

Piedmont-Smith to File for Candidacy

Isabel Piedmont-Smith has announced that she is seeking re-election to the Bloomington City Council, to represent District 5. Her campaign theme is “Building a sustainable community for all,” which is a continuation of the vision she has worked to implement since 2007. She is dedicated to using public funds responsibly, implementing environmentally sound practices, and empowering all people to be productive members of our community.

“Sustainability encompasses more than environmental protection,” says Piedmont-Smith, “Now more than ever we need to make sure all three pillars of sustainability— economy, environment, and social equity— are strong in our community. When our state and national governments fail to lead, we must act locally.”

Piedmont-Smith has been active in city government for many years, serving on the city council 2008-2012 and again since January 1, 2016. During that time she co-authored the city’s green building ordinance, served repeatedly on both the Jack Hopkins Social Services Funding Committee and the Plan Commission, contributed many revisions to the Comprehensive Master Plan adopted in 2018, and co-authored an ordinance increasing the City Council’s oversight of big-ticket spending by the executive branch.

Since the beginning of her first term, Piedmont-Smith has held monthly constituent meetings to discuss current city issues. “The only way we are going to tackle the big issues related to sustainability, including poverty, addiction, and transportation, is through grassroots democracy,” says Piedmont-Smith. “I want to continue to make government processes easier to follow, to listen to a diversity of voices, and to seek resident expertise before making big decisions.”

Piedmont-Smith’s constituent meetings take place the last Saturday of the month at City Hall. The first meeting of 2019 will be Saturday, January 26, 11:00-12:00 in the Kelly Room (155). Throughout the primary campaign she will also talk with constituents at house parties, events, and door-to-door. “I look forward to visiting again all the neighborhoods of District 5, from Maple Court to the Stands” says the candidate, “and hearing the concerns and ideas of residents.”

Find out more about Piedmont-Smith and her campaign at www.piedmontsmith.us or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/piedmontsmith/>.