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Small Business Owner and Antioch Trustee Dan Yost Announces Bid For State Representative

Antioch, IL - Small business owner and Antioch Trustee Dan Yost announced his campaign for State Representative in the 61st House District today.

"I'm running for State Representative to ensure families can stay in their homes, find good-paying jobs, and raise their children here. My family has been in Illinois since 1835, and I won't let irresponsible politicians continue chasing families out of the state through skyrocketing property taxes and corruption."

Illinois families pay the second-highest property taxes in the nation. Property taxes are a particularly destructive problem in Lake County, where the average family pays a crippling \$9,186 per year. Rather than addressing this crisis, the General Assembly passed additional tax and fee hikes in the last session.

State legislators, lobbyists, and government officials have been the targets of FBI raids, investigations, indictments, and arrests. Current Representative Joyce Mason took hundreds of thousands of dollars from Speaker Madigan, who is at the center of these ethics and sexual harassment scandals. In fact, Rep. Mason voted for Madigan even after the sexual harassment cases came to light.

"Honesty and integrity in government are prerequisites for the effective delivery of services and responsible use of our tax dollars. We deserve an independent leader in Springfield who will stand up for our district. Families in our community are tired of self-dealing politicians who fail to deliver results on issues that impact our day-to-day lives."

Dan Yost is the Chief Operating Officer at Vertus, an employee benefits consulting firm focused on delivering results for its clients. Dan is currently serving his first term as an Antioch Trustee.

Dan, a Republican, and his wife Sonja live in Antioch. They have three children.

The 61st is a northeastern Illinois district bordering Wisconsin that contains all or part of Antioch, Beach Park, Grayslake, Gurnee, Lake Villa, Lindenhurst, Old Mill Creek, Third Lake, Wadsworth, Waukegan, Winthrop Harbor, and Zion.

In the 2018 election, the Republican candidate lost by about 3 percentage points, making the 61st one of the most competitive districts in the state.