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State Reps. Bobby Joe Champion (DFL-58B) and Jeff Hayden (DFL-61B) were sworn in to the Minnesota House of Representatives last week Tuesday, Jan. 6. Champion replaces Willie Dominguez who served one term while Hayden replaces Neva Walker, who held the seat for four terms.

“I’m honored by the opportunity to represent my neighbors and my community in the Minnesota House of Representatives,” said Champion, an attorney. “One of the most important ways to make a difference in our community is to make sure our voices are heard. I look forward to making sure north Minneapolis has a strong voice as we begin to tackle the tough issues confronting us.”

Hayden said: “It’s an honor and privilege to represent District 61B in the Minnesota House of Representatives. I am humbled by the support I have received from the community and am eager to get to work at the State Capitol to be a strong voice and advocate for South Minneapolis.”

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budget cuts. “The cuts this session will be deep –there will be no cost shifting. Because the Governor more than likely will not touch K-12 funding, cuts may come from Health and Human Services which will impact Minneapolis constituents heavily –there may be a 25%-35% cut in that area.”

Both Champion and Hayden are encouraging constituents to contact them. Champion will hold monthly town hall meetings in his district. The first is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 13, 6 pm at the Minneapolis Urban League, 2100 Plymouth Avenue North for a preview of the 2009 session and a discussion of the state budget deficit. Guest presenter for this town hall is Bill Marx, Minnesota House of Representatives Chief Fiscal Analyst.

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