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**Nationally-recognized environmentalist endorses Ken Parker for Mayor of Newton**

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*Newton, MA*--Nationally-recognized environmentalist and Newton resident David Del Porto announced his endorsement of Ken Parker for Mayor of Newton today, citing Parker's unique ability to identify and implement innovative sustainability strategies here in his home community.

"There are so many things City Government can do locally to improve water efficiency and pollution prevention," said Del Porto who serves Chair of the Sustainable Newton Committee, Co-Chair of Newton's Renewable Resources Committee, and Vice Chair of the Newton Solid Waste Commission. "Newton can and should be leading the way, and Ken Parker is the right person to take us where we need to go. I enthusiastically support his candidacy for mayor and encourage all those who wish to see our city adapt and lead in the face of 21st century environmental challenges to cast a vote for Ken Parker."

"I am humbled to have David Del Porto's support," said Alderman Ken Parker. "Newton is incredibly fortunate to count him as a both a resident and dedicated community servant. I have followed and admired David's work for many years and, if elected, plan to incorporate his ideas into the fabric of the City's government."

Since 1972, David Del Porto has been a practitioner and advocate of building integrated water efficiency and pollution prevention using the ecological paradigm as a template. His solar-heated home in Newton, Massachusetts incorporates these principles as it provides space heat, food production, air purification and wastewater treatment all within an attached two-story greenhouse of his design.

Del Porto has advised on projects for Ford Motor Company, Greenpeace International, the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of the Interior, the Republics of Fiji and Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, public agencies, institutions, municipalities, private companies and individual property owners. In 2002, Del Porto founded the Ecological Engineering Group which incorporates planning, engineering, architecture, construction management and operation services under one corporate roof.

Del Porto serves on the NSF International Joint Committee on Wastewater Technology Committee and the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority's Citizen Advisory Committee. He has been published in numerous conferences and hearing proceedings, books, professional

journals, environmental encyclopedias and government publications, and has written a definitive reference book on ecological sanitation and gray water use. Del Porto is a guest lecturer at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design and the School of Engineering and Applied Science, the University of Minnesota, Milwaukee School of Engineering and other institutions of higher learning.