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WESTFIELD DEM, WARD 3 RELEASE: MATT SONTZ

WESTFIELD CANDIDATE SONTZ PROMISES VALUE, QUALITY

I am Matt Sontz, the Democratic candidate for Westfield Town Council for the Third Ward. Over the past few years, many of us have experienced a noticeable deterioration in the quality of services our town provides while our taxes keep going up.

Too many of us have to clean leaves and other debris from local storm drains so that rain water does not back up and flood our driveways or lawns. Too many of us have taken care to avoid old potholes only to drive straight into new ones. Too many of us have had to navigate roads so poorly snow plowed that we have wondered if we are even living on paved streets. Far too many residents have told me that they have been living on the same street since they were children and their road has never been repaved. Residents feel like calls to the public works department to have trees trimmed are ignored. Many residents have asked me how there could be such a big fire across the street from the North Avenue Fire Station in the Westfield Downtown and the Westfield Ladder Truck not respond. Many residents feel like the town council has either given up on the basics or just does not understand what it is supposed to be doing.

This is why our town council needs a change. We need new voices on the town council that will strongly and respectfully speak out against the status quo. We need new eyes to thoroughly review our town's policies and procedures for delivering services, our standards for contracting, and our means of oversight. As an engineer and an attorney, I feel I can bring much needed skills to our town council. As a father of children in our schools, I feel a sense of urgency to get our priorities straight as soon as possible.

As a councilman, I will fight to make sure our town council recommits to serving us. I will fight to make sure we get value for our tax dollars. I will fight to restore the quality of our public services that far too many have witnessed deteriorate over the past several years. I hope you will support me in this endeavor. Please support me with your vote on Election Day, which is November 8, 2011. You can read more about my campaign and the issues by visiting: www.mattsontz.com.