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#### **LYNN MARIE NEPHEW ANNOUNCES 2023 DULUTH CITY COUNCIL AT LARGE CAMPAIGN**

Duluth housing expert, realtor, community leader, nonprofit volunteer, and parent Lynn Marie Nephew announced today she will seek election to the Duluth City Council in 2023 as an At Large candidate.

"Duluthians deserve the chance to thrive, not just survive. Many of us aren't doing either right now, and our housing crisis is a big reason why. Rents aren't affordable, home ownership isn't attainable, and seniors are struggling to stay in their homes with rising property taxes."

"I'm running because I've worked to fix our housing problems one family at a time as a realtor and volunteer for over 20 years. But I've come to realize that if we want to bring real and permanent change to Duluth's housing market that benefits everyone, we need people with expertise like I have to step up and serve our city council."

In addition to owning her own small business in real estate for the past 20 years, Nephew brings a wealth of experience serving on housing-related boards in the community. This includes Neighborhood Housing Services, Northern Community Land Trust, 1 Roof Community Housing, Common Ground Construction, the City of Duluth Housing Task Force, Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Duluth, and Housing For Inmates.

"Homes are essential for people to be healthy and contribute to their community. A lack of housing in Duluth is contributing to many of the problems that are plaguing our city — mental health, addiction, crime, homelessness, and poverty. I'll put my experience on housing to work for you right away, if elected to the city council, to start making positive changes that benefit all Duluthians."

Nephew moved to Duluth as a UMD student in the 1990s. She and her husband Jim have raised their family here and have four children — Cora (19), Mae (18), Alexandra (15), and Henry (12). The Nephew family enjoys being active and enjoying the outdoors in Duluth year-round.

A campaign kick-off event will take place this evening at Mr. D's in West Duluth.

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