

Rep. DeGeeter announces bid for Parma mayor

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PARMA – State Rep. Timothy J. DeGeeter (D-Parma) has announced his bid for Parma mayor.

“I’m running for mayor because I believe in Parma and its future and also because I have the record, experience, and ideas to move our city forward,” DeGeeter said today.

Rep. DeGeeter has spent the past seven years in the Ohio House, after serving five years as Parma’s Ward Four councilman. He decided to pursue the mayor’s office after the current mayor, Dean DePiero, announced he would not seek a third term.

“It’s important to focus on creating and saving jobs, keeping our neighborhoods safe, and providing quality city services in tough economic times,” Rep. DeGeeter said. “As this campaign unfolds, I also hope to hear residents’ ideas for improving our city because it’s only together that we can move Parma forward.”

At the Statehouse, Rep. DeGeeter has been a champion for consumer rights. He wrote Ohio’s Credit Freeze Law allowing consumers to place a hold on their credit report as way to protect themselves against identity theft.

A former assistant municipal prosecutor, Rep. DeGeeter also fought for tougher drug laws, pushing for restrictions on the sale and manufacture of methamphetamine. He introduced legislation to expand Ohio’s Safe Haven law, a measure that allows parents to safely surrender unwanted infants under a no-questions-asked policy if the child is unharmed.

His involvement in broadening that law reflects a true personal commitment. Born in 1969, his parents adopted him at birth. He grew up in Mishawaka, Ind., near South Bend.

Rep. DeGeeter later moved to Northeast Ohio to attend John Carroll University, where he received his bachelor’s degree in 1991. He earned his law degree in 1997 from the Cleveland Marshall College of Law.

Rep. DeGeeter lives on Tuxedo Avenue with his wife, Pam, and their two-year-old son, Jack.

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