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Planning Commissioner Mike Wiederkehr Announces for City Council – Ward 2 *32-Years with Municipal Government Experience Matter*

(Fayetteville, Ark.) – Fayetteville City Planning Commissioner and native son, Mike Wiederkehr formally announces his campaign for the Fayetteville City Council Ward 2 position to fill Mr. Petty’s vacant Council seat.

“There are understandable expenses associated with a special election, but Ward 2 voters deserve a voice in selecting Mr. Petty’s successor given that three full years remain in his term and I’m proud of our council’s unanimous decision to hold this special election,” says Wiederkehr. “As the second largest city in the state, it is important that we set a positive, inclusive example of listening to the will of the voters in choosing their representatives.”

Mike plans to formally launch his candidacy on Saturday, November 13th at Tim’s Pizza on the Square starting at 11 am. Ward 2 residents are encouraged to stop by, meet Mike and sign his petition to get on the special election ballot.

“The Wiederkehr family has a long history in Arkansas. Having spoken with family, friends and other Ward 2 residents, I have been encouraged to run for this Council seat. This is not a decision I take lightly as 32 years of municipal government experience have given me a deep and practical understanding of the operations of a city, and an appreciation for the big shoes left to fill by Councilman Petty.”

Mike Wiederkehr fully supports Mayor Jordan’s stated core principles of equality, diversity, and inclusion through every action taken by the city government, with the goal

of enhancing the safety, vitality, and prosperity of our city. He wants to be accessible to residents to hear their concerns and ideas for our growing community.

He aspires to join our existing Council members in putting the mayor's principles into practice in order to preserve and enhance Fayetteville's outstanding quality of life and unique sense of place.

Mike and his wife Lee Anne moved back to Fayetteville in 2017 where they continue their volunteer activity in various city and county organizations. For more information, please visit www.MikeForFayetteville.com.

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