

Seideman Endorses Ken Parker for Mayor

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NEWTON, June 3, 2009 – Newton mayoral candidate Ken Parker (www.parker2009.org) has received the endorsement of local activist and Alderman-At-Large candidate Jeff Seideman.

Seideman gave serious consideration to running for mayor himself, ultimately deciding to seek an Alderman-At-Large seat from Ward 7. Because of his long standing commitment to reforming Newton's government and his participation in the early stages of the mayoral campaign, he has a unique perspective on the candidates and their qualifications for office.

"Newton is truly blessed with four well qualified mayoral candidates. I know them and their positions and like and respect all of them. But the one who stands out with the temperament to lead, a deep understanding of the issues facing Newton and well thought out, realistic plans for our future is Alderman-At-Large Ken Parker. I wholeheartedly support his candidacy for Mayor and will work for his election," said Seideman.

"Jeff and I have worked together on a number of initiatives throughout the years. He is a strong, independent thinker for whom I have a great deal of respect. While we have not agreed on every issue, he and I share many of the same concerns and hopes for Newton, so I value his support as a friend and a strong advocate for good government and badly-needed reform in Newton," said Parker.

Seideman is co-chair of Newton For Fiscal Responsibility, that led the successful campaign to defeat the override; is on the board of NewTV; is a member of the Ward 7 Democratic Committee; and was a founding member of the Newton Firefighters lawn sign campaign. Go to www.jeffseideman.org for his complete platform and background.

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