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Dean DePiero Announces Mayoral Re-Election Bid

(Parma) – Parma Mayor Dean DePiero, the 13th and youngest chief executive of Ohio's seventh largest city, announced today that he will seek re-election for a second term in office.

DePiero, before being elected in 2003, was a former Parma councilman and a five year member of the Ohio General Assembly where he served as House Democratic Leader. He began his four year mayoral term focused on across-the-board reform and cost-cutting initiatives.

As Mayor, DePiero worked on improving services offered by all City departments. He oversaw the Pleasant Valley Road widening project, a venture twenty years in the making, as well as several other infrastructure projects. DePiero is also encouraging economic growth and has helped attract new housing construction. Of equal importance, he implemented many new policies to improve police accountability.

"I want to continue to be Parma's mayor," DePiero said. "While we can be proud of the accomplishments to date, much work needs to be done if the vision for a greater Parma is to become a reality."

A key component to DePiero's vision is an intense focus on improving the local economy through growth of our medical facilities. The City of Parma is proud to be home to Parma Community General Hospital, one of the areas's remaining independent, not-for-profit hospitals, as well as Kaiser Permanente. Next year, the Veterans Administration is expected to break ground for a state-of-the-art outpatient facility.

Parma's Cuyahoga Community College-Western Campus is an important piece of the city's future economic growth. The school, which already boasts one of the region's top nursing programs, will open a brand new Health Technology Center in the near future.

Economic growth also hinges on attracting new business while keeping existing companies in the city. "If Parma wishes to be a viable municipality, economic and community development must continue to be fostered," DePiero said. He cited the continued development of the City's industrial park as another success of his administration.

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DePiero was recently elected 2nd Vice President of the Ohio Municipal League, and he is in line to become president of the Columbus-based organization in 2009. He was also a member of the transition team for Governor Ted Strickland.

Locally, DePiero serves on the executive committee of the Cuyahoga County Mayors and Managers Association and is a board member of the Northeast Ohio Area Coordinating Agency (NOACA).

As evident by his involvement in these organizations, DePiero is a strong advocate of regionalism. He is participating in talks with several southwestern suburban mayors to explore a regional fire district to serve multiple municipalities.

“I am as committed to the future of Parma today as I was when I first took the oath of office in 2004,” DePiero said. “With the support of the residents of Parma, I would like to continue to move Parma forward.”

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