesota Candidate Name Pronunciation System

Important: Call 1-877-272-7686 to provide the correct pronunciation of your name on the ballot.

Your Candidate PIN: _____

Dear Candidate:

Minnesota provides AutoMARK assistive voting devices in polling places to support independent voting by individuals with disabilities and the elderly. AutoMARK assistive voting devices provide an electronic display of the ballot with zoom, reversed contrast, and the capability to read voting instructions, offices, and candidate names to the voter.

Text-to-speech synthesis software is used to generate candidate name pronunciations. Most names synthesized by this method are pronounced correctly; however, the synthesized pronunciations of some candidate names may need to be adjusted to be correct. This is especially important if a name is spelled differently than it is pronounced.

The Office of Secretary of State has developed a central Candidate Name Pronunciation System that allows any candidate for office in Minnesota to provide a correct pronunciation of the candidate's name. To leave the correct pronunciation of your name, please call 877-272-7686 no later than Friday, Aug. 27, 2010. You will be prompted to enter your PIN and answer a brief series of questions to identify your candidacy, then you will be asked to pronounce your name.

Thank you for using the Minnesota Candidate Name Pronunciation System.