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I wish to announce I am running for re-election for Indianola City Council Ward 2. I’m excited and proud of what we have accomplished these last four years. We’ve had record investment in our city. We’ve had more families and developers investing in housing and business which has increased our tax valuation, allowing us to keep tax rates flat while still hiring more police and firefighters.

 For three years in a row Indianola has received the Distinguished Budget Award from the Government Finance Officers Association, the highest form of recognition in government budgeting. We just received an Aa2 rating by Moody’s – the city’s best financial rating ever. We are almost halfway through completion of our new wastewater treatment plant and are working on phase 1 of our award-winning streetscape project replacing 125-year-old infrastructure – without raising taxes.

I’m proud of the work we’ve done but we’re not finished yet. We must continue to invest in improving our streets; city facilities, including adequate room for PD and Fire and an updated library; parks and recreational spaces; and the arts. All of these are vital to continued economic growth. Planning for and investing in Indianola’s future will allow our community to thrive economically and culturally.

I have been honored to serve our city for the past four years. With your support, I will continue working to make Indianola the city in the Des Moines metro that we’re proud to call home.