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### **Mayor Moritz Announces Nominee to Fill Vacant City Council Seat Pending Council Confirmation**

Arnold, August 4, 2025 — Following the recent resignation of Councilmember Bess, Mayor Bill Moritz has announced the nomination of Peggy Allen to temporarily fill the vacant Ward 3 council seat. This nomination is subject to confirmation by the City Council, in accordance with state statute (RSMo 77.450).

The statute requires the mayor to appoint an individual to serve in the vacant position until the next regular municipal April election is held to fill the remainder of the term. The mayor's selection of Allen followed a careful review process that considered community input, relevant qualifications, and a commitment to public service.

“As a lifelong resident, longtime Arnold Rec Center employee, and community volunteer, I believe Peggy Allen brings valuable experience and a deep understanding of the issues facing our community,” said Mayor Moritz. “I am confident Peggy will serve with integrity and represent the residents of Ward 3 effectively, if confirmed by the council.”

The nomination will be considered by the City Council at its upcoming meeting on August 7th. If confirmed, Peggy Allen will serve until the regular election is held in April, allowing the voters to choose a representative for the remainder of the term.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend or view the council meeting to learn more about the process and the nominee.