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In the very near future, we, the voters of District 30, will have some very important decisions to make. The future of our state is in the hands of our legislators. With the state of our economy and the resulting loss of revenue, the decisions made governing the direction our state will take needs to be in the hands of reliable, ethical leaders who will do what is best for our state as opposed to what is best for a particular political party or group. To put it very simply, we need statesmen in leadership positions.

Recently, Mike Karickhoff announced his candidacy for the office of State Representative, District 30. We have known Mike for more than twenty years. He has been very active as a leader in our community in a number of roles. He was the City Director of Parks and Recreation responsible for the design and building of the very popular Kokomo Beach. He was elected to the Kokomo City Council, serving as president. In that role, he was very statesmanlike in his leadership on some very tough issues, always trying to do what was best for the city despite pressure from many influential groups. He still serves on the City Council and is the foremost leader in that body on budgetary matters. He has also been very active in community groups such as the Kokomo Kiwanis Club and his church.

Mike, very simply put, is the “real deal”. He holds very closely to the values we all embrace for ourselves and our families. He is honest, sincere, ethical and listens closely to advice from others, weighing it in relation to the volume of information he has available to him. If he disagrees with your view on something, he will explain why he disagrees. He casts his vote on issues based on what is best for his constituents in light of all the information he has available to him. If he finds later that he is wrong about something, he will admit it and change his position. Mike is the kind of honest, sincere “family man” that will be a great benefit to all of District 30. The greatest compliment we can give to Mike is that we trust him. For all the above reasons, we endorse Mike Karickhoff to be our District 30 representative in the Indiana State Legislature.

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