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Neighborhood Defense Fund Endorses Tucker In Vice Mayor's Race

The Nashville Neighborhood Defense Fund has endorsed Metro Councilwoman At Large Carolyn Baldwin Tucker for Vice Mayor.

“Our endorsement in this race is as much a statement about Diane Neighbors as it is about Carolyn Baldwin Tucker,” said Lane Easterly, Treasurer of the NNDF.

“Diane Neighbors ran in 2003 as a pro-neighborhood candidate. We’ve been friends for years and I supported her. But on numerous occasions she has voted with business interests or developers on issues opposed by the neighborhoods impacted,” said Easterly.

“Diane’s campaign in 2003 led us all to believe that she would be an advocate for neighborhoods, but her actions on the Metro Council have proven otherwise,” said Kim Wall of the Dodson Chapel/Central Pike neighborhood in Hermitage. “On the other hand, Dr. Tucker has taken a leadership role in giving neighborhoods a voice on issues that are important to us.”

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“When neighborhoods in our community objected to incompatible development, Council Lady Tucker consistently voted to support neighborhoods over developers. Diane Neighbors’ voting record clearly demonstrates a continued support of developers, not neighborhoods,” said Susan Floyd of Hermitage. “That’s why I am supporting Carolyn Baldwin Tucker for Vice-Mayor, she leads with integrity, values democracy, and has a strong record of supporting the people.”

Earlier this year Councilwoman Neighbors found herself in a dispute with the Nashville Neighborhood Alliance and several neighborhood associations over an ordinance she was sponsoring which would have reduced the zoning requirements necessary to locate car washes in commercial areas. Alliance leaders claimed she had committed to withdraw the ordinance but later tried to move its passage.

Some preservationists have also been dismayed with her support of the demolition of historic structures on Lower Broadway for the construction of a 19-story Westin Hotel and condominium project while sitting on the Board of Historic Nashville.

“Our endorsement is strictly based upon neighborhood issues and how the candidates voted on those issues impacting neighborhoods,” said Easterly. “We had a lengthy discussion on each candidate in this race. In the end our membership felt Councilwoman Tucker had supported neighborhoods more consistently than Councilwoman Neighbors.”

The Nashville Neighborhood Defense Fund is a group of neighborhood activists whose goal is to support candidates for office who are committed to protecting and preserving Nashville’s neighborhoods.

The NNDF is not affiliated with the Nashville Neighborhood Alliance or any neighborhood association. Our members are active in their neighborhood associations and related organizations. Many serve in leadership roles.

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Neighborhoods represented in the NNDF include:

Belle Meade Links

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Belmont-Hillsboro

Cliffdale

Cherokee Park

Curreywood

Dodson Chapel/Central Pike

Donelson Hills

Edgefield

Edgehill

Germantown

Glencliff

Jefferson St./D.B.Todd

Hermitage Hills

Hermitage Meadows

Hillsboro-West End

Kenner Manor

Lake Park

Richland-West End

Stanford Estates

Sylvan Park

White Bridge Road

Woodland-in-Waverly

Woodlawn West

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