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### **MAYOR MORRISSEY ANNOUNCES 1<sup>ST</sup> WARD REPLACEMENT**

Rockford IL – December 13, 2010 - Rockford Mayor Larry Morrissey announced today his Nomination of Dr. Tim Durkee to fill the First Ward Aldermanic position left vacant by the resignation of Joe Sosnowski, who was elected as a Representative this past November to the State Legislature. There were several individuals seeking the appointment to the vacant First Ward position including six Republicans who have filed to run in the February primary.

“This was a tough decision,” stated Mayor Morrissey. “There were a number of outstanding candidates for this appointment. I picked Dr. Durkee, however, because of his knowledge, background, and experience that will enable him to have an immediate impact helping our City Council. He will do a great job providing representation for the residents of the First Ward.”

Dr. Durkee is an Associate Professor and Department Chair of Obstetrics & Gynecology at the University Of Illinois College Of Medicine in Rockford. He has both an MD and Ph.D from the University of Illinois. He has been a resident of the First Ward since he moved to Rockford in 1997 after completing his residency at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Illinois.

Mayor Morrissey sought advice from several Council members on filling the First Ward vacancy and also consulted with former Alderman Sosnowski on the candidates.

“When meeting with Dr. Durkee, I was struck by his excellent grasp of the significant financial and management challenges facing the City. While there is always a learning curve for any new Council member, Dr. Durkee’s understanding of the City’s needs and opportunities combined with his incredible work ethic and diverse background will help him to contribute quickly to the many issues facing our community. I look forward to the members of our City Council having a chance to meet Dr. Durkee prior to the confirmation vote on his appointment.”

Dr. Durkee has filed to run, along with five other Republican candidates, in the special primary election that will be held in February. The winner of that primary will run in the April General Election to fill the remainder of the term. Dr. Durkee was introduced to the City Council at tonight’s City Council meeting and his appointment will be up for confirmation next Monday, December 20.

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