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## Elgin Resident Files for Kane County Board

Elgin, IL- Julie Schmitt, a resident of the Gifford Park neighborhood, filed petitions this week to run for Kane County Board in District 20. Schmitt has been actively working in the community to oppose a high-density development on the former Channing YMCA property in her historic neighborhood.



The effort of Schmitt and her neighbors caused the project to be voted down at the Planning Committee level, but was changed and passed by the City Council on a split vote. However, the final approval was for a development with less density and accommodations for the existing neighborhood.

Schmitt has resided in Elgin for seven years and enjoys biking, horseback riding, gardening, and home improvement projects. In fact her historic home on Channing Street has been lovingly restored and was featured in the 2006 Elgin Historic House Tour.

"I want to serve the people of this district with my passion and enthusiasm," Schmitt said. She is the first Kane County Board Green Party candidate in the long history of the county. "I believe that our natural resources, open space and farmland deserve conservation and protection. These are rapidly depreciating assets that cannot be regained, once lost. Both political parties share in the blame for this," Schmitt concluded.

Schmitt's professional background is in marketing, technology and the Internet. She will bring that expertise to the Kane County Board as well.

Any questions should be directed to Julie Schmitt at 847-888-4708 or 847-732-4708.