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Staver Announces Candidacy for City Council President

Randy Staver, current president of the Rochester City Council, announced today he will seek a second term in the 2016 election. Having served more than 20 years in various capacities of community service, Staver said he is running again to ensure Rochester continues policies that promote growth in a fiscally responsible way.

Staver said, "I've tried to lead the council with integrity and a strong sense of public service. We need a moderate voice who can build consensus, achieve compromise and find solutions that bring people together and I think I've done that."

"It is imperative that local government continues to focus on our fundamental responsibilities in areas like public safety and well-managed infrastructure," Staver said. "But we will face new challenges related to affordable housing, increasing our workforce and providing good transportation options. I believe I can continue to provide the kind of leadership needed on those and other topics."

Of Destination Medical Center Staver said, "Certainly, DMC will continue to be a key topic of discussion. It is a 20-year economic development vision that partners the City of Rochester, Mayo Clinic and the State of Minnesota in a unique opportunity to transform and enhance our city. It is important that we build on the momentum but also not lose sight of our identity and what makes Rochester unique."

Staver, who is president of the Southeast Minnesota League of Municipalities and a board member on the League of Minnesota Cities, also believes that Rochester increasingly plays a regional and state leadership role. Said Staver, "Strategic partnerships with other communities, businesses, and education are just a few of the areas that will be vital to our success."

Staver was first elected to the City Council in November 2010 serving the fifth ward. He was subsequently elected as Council President in May 2013 after a special election to fill the seat following the untimely passing away of Council President Dennis Hanson.

Staver said that, overall, his chief concerns are managing growth, jobs and quality of life. Staver says, "We continue to grow as a city and it is vitally important that all our citizens benefit. We have achieved a great deal but our continued success will require thoughtful, reasoned leadership and together we can meet the challenges. I strongly believe I have the knowledge, understanding and skills that Rochester needs."