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Fifth Ward Alderman Appointment

August 14, 2006

[Mayor](#) Mark Schwiebert recently announced his decision to nominate Margie Mejia-Caraballo to serve as [Fifth Ward](#) Alderman to replace Evie White, for the period ending with the next City election and swearing in of new City Council in May of 2007.

Ms. Mejia-Caraballo is a life long resident of the City of Rock Island and of the Fifth Ward. She has been actively involved in community and civic activities, including neighborhood activities in the [Broadway District](#), working as a volunteer with the Red Cross, and serving on the Rock Island School Board from 2001-2004. Active in the Quad Cities Hispanic community, she is bi-lingual and also brings additional diversity to the Rock Island [City Council](#).

In making this nomination to the City Council, Mayor Schwiebert remarked “I believe that Margie will bring an important and fresh perspective to the City Council. Her range of experiences both through her community work, her civic involvements, and her professional background as a social worker and currently case worker with the Social Security Administration, should bring valuable added perspective to the City Council. I believe she will be a team player who will reflect the diverse perspectives of the Fifth Ward well and will continue the outstanding tradition of service as Fifth Ward Alderwoman established by Evie White.”

Mayor Schwiebert concluded, “I was pleased with the outstanding quality of the field of candidates who applied for this position. I also appreciated Aldermen Dave Conroy and Dan Rockwell in assisting with interviews of all the candidates and providing valuable input to this nomination.”

Mayor Schwiebert indicated that Ms. Mejia-Caraballo will be invited to attend the meeting on August 14th and is expected to be sworn in at the beginning of the Council meeting on August 28th. This will give her the opportunity to become familiarized with Council issues and procedures prior to the [Goal Setting](#) Session of the City Council scheduled for October 12 and 13, 2006.