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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Josh Mandelbaum Announces Campaign for Mayor of Des Moines**

DES MOINES -- Today Councilmember Josh Mandelbaum officially declared his candidacy for Mayor of Des Moines in the November 7, 2023 election.

“This campaign will be about the future of our city. We can’t solve tomorrow’s challenges with yesterday’s ideas.” Mandelbaum said. **“We need to set a bold vision for the future, pursue innovative solutions, and lead. We need a new generation of leadership focused on what Des Moines will become in the coming decades.”**

“In my time on Council, I have focused on solving problems that will make a significant difference in people’s lives,” Mandelbaum said. “I’ve led on big issues such as implementing bold local solutions to climate change. I’ve stood up to special interests to improve access to affordable housing, and I’ve looked for creative solutions to longstanding problems.”

“As an environmental attorney, Josh uses his skills to make our community better, and he hasn’t been afraid to take on special interests to do so,” said campaign chair and Former Lt. Governor Sally Pederson. “As a Councilmember, Josh has taken a deliberative and balanced approach to solving tough problems, and he has been willing to push forward once he has identified solutions. That’s the type of leadership we need from our next Mayor.”

In the coming months, Josh will lay out his vision for the future of Des Moines and how to grow our city, improve public safety, increase accessibility, invest in neighborhoods, and create a sustainable and resilient community. Josh will take his vision directly to residents and have conversations about how we can build a better Des Moines for all.

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Josh Mandelbaum was born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa. He is a product of Des Moines Public

Schools and a graduate of Roosevelt High School. Josh previously worked as a senior policy advisor in the administration of Governor Tom Vilsack and Lt. Governor Sally Pederson. He currently works as an environmental attorney at a non-profit focusing on clean energy, climate, and clean water issues. Josh is serving his second term on the Des Moines City Council and is the Vice Chair of DART Commission and the Chair of the Homeless Coordinating Council. He also serves on Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee, Greater Des Moines Partnership Board, Art Center board, Walnut Creek Watershed Management Authority, and the Avenues board. He attends Temple B'nai Jeshurun on Grand Avenue and serves on the Greater Des Moines Jewish Federation board. He is married to Katherine, and they have two children (son Liam, daughter Ayla), and a black lab Truman.