

PRESS RELEASE

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Citizens for Jeremy Thiesfeldt Announces Candidacy for State Assembly

City of Fond du Lac native and city councilman Jeremy Thiesfeldt of 604 Sunset Lane announced today that he has filed his candidacy papers to officially enter the contest for the 52nd District seat in the Wisconsin State Assembly. A three-term Fond du Lac city councilman and three-time vice president of the council, the 43 year-old Thiesfeldt is seeking to fill the seat that is currently held by Representative John Townsend, who announced in October that he is retiring and would not seek reelection.

“Mr. Townsend has served the 52nd District faithfully since 1998. His community, state, and country owe a debt of gratitude for his 45+ years of public service in varying capacities. I would be honored to have the citizens cast their votes to select me to fill this position,” said Thiesfeldt.

When elected, Thiesfeldt will work to restore a conservative, common sense philosophy to the state government. The welfare of Wisconsin families will be an important part of his platform. “I have enjoyed my years on the city council and was proud to share in accomplishments with my colleagues and city staff. I have been urged to run for state assembly and am prepared to continue as a citizen-servant in Madison representing the hard-working taxpayers of the 52nd district. I will work to return relative autonomy to local government without interference from Madison and Washington. I will be *Fighting for the 52nd* to cut government costs and spending, bring jobs back to our community, and dismantle the inefficient bureaucracy that stifles our entrepreneurial atmosphere. But, above all, we must together rekindle a spirit of personal responsibility, family values, and love of God and country that have been a strength of this community for 150 years.”

The *Citizens for Jeremy Thiesfeldt* Campaign Manager is local software developer F. Cary McQuitty and the Treasurer is Fond du Lac businessman Ron Schmitz. The Victory 2010 Committee has also been established to support the Thiesfeldt campaign. This committee will be co-chaired by Paul Cunningham and Linda Wendt. Members of the committee endorsing Thiesfeldt’s candidacy include --

Paul & Joan Cunningham – Co-owners of Schreiner’s Restaurant
Linda Wendt – Owner of Wendt’s on the Lake, Chair of WI Restaurant Assoc.
Anita Anderegg – Retired Fond du Lac County Executive
Ralph Leisten – former member of the Fond du Lac City Council
Stuart & Linda Muche – owners of Stuart’s Landscaping
Fay Boelk – Owner of Fay’s Fun & Learning
Sal Curcurio - former member of the Fond du Lac City Council
Robert Oberbeck - former member of the Fond du Lac City Council
Kathy Walz - former member of the Fond du Lac City Council
Paul Rosenfeldt – Attorney
Russell & Gary Wendt – Co-owners of Wendt’s Auto Body
Dennis & Sharon Malchow – Co-owners of St. Joseph’s Bookroom
Ron Cutter – Owner of Cutter Vac
Joe Tasch – Fond du Lac businessman
Mary Solberg – Former GOP state assembly candidate, former 6th District GOP Chair

Mike Hatch – Former Fond du Lac County GOP chair, former state assembly candidate
Holly Schwefel – Immediate-past FdL County GOP chair, Bush/Cheney '04 FdL County Chair
Scott & Kelly Huck – Taycheedah business owners
James Kiser – Fond du Lac County Board Supervisor
Richard Stokely - Fond du Lac County Board Supervisor
John Zorn - Fond du Lac County Board Supervisor
Kevin Gratton – Owner of Wind Power Windsurfing & Kiting Center

Victory 2010 Chairman Cunningham says, “Jeremy understands that small businesses are the engine that drives our economy; I appreciate his willingness to listen and his desire to improve and grow our community. His leadership has been evident on a number of tough issues, and his resolve to challenge the status quo when necessary has been clear.”

Thiesfeldt was elected in his first run for the Fond du Lac City Council in 2005, and was subsequently reelected in 2007 and again in 2009. He has nearly 21 years of experience in K-12 parochial education, now serving in his eleventh year at Winnebago Lutheran Academy (WLA) in Fond du Lac. His varied duties at WLA have included teaching courses in American government and physical education. He has also spent time coaching softball, basketball, and soccer, as well as coordinating intramurals and Veterans Day events.

Jeremy Thiesfeldt was raised with his ten siblings in the household of Joyce and the late Richard Thiesfeldt. Jeremy and Cindy, his wife of nineteen years, have been blessed with four children, and the family is actively involved with their local congregation, Redeemer Lutheran Church of Fond du Lac.

Jeremy has served on numerous boards and committees for the City of Fond du Lac including the City Plan Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Advisory Park Board, Advisory Parking & Traffic Board, City-County Buildings Board, Fond du Lac Urbanized Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Water Conservation Taskforce, and the Hwy. 151 Bypass Corridor Study.

He has held office and served on education committees for the WELS Association of Lutheran Educators, Wisconsin Lutheran State Teachers' Conference, WELS Minnesota District Teachers' Conference, and Marian University School of Education Dean's Council.

Thiesfeldt is a 1985 graduate of Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School and 1989 graduate of Martin Luther College where he served as student body president. He is a 2005 graduate of the Leadership Fond du Lac program sponsored by the Association of Commerce, an organization that has endorsed his city council candidacies.

The 52nd District includes wards 1-16 of the City of Fond du Lac, the Village of North Fond du Lac, and the townships of Eldorado, Friendship, and Taycheedah. The Republican Primary will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2010 and the general election on Tuesday, November 2, 2010.

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