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Dusty Thiele to Run for Re-Election for Mayor of the City of Katy

KATY, TX - William H. "Dusty" Thiele, current Mayor for the City of Katy, has announced that he will seek a second term as Mayor, officially filing for candidacy in the May 2025 election.

Thiele, longtime City of Katy resident, former downtown business owner and active community member, was sworn into office as Mayor in May 2022, and he has served in this capacity since that time. Under his leadership, the City of Katy has had many accomplishments, along with proactive planning for the future. Dusty hopes for another three-year term as Mayor to continue the positive work of the City.

"It has been a privilege to serve this great City, working with our Councilmembers, various boards and commissions, City staff, along with other local, regional and state officials to achieve goals and set forth new ones to benefit the residents of the City of Katy," Thiele says. "While we have accomplished many things, I want to ensure the ongoing work continues. We have multiple active projects, including infrastructure, mobility, drainage, water and waste water improvements. Along with lowering the property taxes every budget year as Mayor, we adopted an updated Comprehensive Plan and the Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan. Our Police and Fire Departments were further improved with new equipment and programs. Economic development, the Historic Town Square and the Katy Boardwalk have seen accomplishments with more on the horizon. It has been a busy but fulfilling time of service, and I could not have done it without the continuous support of my family, friends, my church and other community members. I am honored to file for re-election as I hope to continue to lead my constituents with thorough planning and management while providing high quality city services."

Prior to his term as Mayor, Thiele was selected by former mayors Don Elder and Bill Hastings to serve unexpired terms on City Council, stepping up to serve the City of Katy in times of need. He served as Chairman for the City of Katy Convention and Tourism Bureau Board and sat on the City of Katy Zoning Board, serving in both positions for almost 10 years. Thiele was selected to the City's committee to vet developers for the Katy Boardwalk District, and he also served on the Village of Katy Development District Board. Along with many years of service with the City of Katy, Thiele is an active member of the Rotary Club of Katy where his exceptional volunteerism earned him the honor of Rotarian of the Year. He is also a proud Church Elder and has served as Chairman for several chaired committees.

Thiele graduated with a BBA from Baylor University and moved to the City of Katy in 1991. He has two daughters, Sarah Goffinet and Laura Anne Thiele. His children attended Katy Elementary, Katy Junior High and Katy High School, and both were cheerleaders for the Katy Tigers. He owned and operated Thiele Insurance Agency for 35 years, and the last 20 of those years were in the City of Katy. Thiele is excited to become a grandfather this year; his daughter Sarah and her husband, Casey, are expecting a little boy.

"The City of Katy is a complex entity that requires partnerships across three counties, two drainage districts, TxDOT, the railroad and more. I have served the City in many capacities for almost 15 years, and I have gained experience, knowledge and have built great working relationships that I feel are pertinent to a mayoral candidate," Thiele states. "To those that know me, I hope my tenure as Mayor and previous services has earned your trust and respect to lead the City of Katy for another three years; to those that don't, I look forward to getting to know each other to earn yours. As a resident for over 30 years, I am confident that I can continue to lead this wonderful city with a proactive and progressive approach while also keeping its small-town charm and heritage."

The 2025 Regular Officers' Election for the City of Katy will be held Saturday, May 3, 2025, if called.