

Arnold for Alder

Fitchburg District 4 Seat 7

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Fitchburg Alder Steve Arnold seeks re-election— Vows to continue improving sustainability and quality of life

Fitchburg, December 7, 2008—At a private fund-raising party at Liliana's Restaurant here, Steve Arnold announced his intention to campaign for re-election for seat 7 of the Common Council, representing the City's aldermanic district 4. Arnold's supporters also gathered to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the founding of Grassroots Fitchburg, a local group that has supported progressive land use and transportation policies, smoke-free indoor air, a Fitchburg municipal library, and other civic causes.

In brief prepared remarks, Arnold noted the progress made on his goals over his four years in office:

- Championed the Smoke-Free Fitchburg ordinance
- Built support with the Mayor and Common Council for Fitchburg's adoption of the U.S. Council of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement
- Advocated for great bicycle transportation routes, including the Badger State Trail, to be completed in 2009
- Worked hard on a 50-year (minimum) urban development boundary, and helped lead the City's extensive program of neighborhood planning
- Led the successful effort to get the Oak Ridge Substation moved from the corner of Irish Lane and South Fish Hatchery Road
- Defended his plan during the 2009 budget debate to limit the rebuilding of South Fish Hatchery Road to two travel lanes

Though Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk could not attend the event, she sent her best wishes and endorsement: "Fitchburg residents have an energetic, smart and tireless representative in Steve Arnold. His work on transportation, land use, and Smoke-Free Fitchburg is driven by his appreciation of our natural resources, his understanding of public policy and his dedication to the people he serves. I'm pleased to support his re-election."

State Assembly Representative Sunday Pope-Roberts also sent greetings: "I've supported Steve in his previous campaigns, and couldn't be more pleased at his

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accomplishments and the support he's garnered for Fitchburg's progress. Steve has increased his skill at reaching out to opponents of his proposals and to the public to help forge broad consensus on difficult issues. I urge voters to support him for another term."

Arnold has ambitious goals for the 2009-2011 Council term:

- Build a consensus for a Fitchburg municipal library and start construction in 2009
- Establish a regional transportation authority
- Propose five-year plan to improve Metro service to the central part of the City
- Develop a corridor partnership to study the feasibility of commuter light rail service from Oregon through Fitchburg to the Dane County Airport
- Plan sustainable infill, and transit-oriented development around light rail stations in the Green Tech, Southdale, and McGaw neighborhoods
- Reduce the carbon footprint of City government and the City has a whole
- Complete the city's Comprehensive Plan and update the City's zoning code to favor compact, complete, and connected urban development

Educated at The Johns Hopkins University and Cornell University, Arnold taught ecology at the State University of New York before leaving academia for a career in information technology in 1981. He is a member of the Congress of the New Urbanism, the Sierra Club, the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin, the Democratic Party, the Fitchburg and Wisconsin Historical Societies, United Faculty and Academic Staff (AFT local 223, AFL-CIO), the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce, and Madison's Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Dane County residents for 25 years, Steve Arnold and his wife Nancy have lived in the City since 1994. Over the last two years, Steve has served as Practice Director for information technology for the University of Wisconsin-Madison E-Business Consortium. Steve and Nancy enjoy gardening, exploring Dane County by bike and kayak, and spending time with their daughters' families, who live in Madison and Viroqua.

[High-resolution publicity photograph of Steve Arnold at http://www.Arnold.US/Steve_Arnold.jpeg]

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