

Thank you for this thoughtful letter to the editor from City Council member Susan Sandberg:

To the editor:

Chris Gaal has my vote for judge of Circuit Court 2. I have known Chris since his service on the Bloomington City Council and have followed his career as Monroe County prosecutor with admiration.

With more than 20 years of practicing law, he is well-qualified for the bench. As council member at-large, Chris was thorough in researching policy and writing legislation. When it came to hard decisions, Chris did his homework, was thoughtful in his responses and strived for civil debate when the votes were contentious. His analytical mind and ability to remain cool under pressure are characteristics that will serve him well as judge.

I observe the same thoughtful service in his role as prosecutor. Anchored by progressive and compassionate values, Chris collaborates with other community leaders to improve public health and safety. Focusing on prevention, education, rehabilitation and problem-solving, he builds productive working relationships with community partners.

As a woman in leadership, I respect his strong support for Middle Way House, a vital resource for domestic violence survivors. Fair decision-making is the key to success in his distinguished careers in public service. As judge, Chris Gaal will manage his cases with respect and equal treatment under the law.

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