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COUNCILLOR CORRIGAN FILES NOMINATION PAPERS FOR WARD 7

Councillor Ed Corrigan has filed his nomination papers to run again to represent Ward 7 on London's City Council. Elected in November 2000 in his first campaign for public office, Ed was elected as second councillor for Ward 7 with more than 5,400 votes 1,200 votes ahead of the next runner up. Councillor Corrigan states that serving the constituents of Ward 7 is indeed an honour, whether it is helping solve constituents' problems one by one, or by participating in the larger issues of Council. Both roles have been enjoyable and rewarding experiences.

I am very proud of my voting record and attendance at Council meetings. As a lawyer elected to Council, I have fought successfully and have consistently advocated openness and transparency in our City government. I stand on my record for helping make London a safe and clean community in supporting the No Smoking Bylaw and a ban on the cosmetic use of pesticides. My voting record demonstrates support for a balanced approach to growth, economic development and for controlling city expenditures. One example is my role in saving tax dollars by restoring the tax-free allowance. The City of London has now started to rebuild its infrastructure to make London one of Canada's truly great cities.

As your Councillor, I have supported and successfully fought for the Central Library, the restoration of Storybook Gardens, improvements in the John Labatt Centre and investments in Ward 7, such as the Byron Fire Hall, the new Westmount Library, the Lambeth Splash Pad and the Oxford Street Bridge extension. These projects demonstrate that Ward 7 residents are now getting real value for their tax dollars. I also helped keep open the Civic Gardens complex.

Having lived in Ward 7 for more than 40 years, I care deeply about our community. I ran in November 2000 to ensure that new development in southwest London would proceed in a manner that respected the community's interest. While President of the Lambeth Community Association, I was instrumental in negotiating an agreement with the City of London to protect residents of the area by getting City Council to commit to installing covers on the holding tanks for the Southside Pollution Control Plant, as well as other safeguards for the area. This arrangement allows the City to develop southwest London and harness the 401 and 402 highways as an engine of economic development while also safeguarding the interests of residents.

I want to ensure that these commitments are honoured, and that London's development proceeds in a manner that protects the environment and respects the interest of residents of Ward 7. There is still much work that needs to be done. With one term's experience under my belt and with the skills and perspective that I bring to the Council from more than 25 years of active community involvement, I will make important contributions to Council during the next three years by continuing to effectively represent the residents of Ward 7.

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