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## STOTHERT ANNOUNCES RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Omaha, NE -- Mayor Jean Stothert announced Tuesday that she will run for reelection in 2025.

"We have a record of progress and success, and together, we have the momentum to build Omaha into a city for the future," said Mayor Stothert. "Momentum starts with strong, trusted leadership to turn vision into results, to empower citizens, and to set and exceed goals."

Mayor Stothert has focused on four priorities; improving public safety, managing the city budget, creating job growth and economic development and improving the taxpayer experience.

"I am especially proud of the impressive strides we have made to make Omaha a safer city," said Mayor Stothert.

Overall crime in Omaha was down last year, 14% lower than 2022, with the exception of motor vehicle theft, similar to the national trend of Kia and Hyundai thefts. The number of non-fatal shootings dropped 29% in 2023 from the year before, and the homicide clearance rate, solving crimes and making arrests was 100% in 2023.

Plans for innovate policing and emergency response include a real time operations center, public safety headquarters, restoring the number of sworn officers, adding another police precinct downtown and a new fire station in rapidly growing northwest Omaha.

During her tenure, Mayor Stothert has reduced the property tax levy four times for more than 8%; the levy is currently at the lowest rate since 2010. She will reduce the levy again in 2025.

Development in Omaha has soared to an all-time high. The number of building permits issued since 2013 is over 181,000, with a value of nearly \$11 billion.

Mayor Stothert has led significant civic projects including the Central Library under construction at 72<sup>nd</sup> and Dodge, redevelopment of the Gene Leahy Mall, Heartland of America Park and Lewis and Clark Landing, the "Baby Bob" pedestrian bridge connecting the Bob Kerrey Bridge to Charles Schwab Stadium, Tranquility Park Youth Sports Complex and the Levi Carter Park Athletic and Community Center.

"We have greater achievements ahead. It will take initiative, experience, and commitment to continue this great momentum. I love working with you, and for you, and I look forward to continuing my service to Omaha," said Mayor Stothert.

Mayor Stothert is Omaha's 51st mayor, the first women to hold the office. She was first elected in 2013, and re-elected in 2017 and 2021.

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