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Tricia Gavin Names Campaign Leadership for Iowa Senate District 22 Race

WEST DES MOINES -- Tricia Gavin, a candidate for Iowa Senate District 22, has named her campaign manager and deputy campaign manager.

Gavin, a Democrat from West Des Moines, has filed to run for the District 22 seat, which includes parts of Windsor Heights, Clive, Waukee and West Des Moines. The seat is currently held by Republican Charles Schneider.



Gavin named Victor Dutchuk of West Des Moines as her campaign manager. Ben Mowat, a Drake University political science student, was named her deputy campaign manager.

Dutchuk, who stepped down this month as chair of the West Des Moines Democrats, has served in the Iowa Army National Guard and worked in the financial services industry for more than 25 years, dealing primarily with commercial and agricultural customers.

In the Army National Guard, he was awarded the Army Achievement Medal and was a distinguished graduate of the Army's Automated Logistics Training Program.

As vice-chair and later chair of the West Des Moines Democrats, he helped the

organization grow in size and become financially strong as it turned all three of its statehouse districts blue. In addition, during the three years he served as a leader of the organization, the group helped elect Cindy Axne to the U.S. House, helped elect the first African American woman and second woman to the West Des Moines City Council and helped elect the first African American to the West Des Moines School Board. Also under his leadership, the organization established a social media presence and held its most successful summer picnic ever.

Dutchuk, a native of North Dakota, has lived in Iowa for 27 years. He's a graduate of Southeast Polk High School and graduated with highest honors in accounting and financial management from AIB in Des Moines.

Said Dutchuk: "I am supporting Tricia because I feel that she has the background, skills and experience not only to defeat Charles Schneider but also to make significant contributions to Senate District 22 and the State of Iowa. I am excited to be part of this incredible team and look forward to helping provide true representation for SD22."



Deputy campaign manager Ben Mowat, who grew up in Colorado and the Netherlands, is an honors graduate from the American School of The Hague. He has worked on Democratic campaigns abroad and most recently with the Steve Bullock and Pete Buttigieg campaigns for president.

Mowat said he is committed to Gavin's campaign because he believes the district needs new leadership, "and Tricia is the one to do it, bringing passion, energy and experience to improving communities."

Gavin said her campaign managers are bringing enthusiasm, experience and a track record of effective leadership to her race. "They know the district, and together, we are working hard to reach out to citizens in every one of our cities," she said. "I am honored to have Victor's and Ben's support. If you'd like to join us, please visit triciagavinforsenate.com and click on the "Contact" tab."

About:

Tricia Gavin of West Des Moines, a graduate of the Emerge Iowa Training program for up-and-coming political candidates, has been door knocking since July in her quest for the District 22 Iowa Senate seat. Gavin, who grew up in Cedar Rapids, is a product marketing manager supporting credit unions. She previously worked as a marketing division manager for Allstate Insurance, in business transformation at the U.S. Department of Defense, and in acquisition programs for the U.S. Coast Guard. Tricia has been endorsed by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Lonnie Dafney, a member of the West Des Moines School Board and Armel Traore dit Nignan, a recent candidate for Waukee School Board. She holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. For more information, visit www.triciagavinforsenate.com.

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