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## **IL LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS ENDORSES RON JARVIS, MARK VONDRACEK, TRACEY JOHNSON AND JAMES BETUSTAK**

The Illinois League of Conservation Voters (ILCV) has announced its endorsement of Ron Jarvis for Grayslake Trustee, Mark Vondracek for a position on the Woodland School Board, Tracey Johnson for Zion Commissioner and James Betustak for Lindenhurst Mayor. The four candidates have each outlined plans for their communities that include a specific focus on environmental issues. They are the latest in a long line of environmentally responsible candidates endorsed by the ILCV, a bipartisan organization devoted full time to its mission of electing a pro-environment political majority in Illinois.

Ron Jarvis's plan for Grayslake demonstrates a wise understanding of how essential environmental responsibility is for the success of a community on all levels. His campaign slogan "Because it's all connected," shows the necessity of including environmental practices into his plan for business development and road reconstruction for Grayslake.

In his vision for the Woodland School Board, Mark Vondracek is also making environmental responsibility a priority. As a Ph.D. scientist and award-winning high school educator, Vondracek understands the serious affects energy consumption, pollution and rapid land development have on our communities. He is committed to investigating ways to make Woodland school district facilities more energy efficient and sustainable.

Energy conservation is also a particular focus of Tracey Johnson, a candidate for Commissioner of Zion. The two Zion City Council positions being contested this year, Commissioner of Building & Public Property and Commissioner of Public Works, both provide opportunities for environmental progress. Johnson supports the use of green building practices in public buildings, a system that helps conserve energy, water and material resources.

Lindenhurst's mayor, Jim Betustak has worked towards environmental stewardship since he took office four years ago. He created an Environmental Activity and Education Commission which works to increase environmental awareness within the community. He has worked with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County to move towards the cart system of recycling, which in turn, has increased recycling 20 percent.

"We can no longer afford to elect officials willing to sacrifice our environment for wasteful development," Amanda Espitia, Executive Director of the ILCV, says. "We are fortunate to have candidates like these who are willing to live up to the responsibility all public officials have of protecting the environmental health of our communities."

The ILCV bases its endorsement decisions on a questionnaire completed by candidates regarding their views on environmental issues, as well as an assessment of past commitment.

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