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SUBJECT: Lancaster County Commissioner MOLLY HENDERSON Announces She Will Seek the Lancaster County Democratic Committee Endorsement for a Second Term

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Molly Henderson, elected to her first term as County Commissioner in November 2003, announced today that she would seek the endorsement of the Lancaster County Democratic Committee for a second term. Yesterday evening, the last of the ten regional meetings of Democratic Committee members concluded at the Maple Grove Community center. **“I have been pleased and humbled by the warm reception and support I have received from Democrats throughout the City, Boroughs, and Townships in the regional meetings, and I am asking for the Committee endorsement for the Democratic nomination for County Commissioner.”**

Two prominent Democrats, Lois Herr of Elizabethtown and Jason Leisey of Hempfield, serve as co-chairs of the Henderson campaign. Herr and Leisey invited a broad spectrum of Democrats to Henderson’s announcement brunch, held at her home. Cobbie Burns, of Lancaster City, is the Campaign Treasurer.

Speaking to 80 Democrats of all ages packed into the home, Henderson said, **“Mark Twain said, ‘Do the right thing, this will gratify some people and astonish the rest.’ For the last three years I have stood up for the people of Lancaster without fear or favoritism. Based on my experience I would turn that quote on its head. Doing the right thing astonishes – I might say really annoys – some people and gives the rest hope. I ask Lancaster County’s citizens to return me for a second term and pledge that I will continue to stand for their interests.”**

Lois Herr of Elizabethtown, former Chair of the Lancaster County Planning Commission, and one of the Democrats’ strongest candidates ever for the United States House of Representatives seat in the 16th District, said: **“I have known Molly for many years, and admire her great strength and integrity. Molly is committed to good land planning and protection of the Lancaster County environment, and we need her in the Commissioners’ office to counteract efforts to cut farmland preservation and build the wrong roads instead of improving the right roads.”**

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Jason Leisey, a veteran of the Iraq War, who ran a well-regarded campaign for State Senate in the 36th District in 2006, said: **“I am a relative newcomer to politics, and Molly went out of her way to help and talk to me about the issues. I am impressed with her understanding of the entire County and her understanding of how best to devote the people’s resources to best serve the people, not Republican special interests.”**

Helen Moyer, doyenne of Lancaster Democrats and Molly Henderson’s political mentor, attended the announcement brunch and will serve as Honorary Chair. **“Molly has the best interests of Lancaster at heart and always thoughtfully makes her decisions based on what she thinks is right.”**

Asked what she saw in the future for Lancaster County, Henderson responded:

“There are seven broad areas where I hope to continue to make progress:

- **farmland preservation and control of suburban sprawl**
- **new urban revitalization projects**
- **minority and women’s business enterprise promotion**
- **public safety, prison, forensic center, health department, and puppy mills**
- **transportation**
- **parks, recreation & library**
- **economic development and new downtown County offices**

The prison and forensic center are likely to be two of the most pressing issues in the next four years. Control of suburban sprawl and urban revitalization, though, will probably have the most important long term effects on our County, and deserve great attention.”