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TOM POTTER WELCOMES ERIK STEN ENDORSEMENT

Portland mayoral candidate Tom Potter welcomes the endorsement of City Commissioner Erik Sten at a press conference held at 9:00 A.M. this morning, at the Fourth Avenue entrance of Portland City Hall.

With his endorsement of Tom Potter in this year's Portland mayoral race, Commissioner Erik Sten joins a long list of current and former civic leaders who believe that Tom is the only candidate able to lead Portland out of its current social and economic recession and into a vibrant future. Sten, first elected to the Portland City Council in 1996, is a long-time admirer and supporter of Potter. To date, no other member of the Portland City Council has demonstrated such enthusiastic support for a candidate in this year's mayor's race. When asked why he chose to endorse Potter, Sten stated that, "This mayor's race isn't about voting for the lesser of two evils. In this election we actually have an opportunity to vote for a really strong leader, someone who can--as he has before--take our city to a new level of excellence. My decision to make an endorsement in the mayor's race was easy, because that person is Tom Potter."

Potter, for his part, responded to the endorsement by saying, "Erik is one of the most compassionate and capable leaders that our community has ever produced. I am grateful for his support and very proud to know that, like thousands of his fellow citizens, he has chosen to stand with me. As the next mayor of our great city, it will be my sole purpose to ensure that the people of Portland are in control of their city government and that their city government works for the people."

Some local political luminaries who have endorsed Tom in his campaign include former Mayor Bud Clark; Multnomah County Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey; former City Commissioners Gretchen Kafoury, Lloyd Anderson and Margaret Strachan; former Multnomah County Chair Beverly Stein; former City Auditor Barbara Clark; former Metro Chair Mike Burton; and former legislators Jane and Ron Cease.

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Tom Potter is a leading candidate in the 2004 Portland mayoral election.

As Portland's Chief of Police from 1990 to 1993, Tom led the public in the creation of community policing and earned a reputation for being one of the most respected and effective public servants in the history of Portland. Now, Tom wants to bring his unique skills, experience and understanding of community to City Hall to once again partner with Portlanders in the creation of a new vision for the City of Roses.

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