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Sue Steele Launches Campaign for City Council President, Pledges to Propel Troy Forward

TROY, N.Y. — Troy City Council Majority Leader Sue Steele announced today that she is running for City Council President. Councilmember Steele, who currently represents Troy’s 3rd District, has already earned the endorsement of the City of Troy Democratic Committee, the Working Families Party, Eleanor’s Legacy, and CapitalWomen, progressive, pro-choice women’s political organizations.

“I am running for City Council President because Troy needs an experienced leader with the steel and temperament to ensure public safety,” **said Councilmember Steele.** “As the current City Council Majority Leader, I am proud of the progress we have made to fund the programs that keep us safe while supporting work to bring greater collaboration and understanding between the community and law enforcement—work I would continue in earnest as City Council President.”

As Troy City Council President, Councilmember Steele will prioritize the following:

- Protecting our natural resources and citizens’ health by pursuing and accessing federal and state funds to improve Troy’s water infrastructure—specifically to **remediate 100% of the city’s lead service lines at no cost to homeowners**, and to continue to reduce the pollution of the Hudson River with storm water/sewer separation projects.
- **Making sure housing options in Troy remain safe, accessible and affordable** while ensuring the City of Troy offers adequate parking, clean water infrastructure, and transportation supports. Councilmember Steele will use the new zoning ordinance to ensure economic development projects allow the entire city to take advantage of developers’ interest in Troy.

- Building upon open meetings efforts that have already increased transparency and expanded bipartisan input into decision making, and expanding community engagement efforts through our robust network of neighborhood associations, because **the Council should be accountable to our neighborhoods.**
- **Promoting recruitment and retention of our city’s workforce**, with the goal of full staffing in fire, public works and public utilities, so that every resident can live in safe, clean, well-serviced neighborhoods.

“Increasing public safety, shoring up our workforce, ensuring clean drinking water, facilitating an open information exchange and sensible economic development are all important issues to me, but I look forward to meeting voters as I go door-to-door and listening to their concerns and ideas, too,” noted Steele.

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Troy City Councilmember Sue Steele (District 3) has been part of the Troy community for over 50 years. First as an involved parent helping to organize the Troy Booster Club, then serving on various boards to promote services for neighborhoods and those in need, Councilmember Steele has always worked to make her community a better place. Demonstrating a deep caring for the quality of life in our neighborhoods, Councilmember Steele has organized neighborhood clean-ups and has been active within the city’s Neighborhood Improvement Program.