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It's time for a **positive change** in the Fourth Ward and all of Davenport. On November 6, please cast your vote for *Lisa Lewis for Fourth Ward Alderman!*

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Dear Fourth Ward Neighbor,

It's about time. Time for a new generation of leadership in Davenport, and time for a fresh approach to the challenges we face.

It's also time for someone to step up and truly represent the interests of the average taxpayer, and that's why I'm running for alderman. I can provide the kind of positive energy, commitment and forward-thinking leadership needed to create positive change and get things done in west Davenport. I'm proud to live here and see so many opportunities to improve our quality of life in the fourth ward. **But talk is cheap. Let's do something about it.**

It's time for the fourth ward to experience some of the same "momentum" we see flowing through downtown and other developing areas. We must demand our share of Davenport's economic growth and get a better return for our tax dollars.

In the fourth ward, we need to revitalize and restore our housing stock, improve our aging infrastructure and ensure that our homegrown, small businesses are moved to the front of the line in the next round of economic investment and growth. The city as a whole needs to attract and sustain more middle class jobs, invest more in our residential neighborhoods and provide the police department with the tools and staffing needed to make sure that Davenport is the last place a criminal wants to be.

You should feel free to contact me to share *your* ideas, too. The fourth ward deserves a genuinely approachable and responsive representative – beyond honoring my commitment to revitalization and progress, I promise to improve access and communication. My brand of leadership is open, not closed; it is inclusive and not reserved for the select few.

The fourth ward is at a crossroads – the decisions we make and the actions we take in the next five to ten years will determine whether our ward remains the "good neighborhood" it always has been, or whether it quickly erodes. It's time for vision. Time to be proactive instead of reactive. We have a tremendous opportunity to change things for the better, but we have to do something now or we'll miss the chance.

I am eager to tackle the challenges that lie ahead, and excited about working with you to pursue the many opportunities on the horizon. The wisdom offered by residents in every corner of the ward is inspirational, and I'm truly humbled by the support and warmth I've already received.

Please join me in making a difference. It's about time.

Sincerely,

Lisa Lewis

P.S. If you'd like to get in touch with me, need an absentee ballot or would like one of my "true blue" yard signs, please call me at 563-528-1437 or email risaroo@earthlink.net.



Lisa Lewis: A legacy of service . . . A new generation of leadership

Lisa Walters Lewis was born and raised in Davenport's west end; attending St. Alphonsus Elementary and Frank L. Smart Junior High, and graduating from Davenport West in 1982. **At an early age, Lisa was taught the values of hard work, integrity and public service that have carried her through life.** Her grandmother, the late **Alice Paasch**, was a tireless volunteer for numerous local organizations. Her father, **Dick Walters**, is well-known for his community involvement and boundless energy.



Lisa with her best buddy, Grandma. August 1971

"Grandma was my best buddy and my biggest influence. When I was little, she took me everywhere she could and always gave me a job to do," Lisa remembers. "We went to the Friendly House, to the Turner's, or around the neighborhood to canvass for a candidate she supported. And Dad was always the bingo captain or helping with the parish festival. Or chaperoning the Y's annual bus trip to Wrigley Field. **I always tagged along, and I was always put to work.**"

As a West High honor student juggling two after-school jobs along with active participation in the music and theater departments, Lisa first discovered her hidden talent for business through Junior Achievement. **The Quad-City Times agreed to sponsor a JA company that would publish a monthly newspaper, and by her senior year, Lisa was not only editing the paper, she was President of the company.** Lisa remained involved with JA after graduation, teaching their Business Basics courses to elementary school students in Davenport.



President of her Junior Achievement company, 1982 - Already a no-nonsense business person!

But her love of the arts kept calling, and in 1985, Lisa moved to Chicago to pursue her goal of earning a living as a professional performer. For more than twenty years, she's been able to do just that – and credits her working class roots with much of her success.

"They call it show *business* for a reason," she states. "The difference between getting a few acting jobs here and there and having a full career is not about luck. **It's often as simple as having a good work ethic and a positive attitude.** And I know that my Davenport values and solid upbringing have always had a positive influence on my career."

Before getting her big break with the Great Lakes Theater Festival, Lisa had the opportunity to work in a variety of fields – putting her work ethic to the test and challenging her to survive on a starving artist's budget. **Struggling to pay the bills, she did everything from waiting tables to scrubbing toilets.** She delivered the *New York Times* in the middle of the night so she could audition during the day, all the while continuing her education with professional and conservatory acting classes. To this day, she insists she's never had a job she was too good for, or been assigned a task she didn't devote 100% to.



Lisa makes the cover of Screen Magazine Chicago 2003

As her performing career blossomed, Lisa also became actively involved in the leadership of her professional unions – and was ultimately **elected president of the Chicago/Midwest branch of Screen Actors Guild.**

In addition to board and committee service, Lisa also **represented three performing unions on the Executive Committee of Illinois' AFL-CIO**, one of very few women appointed to the post. She was also **actively involved in CAPS – the city of Chicago's community policing program**, and volunteered for numerous community and charitable organizations.

But for all her big city adventures, Lisa always longed to return to her hometown.

"It was exciting and very educational living in big cities, but **I always wanted to come home to Davenport.** And since I limit my performing work these days to voicing television and radio projects from a home studio, I'm able to work and live in my favorite city of all. **Davenport is not only my hometown, it's the best hometown there is.**"



Lisa and her fiancé, Chris Garman, will be married September 21, 2008.



"Lisa is a ball of energy. She's smart, sincere and down-to-earth – a true west-ender. Those of us in the fourth ward are lucky to have her, and I'm happy to give her my endorsement."

– Jim Hancock,
Chairman, Scott County Board of Supervisors



"Lisa's ability to cut through the politics and get straight to the heart of an issue enabled our national board to run more efficiently and in a more focused and purposeful manner. For me, Lisa is a walking encyclopedia of knowledge. She is kind, smart, honest, level-headed and funny. I can't think of anyone better qualified for a leadership position."

– Melissa Gilbert,
Screen Actors Guild National President, 2001-2005



"I've known Lisa all her life, and I'm proud to endorse her candidacy. She's a hard worker from a great Davenport family who will roll up her sleeves and get things done."

– Bill Fennelly, Scott County Treasurer

