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RI Representative Ray Hull Decides Not to Run for Mayor of Providence

Providence, RI – Choosing to focus on his legislative obligations at the State House, Ray Hull, Rhode Island State Representative from District 6, has announced that he will not throw his many hats into the ring for Mayor of Providence in the upcoming Democratic primary on September 9th.

Hull, a state lawmaker and 28-year veteran of the Providence police department, feels strongly that, more than ever, his duties representing the people of his district require his full attention. “In light of the recent upheaval at the State House, I simply could not walk away now,” he explains. “We need to get the legislature back on track, to restore the public’s confidence.”

In mid-March, Hull announced that he was considering becoming a mayoral candidate, and his constituents reacted with overwhelming support. He has spent many hours in conversation with the voters he represents, from the Mount Pleasant, Fruit Hill and Manton neighborhoods. “My district is very diverse, but I have been so encouraged by their feedback,” says Ray. “And now that I’ve decided to continue serving them, their support has reenergized me.”

Since his election to the General Assembly in 2010, Hull has been working on the Woonasquatucket Avenue reconstruction project, which will result in a much-needed new road and sidewalks. “We’re almost ready to put this project out to bid,” he says, “and I couldn’t be more pleased.” In addition, Hull is sponsoring a bill that would change parole guidelines for both first and second degree convicted murderers. Also on his agenda is an act that would prevent lessees in Rhode Island from being double-taxed.

Representative Hull is keenly aware that the mayoral race is still fluid, and that his endorsement at this point would be premature. “Maybe it’s the result of my three decades of service as a patrolman and a sergeant, but I prefer to be patient before I act,” says Hull. “I’m going to listen carefully to what each candidate has to say, and when I feel confident in my choice, I will announce my endorsement. It’s not something I take lightly.”

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