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St. Paul Area Chamber PAC Announces Endorsements for East Metro Elections

(St. Paul, MN) -- The St. Paul Area Chamber Political Action Committee is pleased to announce its slate of endorsements for candidates for municipal office. Endorsed candidates are:

- James Lo, Ward 1 St. Paul City Council
- Rebecca Noecker, Ward 2 St. Paul City Council
- Isaac Russell, Ward 3 St. Paul City Council
- Pa Der Vang, Ward 7 St. Paul City Council
- Wendy Webster, St. Anthony Village Mayor
- Dave Colling, St. Anthony Village City Council

"We believe these are the candidates who best align with our mission to foster a vibrant business community and support economic growth in the East Metro. These candidates know what we know, that the East Metro is a great place to live, work and do business," said Marc Cove, chair of the PAC Board of Directors. "We are proud to support candidates who are committed to serving their communities and doing the pragmatic work of municipal government, focusing on filling potholes, providing public safety, and the myriad other nuts and bolts issues of city government. We encourage others that care about the East Metro business climate to do the same." To learn more about these candidates, please visit www.eastmetrovote.com.

"After reviewing candidate questionnaires, conducting virtual interviews, hosting a speed networking event, and concluding with a robust discussion amongst PAC Board members, the board endorsed candidates that best exemplified the mission of the Chamber and the PAC," said B Kyle, treasurer of the PAC Board.

Among the PAC's decision-making criteria were the following principles:

- The PAC is non-partisan and will support candidates who meet the PAC's objectives, regardless of party affiliation;
- Any endorsed candidate must understand and support the concerns and interests of the East Metro business community;
- Any endorsed candidate must be electable; and
- The candidate's campaign position or previous voting record will be used as a determining factor.

The PAC urges anyone who is concerned about maintaining the East Metro's vibrant business community to vote for the endorsed candidates on November 7, 2023.

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About the St. Paul Area Chamber Political Action Committee -- *The SPAC PAC is designed to identify, endorse, and support state and local candidates for office across the East Metro that support pro-business public policies. The SPAC PAC gives members of the business community access to and the ability to learn about candidates for city, county, and state offices. The SPAC PAC is a separate legal entity, independent of the St. Paul Area Chamber, and is registered with the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. More information can be found at <https://www.stpaulchamber.com/pac.html>.*

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