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KALAMAZOO CITY COMMISSIONER DAVID ANDERSON ANNOUNCES  
CANDIDACY FOR SECOND TERM

KALAMAZOO, MI, September 11, 2007 – Kalamazoo City Commissioner David Anderson will seek re-election for a second two-year term in November 2007. “I believe that Kalamazoo is a place of tremendous potential,” says Anderson. “But to build on our resources and strengths, the city needs leaders who can address immediate challenges and at the same time keep a big-picture focus on the kind of community we all want to live in – one that is safe, fair, prosperous, and vibrant. I hold to that vision and will continue to work to make it a reality.”

Anderson, 56, was a longtime city resident and community volunteer when first elected to the Kalamazoo City Commission in 2005. A building contractor for many years, he is currently Director of Housing and Facilities for Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, a local public agency. Anderson also serves as President of the LIFT Foundation, the largest non-profit owner of subsidized rental housing in the county, and as Chairperson and a founding member of the Kalamazoo County Public Housing Commission.

During his first term with the Kalamazoo City Commission, Anderson spearheaded the collaborative effort that created a Local Housing Assistance Fund and brought an initial \$500,000 of additional resources into the city. He also worked with downtown retailers on the language for a panhandling ordinance. Recently, as Chairman of the Commission’s Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Subcommittee, Anderson worked with fellow Commissioners and outside legal counsel to examine past practices under investigation and recommend new city protocols. “I viewed our task as a double

obligation,” says Anderson, “to undertake a thorough review of previous issues and identify future processes that will ensure consistency and transparency for all city stakeholders.”

Anderson says his vision for Kalamazoo is the result of community experience and a deep conviction that collaboration can only strengthen municipalities. “Kalamazoo can be a place where the rich diversity and energy of its people enhances quality of life and attracts investment to the region,” he explains. “The City of Kalamazoo needs to operate as a platform for opportunity – to spark and support collaborations that strengthen our schools, safety, infrastructure, and fiscal stability.”

Anderson’s service on the Kalamazoo City Commission is rooted in decades of community service. In the past, Anderson has held leadership positions with the West Douglas (Fairmont) Neighborhood Association neighborhood, Kalamazoo Neighborhood Housing Services, the City of Kalamazoo Housing Board of Appeals, and both the Hillside Middle School and Kalamazoo Central Parent-Teacher-Student Organizations. Born and raised in the area and a city resident for more than 26 years, Anderson graduated from Kalamazoo Central and received a Bachelors degree in Accountancy from Western Michigan University. He is married to Cori Terry of Cori Terry, Wellspring and Dancers, and together they are the parents of four grown daughters, all Kalamazoo Central graduates.

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