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Satya Rhodes-Conway Announces her Candidacy for City Council in District 12

Madison, Wis. – After years of working with her neighborhood, with surrounding neighborhoods, and on citywide issues, Satya Rhodes-Conway is launching a campaign for City Council in Madison's District 12.

"I want to work on behalf of the city I love as an alder, and to provide active, accessible, progressive representation to the outstanding neighborhoods on the East and North sides of Madison," says Rhodes-Conway. "My dedication to our neighborhoods, along with my experience and vision, make me the right person for the job."

Satya Rhodes-Conway is kicking off her campaign on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 4:30 – 6:30 at The Sandlot Bar, 301 North Street.

Satya is a proud homeowner in the Eken Park neighborhood, where, much like District 12 itself, Madison's East and North sides come together. Raised to believe that she should give back to her community, Satya has been active in a wide range of organizations and causes, including:

- treasurer of the Eken Park Neighborhood Association
- member of the EINPC "neighborhood responses to crime" action team
- organizer of a public meeting on drinking water quality
- volunteer for the Whole Northside Block Party

"I appreciated all of Satya's helpfulness and expertise in working on the block party" said Lynette Jandl, organizer and Sherman Neighborhood resident.

Satya volunteers with the Northside Farmers Market and the Sierra Club Inner City Outings program. She's also an active member of the Dane County Timebank and Friends of Cherokee Marsh. In addition, Satya's been a volunteer for numerous political campaigns at different levels—from Presidential to City Council. She is a member of the Dane County Democratic Party, Progressive Dane and Democracy for Wisconsin. In the last election cycle, she was a ward leader for the Democratic Coordinated Campaign and active with Fair Wisconsin.

Satya was appointed by Mayor Cieslewicz to the Commission on the Environment's clean air subcommittee and the Long Range Metro Transit Ad hoc Planning Committee. She has advocated for Metro Transit, affordable housing, community services funding and neighborhood police officers in front of the City Council, and has worked with the mayor's office to implement a Metro pass pool for small employers and to propose a local purchasing policy. Satya is a proud member of AFT local 223 and a delegate to the South Central Federation of Labor.



Satya is a Senior Associate at the Center on Wisconsin Strategy, where she staffs the New Cities Project, which brings together mayors from across the country to discuss progressive urban policy.

Satya is running on a three-pronged platform of issues she's found to be particularly important to her neighbors on the North and East side:

- accessible and responsive government
- transportation that works for everyone
- a safe community

"I believe that my neighbors, and our neighborhoods, are a key piece of what makes this city great and they should have a strong voice in the city government process," says Rhodes-Conway. "Our neighbors should have access to a more affordable, more convenient public transit system. Our children should be able to cross the district's streets safely. Some of these are city-wide, or even county-wide issues; some come down to individual blocks. Either way, I will be an advocate for a transportation system that meets our needs."

"Finally, a healthy neighborhood is one in which we can all feel safe in our homes. It is a primary goal of government to guarantee safe, healthy, and livable communities, and there is much that can be done to preserve and grow the things that are critical to our quality of life."

Satya has rallied the support of local leaders and received endorsements from more than a dozen local and state elected officials, including Representative Spencer Black, Dane County Supervisor Barbara Vedder, and Dane County Supervisor Dorothy Wheeler, both of whom represent part of the district.

"I'm impressed by how well Satya listens to the people in our neighborhoods," said Sup. Vedder. "She has a strong vision for the city, and will be an excellent representative."

Satya also enjoys the early support of numerous District 12 neighborhood leaders, including Karen von Huene, who said "Satya was very supportive and helpful when my neighbors and I were facing serious safety issues on our block. She not only helped directly, she also made sure that we connected with other neighborhoods through EINPC, which allowed us to share support, advice and solutions."

"I'm so glad to see Satya taking such an active role in District 12," said Brian Spindel of Dayton St. "She has my vote!"

District 12 is currently represented by Alder Brian Benford, who is not running for re-election.

For more information, visit www.satyaforcitycouncil.com.