

## **David Olsen Selected to Represent 81<sup>st</sup> House District**

DOWNERS GROVE, Ill. -- Today, David Olsen of Downers Grove was selected by DuPage County Chairman Brian Krajewski and Will County Chairman Kathy Havel to be the next State Representative in the 81<sup>st</sup> house district, as well as to fill the corresponding vacancy on the November ballot. Olsen will be sworn in Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and will resign his current position on the Downers Grove Village Council effective Wednesday. In the interest of institutional stability during a time of rebuilding, Olsen will complete his term as Vice Chairman of the College of DuPage Board of Trustees.

“I’m excited to get to work representing the people of the 81<sup>st</sup> district,” said David Olsen. “For too long, politicians in Springfield have ignored the needs of Illinoisans, doubling down on a tax-and-spend agenda that has clearly failed our state. I intend to bring a fresh perspective and new ideas to the entrenched interests in Springfield, and I will fight to give taxpayers a voice.”

### *Background on David:*

David Olsen is a longtime resident of Downers Grove with a passion for serving his community. He will bring a fresh perspective and new ideas to the career politicians in Springfield.

David grew up in the 81<sup>st</sup> district and attended local public schools, so he knows firsthand the challenges our schools face and how with the right policies they can thrive. He attended Hillcrest Elementary School, O’Neill Middle School and Downers Grove South High School. Upon graduation, he headed to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to study finance and management, where he became Student Body President, an honors student, and a Rhodes Scholarship finalist.

While many Illinois college graduates choose to move out of the state for better opportunities, David decided to stay and fight to make his community a better place. After graduation David returned to his hometown and in 2013 was elected to serve as a Commissioner on the Downers Grove Village Council, receiving the most votes of any candidate in a competitive election. As a member of the Village Council, David has been a tireless advocate for residents and taxpayers, most notably in opposing a plan to construct a new \$52 million Village Hall. David did

so by leading support for a referendum on the issue, letting the people vote to overwhelmingly reject the reckless spending plan. Recognizing his resident-focused leadership, David was selected to be Mayor Pro Tem.

David was also recently called to serve on the College of DuPage Board of Trustees as Vice Chairman during a tumultuous time for the institution. His leadership has allowed critical reform efforts to proceed, kept taxes and tuition flat, and refocused the College on its core mission of providing accessible education.

David believes that politicians in Springfield are not listening to those that elected them. They refuse to reform our state, pass a balanced budget, and stop their job-killing policies. David is fighting to give taxpayers a voice.

Apart from his elected positions, David also serves on the Board of Directors for the District 58 Education Foundation and is an active member of Chamber630 which primarily serves businesses in Downers Grove and Woodridge. David belongs to Friendship United Methodist Church of Bolingbrook where he has served as co-leader of the eighth grade confirmation class and a member of the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir. He also serves as committee chairman for affiliated Boy Scout Troop 35.

David is an Ethics & Compliance officer for a major energy trading company. In his free time, he enjoys jogging at local parks, reading anything he can get his hands on, and fixing up his recently-purchased 1928 Downers Grove home.

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