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Bob Stephens Named New Springfield Mayor

Bob Stephens was sworn in May 8, 2012 as Springfield's Mayor, following the resignation of former Mayor Jim O'Neal. Stephens was elected as an at-large City Council member in April 2009 and selected by his fellow council members as Mayor Pro Tem in 2011. He currently serves as a Member of the Council Plans and Policies Committee and the Community Involvement Committee.

Stephens announced in January he would run for Mayor next year, receiving an endorsement from O'Neal, who had previously announced he would not run for a third term. Stephens also received endorsements from the local police and fire associations and the Springfield Good Government Committee, a political action committee started in 2008 by the local Home Builders Association and Chamber of Commerce.

"Bob Stephens has already shown himself as a leader" says former Mayor Jim O'Neal. "He has the experience, the temperament and the time. I wish him the best and know he will continue to do a great job for the people of Springfield."

He says one of his top priorities has been to keep the city fiscally solvent during the economic downturn.

"We've been able to pay down our debt. We've been able to put some additional money into some reserve funds. We have restored full employment to police and fire protection for citizens and public safety. " He also plans to focus on job creation.

As a life-long resident of Springfield, Stephens' professional career includes more than thirty-five years in human resources management for Litton Industries and 3M Company. In 1998, he founded his own business, CascadeM3, as a human resource consulting organization—providing resources for smaller businesses. He has presented numerous training courses and workshops through Ozarks Technical Community College and served as an Adjunct Instructor for Drury University from 2002-2010.

Stephens is committed to giving back to the community. Being a part of City Council brings its own rewards, he explains. Stephens' civic involvement includes service on the Springfield Art Museum Board and the Springfield Personnel Board. In addition, he serves as a member of Sus Derechos, a committee of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association dealing with Hispanic issues and education, and was nominated by the Missouri House of Representatives for the Missouri Hispanic Business, Trade, and Culture Commission. He has served on the boards for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Ozarks, Campfire Boys and Girls, and the Springfield Family Y. He chaired the Missouri Employers' Committee, a public-private partnership of small employers

and the Division of Workforce Development, and has been a member of the Wal-Mart Scholarship Selection Committee for high school seniors.

Stephens received his Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Southwest Missouri State University, his Master of Arts in Communications from Drury University, and a Specialist's Degree in Technical and Professional Communications from California State University.

For more information on Mayor Bob Stephens, visit
<http://cityview.springfieldmo.gov/guide/bob-stephens>

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