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IL LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS ENDORSES KEN NELSON AND SUE WALTON

ROLLING MEADOWS, IL - The Illinois League of Conservation Voters (ILCV) has announced its endorsement of Mayor Ken Nelson and Alderperson Sue Walton of the city of Rolling Meadows for their upcoming elections. Mayor Nelson and Alderperson Walton have been influential partners in working for the environmental health of Rolling Meadows. 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.

Both Mayor Nelson and Alderperson Walton have worked tirelessly to improve the environmental well-being of the community. Smart development is a goal shared by Mayor Nelson and Alderperson Walton. "Sensible resource use is absolutely essential for a healthy community now and in future generations," Mayor Nelson says. "Municipal support for green building practices, public transportation, and expanded recycling programs, for instance, will make Rolling Meadows a better place to live and work."

Efforts at conservation and sustainability are especially important for Rolling Meadows, a community with more than eleven miles of stream bank. Alderperson Walton has led efforts to address erosion along these banks and to ensure that new and redevelopment projects throughout the city conform to sustainability standards.

"Environmental stewardship is the responsibility of all citizens, and must be addressed at every level of government," Alderperson Walton says. "At the municipal level, we are working to make environmental sustainability a priority for our community and to improve the quality of life for our children and future generations." Alderperson Walton also serves as chair of the city's Environmental Committee, a body created by Mayor Nelson to guide city policy.

Alderperson Walton has outlined a number of concerns she hopes to add to a growing list of environmental issues she has tackled while in office. She says that incentive initiatives are needed to encourage members of the community to address pollution as is a greater effort to educate individuals on the negative impact of over consumption on environmental and community health. She and the Mayor hope to continue their leadership efforts in Rolling Meadows after the April elections.

"Mayor Nelson and Alderperson Walton are fantastic examples of experienced leaders who understand the essential role environmental conservation plays in sustaining the social and economic health of our towns and cities," said Amanda Espitia, Executive Director of the ILCV.

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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