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IL LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS ENDORSES SHEILA SIMON

The Illinois League of Conservation Voters (ILCV) has announced its endorsement of Sheila Simon, a candidate for mayor of Carbondale. Ms. Simon's plan for the city includes a strong focus on environmental responsibility, specifically addressing city government as a consumer of energy. She is 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.

"Environmental stewardship is the responsibility of all citizens, and must be addressed at every level of government," says Ms. Simon. "Energy conservation, in particular, is not only environmentally friendly, but also economically wise. We all have a stake in the sustainability of our city."

Ms. Simon's commitment to the environmental health of Carbondale is made clear in her working plan for the city, in which she proposes to conduct an energy audit of city facilities, explore an investment in solar energy for city buildings, and work with the city's forester to help neighborhood groups choose and plant trees throughout the community.

Dedication to addressing environmental issues in the city is nothing new for Ms. Simon, who has served on the Carbondale City Council for more than three years, during which time she has been a member of the Planning Commission and the Energy and Environmental Advisory Committee (EEAC). Her work on the Council has included helping to get the city an independent assessment of the Koppers plant chemical clean-up and investigating solar energy for city buildings.

"Sheila Simon is a fantastic example of an experienced leader who understands the essential role environmental conservation plays in sustaining the social and economic health of our cities," said Amanda Espitia, Executive Director of the ILCV.

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