

# Adam Steele for Governor State of Minnesota



*Adam Steele, dancing with the former Lady Steele, amidst the vineyards of Temecula.*

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## **THE TWO CORNERSTONES OF THIS CAMPAIGN**

**I. PROVIDENCE AND COUNTRY. Mutually Separate, Both Essential to a Free State.** The First Amendment to the United States Constitution provides that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion..." This means that we may not have a state church; government may not condone a particular religion, or persecute a person for having no religion. Church and State must be separate. But this does not mean that we must practice, in public places (including schools) enforced atheism. Years ago, the biggest problems that concerned teachers were students chewing gum, and talking in class. Today, their biggest concerns are weapons and physical assault by students. In the interim, between then, and now, we threw Providence out of the schools. At about the same time, we also threw out the moral compass. Since then, there has been escalating violence in the schools, including the mass shootings that have made national headlines. Do you think there may be a connection?

**Some see a dichotomy** between religion and science. But Isaac Newton, one of the world's greatest scientists, said that when one considers all of the perfect complexities of the universe, it is inconceivable that it was created other than by an intelligent being. He said, *"This most beautiful system of the sun, planets and comets, could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful Being."* (Isaac Newton, The Principia: Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy)

**Really, when it comes to science and Providence,** the more you know about the one, the more you understand the other. Consider for a moment, chlorophyll -- the green substance in plants that converts the sun's light to energy, and makes life as we know it, on Earth, possible. Evolutionists can't explain just where this came from -- they say it just "happened" in the primordial seas. Some speculate that it maybe came on a comet. But that wouldn't be enough. If this very complex molecule did somehow, by happenstance, come together in the primordial seas, or come from space, it

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### **The Steve Samuelson Case**

Until recently there was, at the Minnesota state prison at Faribault, an inmate - #234139, Steven Samuelson. Mr. Samuelson is a 47 yr. old disabled Navy vet, who was living peaceably, with his fiancée, at his home on 40 acres near Nashwauk, when deputies entered, the day before Thanksgiving, 2009, and arrested him. He was arrested on a framed (by the deputies) charge of Domestic Abuse - something that his fiancée denied at the time; and has since denied repeatedly in open court. These fabricated and false abuse charges were eventually dropped, but Samuelson was, from November 2009, through June, 2014, continuously incarcerated, without being allowed bail, serving a five-year sentence, without credit for the more than one year that he was jailed pending trial, solely for the offense of returning his fiancée's desperate phone calls to him at the jail following his arrest. She had left over 100 messages a day for him regarding household necessities such as food, firewood for heat, and money. But she was not allowed, by the judge, to tell that to the jury. **She was also not permitted to tell the jury that she was never assaulted or abused by Mr. Samuelson.** Accordingly, the jury convicted him of 33 counts of violating a Domestic Abuse No-Contact Order -- an unconstitutional order that the fiancée had never asked

would also shortly break down without being of use. It would have to have happened at the precise time when there was also a plant capable of absorbing and using it; and that plant would also have to have been able to *replicate* it! Do you think all *that* just happened by coincidence?

**Many of us strongly support** the U.S. Constitution and the rights of individuals under it. The very Declaration of Independence, upon which our country was founded, proclaims these rights as coming from the Creator - from Providence. It says, in part, *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men . . . are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights . . . ."* (U.S. Declaration of Independence) If we value our rights, and are to uphold them, it is important to remember whence they came. There is a separation of Church and State, and our government may not support any religion; but neither did the founders of this great nation envision an atheistic state. The embracing of atheism by national leaders is one of the hallmarks of nations that have become known for totalitarian and tyrannical government, such as Germany under Hitler, and, very notably, Russia under Stalin. Here, **in America, we say "In [Providence] We Trust."**

**Our government may not,** and should not, deal in religion. Its citizens, however, may participate in the religion of their choice; and by so doing create a stronger, more free, society like the one that built this nation and made it great. Our nation, in the administration of its laws, is governed by its Constitution; people, however, may choose to be guided by Providence and his Commandments, and government may not say otherwise; hopefully, the hands of our leaders will always be guided by the hand of Providence.

**Under the Constitution,** no one can insist that a school child recite a prayer in class; but at the same time, by Free Speech, no one can tell a student who wants to recite a prayer, that they cannot.

**As a people,** we need to get back to the basics of **Providence and Country.**

for, and had tried to have removed, but that Judge Maturi imposed anyway. This is not an isolated case - there are many people serving time under similar circumstances. In America, we don't send people to prison for a phone call with their fiancée. The U.S. Constitution guarantees Freedom of Speech, and of Association (Ninth Amendment). More info on the blatant constitutional violations of this case can be found at <http://northernherald.finalhost.net/samhc.pdf> and at my campaign website: [stelescampsite.info](http://stelescampsite.info)

**A purpose of my candidacy** for this office is to bring Constitutional justice to Northern Minnesota.

Criminals, of course, are not entitled to the same rights as others. But not everyone accused of a crime is a criminal. Still, here, in Northern Minnesota, due to corruption and "frontier justice", a lot of those people are, nonetheless, denied their Constitutional rights to a **speedy trial, to bail, to due process, to competent and unbiased counsel,** and to a **fair trial with the ability to present all facts and evidence in their defense.**

Some of them are sentenced to a term of many years, for violation of laws which, themselves, are unconstitutional. They can, of course, challenge those

unconstitutional laws in federal court, but the catch is, that they have to be wrongfully imprisoned, again without being allowed bail, during the long pendency - sometimes many years - of the proceedings. This is just wrong. It is why many people end up being coerced to plead “guilty” to things they didn’t do. This endemic denial of judicial rights in Minnesota is something that endangers everyone in the State.

• **If the State’s justice system cannot hold and try persons Constitutionally, it certainly cannot continue to incarcerate them unconstitutionally.**

• **The Steve Samuelson case is a prime example** of what has quietly happened to many Minnesota citizens who have been framed, railroaded, imprisoned, and forgotten. Minnesota residents who are presently, and for no good reason, simply yanked out of their lives, and stored in prison like cordwood for a term of years, while all of their personal and real property are left to be looted and laid to waste. If this could happen to Mr. Samuelson, it could happen to anyone in Minnesota. Mr. Samuelson is a 47 yr. old disabled Navy vet who spent almost 5 years in jail and prison, without credit for time served, solely for returning desperate and urgent phone calls from his then-fiancee, who welcomed the calls and had never requested an order prohibiting same, or for any protection whatsoever. Mr. Samuelson was sentenced to the Minnesota state prison solely for exercise of his First Amendment right to Free Speech, and his right to Freedom of Association (Ninth Amendment). Again, this is just wrong. For more information on this case, and the many Constitutional violations of which are a focus of this campaign, readers may see the July 12, 2010 issue of *Northern Herald* newspaper at <http://northernherald.com> (p. 1 article: “*Third World Jailing Practices . . .*”). For further follow-up on how the case progressed, and how Mr. Samuelson was left to remain in prison, use the “*For The Chosen*” link at the top of the Northern Herald page, and, on the For The Chosen page, see *The Steve Samuelson Files*. If you thought you had rights in America, *this case will blow your mind!*

• **For a synopsis of the many Constitutional violations** by the Minnesota Judicial System in this case, see Mr. Samuelson’s Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus, at <http://northernherald.finalhost.net/samhc.pdf> At this writing, even the federal courts have failed, in this case, to uphold Mr. Samuelson’s federal Constitutional rights. In 2012, Federal Judge Magnuson, at St. Paul, denied Habeas Corpus because Mr.

Samuelson hadn’t exhausted all of his State remedies. What the Judge is saying, here, is that even though the conviction may be unconstitutional, and the continued imprisonment without right of bail during the appeal may be unconstitutional, Mr. Samuelson has to sit in prison while the case proceeds through the State appellate process, before the federal court will intervene to say that he should not have been in prison to begin with. Again, this is just wrong. It is a well-established maxim that *when the following of judicial procedure produces an absurd result, that result cannot be what the legislature intended*. The federal courts must be the ultimate safeguard of Constitutionally guaranteed rights; and when those rights are being violated by a State, it is incumbent upon the federal courts to act immediately to stop such violation.

• **At this writing, the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has refused to consider the issues of Mr. Samuelson’s appeal of the denial of his Petition for Habeas Corpus, because federal Judge Magnuson refused to issue a “Certificate of Appealability”.** Seeing the forest, and not merely the trees, Samuelson was wrongfully imprisoned, solely for exercising Free Speech and Free Association, continuously since November, 2009, until his scheduled release in June, 2014.

**The buck has to stop somewhere.** The Executive branch of our State government is charged with enforcement of the laws. As part of the Executive branch, the Governor’s office is a good place for the buck to stop. If I am elected, it will stop there. I will not enforce any law which is clearly unconstitutional.

*Nothing herein should be taken as legal advice or relied upon for any legal purpose. I am not an attorney. I make an honest living. -- A. Steele*

**Examples of present Minnesota laws which are unconstitutional:**

- Any law permitting the issuance of an order **prohibiting free speech or association**, between two (or more) people, neither (or none) of which has requested that such an order be issued;
- Any law which prohibits a private business owner from **allowing his patrons to smoke** on his premises.

## Adam Steele’s Work & Background

• Adam Steele is a Certified Public Accountant, operating a country tax practice in Bemidji. He was the Editor of Northern Herald newspaper (published from 1995 through 2010). He has been living and working in Bemidji, Minnesota since 1991.

• 1981 - Began accounting practice, specializing in tax, in Minneapolis from a storefront office on Lake St. known as *The Fed Tax Center*.

• 1982 - Suggested needed (and enacted) federal tax code changes to fix an inequity caused by the previous year’s tax act.

• 1983 - Volunteered professional time for the IRS and Minn. DOR sponsored VITA program to provide free tax help to low income and senior taxpayers. Each Wednesday, Steele would haul The Fed’s computers and equipment to the Hennepin Co. Government Center VITA site, where he was the “technical” person, who did the more complex returns that VITA would otherwise have had to turn away.

• 1984 - Working on a Minn. Dept. of Revenue (DOR) professionals’ advisory committee, Steele designed the 1984 form M-1B used throughout the state.

• 1986 - Discovered the errors in, and caused the immediate correction of about 35,000 forms 1099-G which had been issued by Minn. DOR. The event was documented by WCCO (Minneapolis) which shot footage at The Fed.

• 1986 - In his campaign for State Treasurer, walked across Minnesota, from the Iowa border (by Prosper, Minn.) to the N. Dakota border (by E. Grand Forks). In his walk, Steele carried a message of hope to farmers beleaguered by the farm economy, then; help to save family farms was a primary campaign issue.

• 1986 - 1991 Worked as a staff accountant for CPA firms in San Diego and Denver earning positive references from both.

• 1991 - Established accounting & tax practice in Bemidji which continues to the present day.

• 1991 - Authored “*Why the Flat-Tax Isn’t*,” an unpublished treatise which was made available to certain members of Congress. Some of

the tax inconsistencies pointed out in this work were remedied, in part, by the 1993 tax act.

• 1992 - Founded Ojibwe Nation Village at the Beltrami County Fair, to give Native Americans more opportunity to participate in the fair. The Village operated for 3 years and many visitors said that it was “the best thing at the fair.”

• 1993 - Certified by IRS as an Enrolled Agent.

• 1993 - In 1993, when counties, as well as home, farm and other property owners were faced with an oppressive and unfunded state Wetlands mandate, Steele spearheaded a multi-county coalition - the Northern Tier Accord - to oppose implementation of the mandate. This eventually resulted in the still environmentally-conscious wetlands act amendment of 1996 which recognized the ability of Northland counties to regulate their own wetlands.

• 1995 - Founded Northern Herald Newspaper to bring honest and frank reporting, expose corruption, and give the community a fair forum, in Northern Minnesota.

• 1995 - Broke the story that brought (then) Bemidji Police Chief Robert Tell to trial for swindling by submitting improper travel vouchers.

• 1998 - Certified as a C. P. A.

• 2002 - Broke the story of helicopter swindles by (then) Bemidji Police Chief Bruce Preece. For the next 4 years, pending the trial, Northern Herald was the only area paper that kept the public informed on this, as well as the DWI arrest of Preece’s wife.

• 2003 - Won federal case against City of Bemidji for violating First Amendment rights. (Bemidji had tried to outlaw distribution of the Northern Herald in public places.)

• 2014 - Steele continues his CPA practice, exclusively in tax, at Bemidji. He also authors textbook sections, for a major educational institution, for use in their continuing education for CPAs and Enrolled Agents.

**As an accountant, Steele is a fiscal conservative (less tax, less spending), and a strong supporter of all of the tenets of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights.**

*“Do the best you can in every task, no matter how unimportant it may seem at the time. No one learns more about a problem than the person at the bottom.” — Justice Sandra Day O’Connor (retired), U.S. Supreme Court*

# OTHER ISSUES - Adam Steele's Position on both Federal, and Minnesota Matters

## BLACK ROBE DISEASE CAN BE CURED

### CONTRIBUTE TODAY TO HELP FIND THE CURE FOR BLACK ROBE DISEASE

Black Robe Disease: A cognitive illness, where a person becomes oblivious to the Constitution, law, and equity. The condition has become epidemic among Minnesota judges, and is believed to spread in their Chambers, and/or from spores in their clothing. Typically, once afflicted, the sufferer rapidly becomes under the delusion that he can *write* law, rather than administer it.

**FEDERAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE.** The *Minnesota Political Contribution Refund* has done a lot to give people the ability to support the candidate of their choice, in elections for Minnesota State (but not federal) office; and to dilute the effect of "big-money" in state campaign financing. This has helped to give people more of a voice, and to create a more level playing field for state-office candidates. But it doesn't presently apply to Minnesota candidates for U.S. Congress, or the U.S. Senate. This program, which has worked so well in State office elections, should be expanded by a similar federal provision for small individual contributions to candidates for federal office.

**DAY CARE COSTS.** For those couples who want them, Providence provided a simple solution for child care. One parent works, while the other

**TAX EQUITY.** Minnesotans are overtaxed. There is particularly a disparity between the income tax paid by people with children, and those without, including single people, childless couples (including those whose children have grown and gone), and seniors. A complex system of several tax deductions and credits results in middle-income people with kids often paying no tax, and getting money back - up to over \$8,000 - even if nothing was withheld. This is done through the federal exemptions, child tax credit, and earned income credit (EIC); as well as the Minnesota corollary to the EIC, known as the Working Family Credit. The taxes that parents don't pay, and their "refunds", result in a higher tax for everyone else. It's part of why single people, childless couples, and seniors (whose Social Security is taxed) pay so much.

**Example:** A single person making \$20,000 a year, without children, pays \$1,596 in combined federal and state income taxes. A single parent, with two illegitimate kids, making the same \$20,000, pays no tax. She gets combined "refunds" of \$8,190. Even if making \$40,000 a year, she would only pay \$369. in net federal and state taxes. A senior married couple with retirement income of \$40,000 pays \$2,431.

Taxes aren't meant to be welfare. People with children should pay their fair share. If there is going to be a low-income tax break, or a "negative income tax", it needs to be applied uniformly, across the board for all workers who are truly low-income, and whether or not they have children. A major part of the tax equation is the federal Earned Income Credit (EIC), and the Minnesota state version, the Working Family Credit (WFC). Usually, if a person qualifies for one, they also get the other.

The theory behind the EIC, originally, was to encourage low-income people to file their tax returns. The maximum EIC then, was about \$500. Now, the maximum EIC is \$6,044., and EIC can apply to people with incomes up to \$51,567. per year. It has become a system of welfare distribution for middle-income people, with kids; that is paid for by higher taxes for everyone else.

takes care of the home and kids. In nature, even eagles do this. They take turns tending the nest and getting food. One eagle alone can't do it. If her spouse dies, she'll probably lose the brood. Providence set things up so it takes two to make 'em, because it takes two to raise 'em. This order of things is pretty elementary - anyone can see that that's how they work best. But these days, as society has lost its moral compass, people have overturned the natural order of things and the sensible ways of doing them, and as a result, parents have been faced with skyrocketing day-care costs. With average rates approaching \$8 an hour, these costs may approach, or exceed, the after-tax earnings that a parent makes on their job (the reason they need day care to begin with). The Minneapolis Star-Tribune recently reported that child care for an infant, in Minnesota, can cost more than a year of tuition at a state college. A big reason costs are so high is that child care providers are over-regulated in Minnesota. Minnesota is among the highest-cost states for child care. Right next-door, South Dakota is among the lowest; with 2011 costs of from \$1.75 to about \$3.00 an hour. Why such a difference? Over-regulation in Minnesota means that there are fewer service providers, and that means skyrocketing rates. When people can't work, the economy suffers; so this a public policy matter. If elected, I will do what I can to lessen this regulatory burden, so more people can provide child care services, and so that people who don't know to use Providence's wisdom (to be married, with one spouse working, before making kids) will, at least, be able to get a job and support them. If that doesn't work to sufficiently bring down costs, I will also look into the possibility of low-cost state-operated day care centers.

### Here's how it pencils out:

	SINGLE TAXPAYER, NO KIDS INCOME: \$20,000	SINGLE* TAXPAYER, 2 KIDS INCOME: \$20,000	SINGLE* TAXPAYER, 2 KIDS INCOME: \$40,000	SENIOR MARRIED COUPLE NO KIDS INCOME: \$40,000**
<b>FEDERAL 1040</b>				
Wages	20,000.	20,000.	40,000.	
Pension, Investment Income				35,000.
Taxable Social Security				2,500.
Adjusted Gross Income	20,000.	20,000.	40,000.	37,500.
less:				
Standard Deduction	-6,100.	-8,950	-8,950	-14,600.
Exemptions	-3,900.	-11,700.	-11,700.	-7,800.
Taxable Income	10,000.	0.	19,350.	15,100.
Federal Tax	1,058.	0.	2,269.	1,513.
less:				
Child Tax Credit	0.	0.	-2,000.	0.
Earned Income Credit	0.	-4,847.	-635.	0.
Add'l Child Tax Credit	0.	-2,000.	0.	0.
Federal Refund		6,847.	366.	
Federal Balance Due	1,058.			1,513.
<b>MINNESOTA M-1</b>				
Minnesota Tax	538.	0.	1,035.	918
less "Working Family" Credit	0.	-1,343.	-300.	0.
Minnesota Refund		1,343.		
Minn. Balance Due	538.		735.	918.
<b>FEDERAL AND MINN. COMBINED NET REFUND / (BAL. DUE)</b>				
	<u>(1,596.)</u>	<u>8,190.</u>	<u>(369.)</u>	<u>(2,431.)</u>

\* Filing as "Head of Household".

\*\* Seniors' retirement income in this example includes \$35,000 from pensions and investment income, and \$5,000 in gross Social Security. For accurate comparison, all four examples assume no withholding.

### Governor

### SAMPLE BALLOT

Candidate 1 (Gov.) and **XXX** (Lt. Gov.)

Candidate 2 and **YYY**

Candidate 3 and **ZZZ**

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↑ Write-In Candidate

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ADAM STEELE  
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### HOW TO VOTE for a Write-In Candidate

Minnesota law has long supported write-in voting, which allows the voter to vote for the candidate of his choice, and not be limited to the selections of the three major parties. To vote for Adam Steele for Governor, simply 1) Write **ADAM STEELE** on the write-in line which is provided on your General Election (November) ballot, and 2) Darken the oval, or check the box, by that write-in line, as shown at left. (It is not necessary to write-in the name of the corresponding Lt. Governor candidate.)

**INSURANCE.** There are a lot of things that, if a person doesn't have a lot of money, cost him *more* than it does for people who do. That's one of the ways that our economy keeps the lower middle-class from becoming anything but. We cannot have economic recovery in this type of environment. A person with less means deserves, at least, the same good deal as anyone else. One of the ways people with less pay more is in insurance. In Minnesota, insurance companies are allowed to set your rates, commensurate with your *credit score*. So a good driver who doesn't have accidents or tickets, but who's late on some bills, may get an outrageous rate for state-required auto insurance, and *may not be able to fully insure his house*; while a more well-off person, who's actually more of a risk, pays less.

What a person pays for auto insurance should depend on his driving record, not his credit record. And how he pays his bills has nothing to do with whether his house will be swept away by a tornado; anyone should be able to insure his property against that. Basing insurance rates, or its availability, on an applicant's credit rating needs to be made illegal, for insurance companies that want to do business in Minnesota.

The State, also, may want to take a larger role in making auto, and home-protection insurance available to all Minnesota residents at an equitable cost commensurate with the actual risk. Administered properly, such a plan should be revenue neutral, and not tax-financed.

Right now, the insurance companies make enormous profits from auto insurance that Minnesota law requires one to have, in order to drive; and from insuring homes against disaster. There could be enormous savings by eliminating the middleman here. If necessary, the State can provide that insurance, for what it actually costs, and pass what would otherwise be huge insurance company profits back to Minnesota residents as lower insurance premiums.

**ACCESSIBILITY TO CONSTITUENTS.** Public officials need to be both accountable **and** accessible. I generally answer my own phone calls. It is conceivable that, if elected, I may have to use a receptionist or other assistant to see that all calls are answered in an orderly manner; but I will be accessible to personally listen to and deal with constituents' problems that require the Governor's attention. That's part of the job -- you can't serve people if they can't talk to you. Further, I intend to set up a well-staffed Governor's Office "Complaints" Desk so constituents who don't require my direct personal assistance can still easily call and promptly talk to someone knowledgeable about the subject of their concern, and who can act on it if necessary. Automatic answering systems will not be used. That's what people are for.

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