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Andeweg To Seek Re-Election as Urbandale Mayor

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Urbandale, Iowa - Bob Andeweg, 58, announces his candidacy for re-election as Mayor of Urbandale. Bob has lived in Urbandale since 1988 and has two daughters, Christina, 29, and Erin, 26. Bob is married to Charity McCauley Andeweg. Andeweg received his undergraduate degree with a major in Political Science and a minor in Economics from Central College in Pella, and his J.D. from Drake University. He is an attorney by profession and a member of the Des Moines law firm of Nyemaster Goode, P.C., where he practices primarily in the area of business and real estate law.

Bob is a member of various religious, civic and professional organizations including the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (currently serving as Treasurer), BRAVO Greater Des Moines, the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Metropolitan Advisory Council, The Greater Des Moines Partnership, the Urbandale Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of Faith Lutheran Church. He has served as Chair of the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau, and is Co-Chair of the Governance Capital Committee of Capital Crossroads.

Bob is a charter graduate and a former board member of Leadership Urbandale. Bob is also a graduate of Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute and Leadership Iowa. Bob was named to the Urbandale Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame in 2016, 2017 Forty under 40 Alumnus of the Year, and 2020 Urbandale Citizen of the Year.

Bob was first elected Urbandale Mayor in 2005. Prior to his election as Mayor, Bob served on the City Council from 2000-2005. Prior to that, Bob served over five years on the City's Planning and Zoning Commission, including a term as Chairperson.

In announcing his candidacy for re-election, Andeweg said: "It has been a privilege and honor to serve as Urbandale's Mayor for the past sixteen years. Urbandale is a wonderful place to work and live. However, it is exciting that others are paying attention to us as well, as we continue to grow our city with new businesses and residents."

Andeweg noted that, while Urbandale has accomplished a great deal, the work is never finished. "**First and foremost**, as we begin to rebound from the COVID pandemic and compete in the global marketplace, Urbandale must be poised with an effective economic development strategy so that we are able to continue growing our fine community. **Second**, we must build and maintain our streets, stormwater systems, parks and trails throughout the city to provide a high quality of life for all our citizens. **Third**, we must continue to be innovative in providing first class services to our residents and businesses at an effective cost."

"When I moved here in 1988, I chose it over other communities in the metro area because it was a vibrant and caring community. Urbandale is a great place to live and raise a family. I cared enough about the community to become initially involved on the Planning and Zoning Commission. I have carried that vision forward on the City Council, and in my four terms as Mayor. As we are now in Urbandale's second century as a city, I want to further that vision to help Urbandale meet its future challenges and opportunities for the next one hundred years and beyond."

Andeweg also announced that EJ Giovannetti and Pat Boddy—both long-time Urbandale residents—will serve as his campaign co-chairpersons. EJ is former Mayor of Urbandale and Pat currently serves as a Trustee of the Urbandale Water Utility. Both are involved in many Urbandale and metropolitan endeavors. Bob said, "I'm honored and humbled that EJ and Pat have agreed to help me with my re-election. With their involvement in Urbandale, they both obviously have a passion for our community."