

**ST. LOUIS YOUNG DEMOCRATS ENDORSE
HEATHER NAVARRO FOR 28th WARD ALDERMAN**

ST. LOUIS, June 21, 2017 – The St. Louis Young Democrats endorse **Heather Navarro** for 28th Ward Alderman. The Young Democrats Executive Committee is excited by Ms. Navarro’s track record in social justice and environmental protection, and confident that with her leadership and advocacy skills she will make a valuable addition to the Board of Aldermen.

St. Louis Young Democrats members and 28th Ward residents met last night for a candidate forum in which two of the three candidates seeking endorsement spoke about their vision for the Ward and St. Louis City: Heather Navarro and Celeste Vossmeier. Steve Roberts was unable to attend due to travel. To be eligible for endorsement, candidates running for Board of Aldermen were required to complete a questionnaire and receive over 50% of the general membership vote.

For this particular race, the St. Louis Young Democrats invited the Democratic candidate, Heather Navarro, and Independent candidates, Steve Roberts and Celeste Vossmeier, to seek the organization’s endorsement. Since the 28th Ward Alderman race is a Special Election, there is no primary election in which voters select the Democratic candidate. Rather, the Democratic Central Committee selects the Democratic candidate. In order to maximize transparency and education for our members, all candidates who self-identified as Democrats were able to seek endorsement.

Following the Forum, eighteen St. Louis Young Democrats members voted in the aldermanic endorsement process. The results are below:

Heather Navarro, Democrat: 83.3%
Celeste Vossmeier, Independent: 16.7%
Steve Roberts, Independent: 0%
Do Not Endorse: 0%

St. Louis Young Democrats Endorsement

An endorsement from the St. Louis Young Democrats indicates that a candidate's record, performance in office, or promise of future relations meets the standards set forth by the organization’s members. The St. Louis Young Democrats will participate in a canvassing event for aldermanic candidate, Heather Navarro, and will utilize social media to encourage their members and followers to cast their votes for the endorsed candidate.

About St. Louis Young Democrats

The St. Louis Young Democrats’ mission is to elect more Democrats to local, state, and nationwide offices, and promote the concerns of young people in the political arena. This year, the 233 St. Louis Young Democrats members will focus on three core issue areas: racial equity, voter access/suppression, and St. Louis City/County fragmentation. Interested individuals can join the organization by making a \$25 donation at youngdems.com/donate.

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