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**West Hollywood City Planning Commissioner John Erickson
officially launches his campaign for West Hollywood City Council**

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West Hollywood, CA -

Ten-year West Hollywood resident and Planning Commissioner **John Erickson** will announce his candidacy today for West Hollywood City Council.

Erickson, the Director of Public Public Affairs at Planned Parenthood Los Angeles, has been fighting for bold progressive changes for decades. He moved to West Hollywood as a City Council intern and worked his way up to becoming Council Deputy to former Councilmember Abbe Land. He then became the City's Community Affairs Technician, advancing policies and programs to increase awareness around LGBTQ+ rights, women's rights, the environment, and civic engagement.

With his experience at City Hall, and strong working relationships with, civic leaders, and organizations across Southern California, Erickson will bring a new era of leadership to the City. He also serves as President of the Board for the ACLU of Southern California and President of Hollywood NOW.

Early in the endorsement process, Erickson has already amassed a broad coalition of supporters including state and local officials and West Hollywood community leaders. While most organizations won't endorse until candidate filing closes, he has been endorsed by Run for Something, which endorses the next generation of leaders.

Katie Hill, Former U.S. Congresswoman
Holly J. Mitchell, CA State Senator
Wendy Carrillo, CA State Assemblymember
Laura Friedman, CA State Assemblymember
Sydney Kamlager, CA State Assemblymember
Christy Smith, CA State Assemblymember
Monica Rodriguez, LA City Councilmember
David Ryu, LA City Councilmember
Nick Melvoin, LAUSD School Board Member
Lindsey P. Horvath, Mayor, West Hollywood
Abbe Land, Former Mayor West Hollywood
Rogério Carvalheiro, Chair, West Hollywood Planning Commission
Estevan Montemayor, Board President, Christopher Street West/LA Pride
Josh Kurpies, Commissioner, West Hollywood Rent Stabilization Commission

Rob Bergstein, Chair, West Hollywood Rent Stabilization Commission
Barbara Meltzer, Commissioner, West Hollywood Human Services Commission
Karina Samala, Board Member, West Hollywood Transgender Advisory
Ruth Williams, Commissioner, City of West Hollywood Public Safety Commission
Desiree Jade Sol, Commissioner, West Hollywood Public Safety Commission
Eugene Maysky, Board Member, West Hollywood Russian Advisory Board
Mel Lubey, Chair, West Hollywood Women's Advisory Board
Anny Semonoco, Vice-Chair, West Hollywood Disabilities Advisory Board

For a **full list of endorsements, biography, issues** and more visit www.erickson4weho.org and follow John on social media @JErickson85.