

Carolee Conklin

For City Council

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Carolee Conklin Announces Re-election Bid for City Council

City Councilmember at Large Carolee A. Conklin announced that she is seeking to be re-elected to the Council this Fall to a second four-year term.

Councilmember Conklin stated: "I'm proud of the work I have done, and I am asking for our community's support for another term as a Councilmember-at-Large. I have used my work and non-profit board experience to ask the tough questions, expect accountability, and play a leadership role on the Council."

During her first term, Ms. Conklin has chaired both of Council's major Committees, Community Development and Finance. As the Community Development Chair, she led Council's review of the Community Development program, which has allowed millions of dollars to be spent re-building our City.

The Finance Committee chair since January, 2008, Councilmember Conklin oversees Council's review of the Mayor's proposed annual budget to ensure that the spending plan makes sense and protects our taxpayers. She re-designed Council's review of the proposed budget last year to create a fuller discussion of the budget details, and permit more time for Council's concerns to be addressed. As the Finance Chair, Ms. Conklin also guides the Council's review of the annual Capital Improvement Plan, to ensure that the millions of dollars spent repairing our streets, bridges, water supply system, and other key City programs is done wisely. Councilmember Conklin has also been a leading advocate for government openness and community engagement. She sponsored several public input meetings regarding proposed legislation, and has been a leader on Council to have legislative meetings televised on Channel 12.

Councilmember Conklin concluded that, "There have been times when I was the only "no" vote on Council. There have been times when I have led a majority of Council to bring about important changes in City policies. Through it all, I am proud of the no-nonsense positions I've taken, and the time I've spent bringing our community into the process."

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