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Dan Gecker Announces for Midlothian Supervisor; Promises Planning Over Politics; Calls for Debates in the District

Bon Air- Dan Gecker today formally stated his reasons for running for the Midlothian seat on the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors. The Democratic candidate said, "My wife and I have chosen to live in the Midlothian District of Chesterfield County for over fifteen years and we love this community. Our four daughters have grown and thrived here. However, in the past few years, our quality of life has been put at risk. Unbridled, unplanned and unmanaged development have led to overcapacity schools, crowded roads and strained county services. In addition, lack of vision and planning has led the Cloverleaf Mall area to deteriorate and decline, putting the surrounding neighborhoods and families at risk.

"I will insist that we adhere to the comprehensive plan and that we carefully study each project, working with the neighborhood to ensure their comfort and a good fit. Our community needs to be run by the citizens, not the developers. For too long, those developers have called the shots and their financial well-being has taken precedence over the well-being of the residents. I will not be swayed by developer dollars, but rather by citizen concerns.

"As a member of the Planning Commission for the past seven years, I have seen first hand the inordinate influence of the development interests. It is important that we have someone on the board with the experience and leadership necessary to counter their ever-increasing clout. I have stood with neighborhoods when inappropriate zoning threatened the integrity of their community. I have stood with the families to make sure that the developers were required to make a safer, wider road near a new subdivision. I have stood with the community to protect our water quality and developers' encroachment into our endangered wetlands.

"The next six weeks are crucial to the future of our community. Voters deserve to hear the differing visions of my opponent and me. They are entitled to be able to make an informed choice on November 7. So, I would ask my opponent to join me throughout Midlothian for debates. And I would ask the civic associations and other organizations in the district to sponsor debates and forums to allow the citizenry to know the issues and our positions on them. I promise that I will be there, ready to discuss the future of Midlothian. I hope my opponent will join me in this important dialogue. "

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