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Somerville City Elected Officials Endorse Erika Uyterhoeven for State Representative

BOSTON: Somerville city elected officials announce endorsement of Erika Uyterhoeven for State Representative.

Erika's progressive platform resonates with many current Somerville leaders. "Erika is committed to a truly progressive future for Somerville," said Ben Ewen-Campen, City Councilor for Ward 3. "We need bold ideas and proven commitment to meet the unprecedented challenges we face. I'm looking forward to tackling these issues with Erika as our representative in the State House."

Several elected officials expressed their confidence in Erika's experience and ability to make her progressive vision a reality. According to JT Scott, City Councilor for Ward 2, "Erika is the real deal. She believes deeply in a progressive future for our city and state and has already been doing the work to make it real. Here in Somerville she has been organizing for many years, particularly around the right to affordable housing. Electing Erika will put an activist and a champion for Somerville in the state house."

Rami Bridge, President of the Somerville Teachers Association, expressed his confidence in Erika to follow through on her promises saying, "I know Erika will show up for our schools because she already has. She was an unwavering ally in the fight for paraprofessionals' living wage in Somerville. Erika puts actions behind her words. That's the kind of leader we need in the State House." Sarah Phillips, School Committee member for Ward 3, also asserted her support for Erika's vision and commitment to public schools, "Erika will break the log jam at the State House, and I trust her to represent my values and champion the schools our community deserves in the state house."

Somerville is a diverse community. If elected Erika will represent constituents with a wide variety of income levels, immigration statuses, race and ethnic identities, home languages, and education levels. Will Mbah, City Councilor At-Large, pointed to Erika's lived experience as a person of color and her commitment to equity saying, "Erika is deeply connected to the issues that many Somervillens face. She knows from personal experience what it is to be a person of color and immigrant in our community and is motivated to fight for equity for all residents of Somerville."

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“I am honored to receive so many endorsements from progressive leaders in Somerville” Uyterhoeven said. “Making the progressive vision that we share for our community a reality is going to require all of us pulling in the same direction and I look forward to continued collaboration.

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