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Bill Henry Announces Candidacy For Baltimore City Council

Baltimore, MD (January 27, 2007) – At a meeting of the Radnor-Winston Improvement Association earlier today, Bill Henry announced his candidacy for the 4th District seat on the Baltimore City Council. Henry came in second to Councilman Kenneth N. Harris Sr. in the City Council's 2003 Democratic primary, receiving more votes than the other three challengers combined.

Henry pledged that one of his primary goals as a councilman will be to use his experience in community development to spark reinvestment in the commercial corridors of the 4th District. "Too much of the time, government doesn't reach out for all of the ideas and resources that neighborhoods and small businesses can provide," Henry said afterwards, echoing one of the themes of his 2003 campaign. "There are so many ways in which City government could be better serving us in terms of fighting crime and grime, revitalizing the neighborhoods of North and Northeast Baltimore and investing in our future by improving our schools, libraries, and recreation centers."

Henry, 38, is a long-time community activist with several years of experience in City Hall - first as an aide to former City Council President Mary Pat Clarke and then as one of the Council's youngest Chiefs of Staff for former Council President Lawrence A. Bell. Before coming to City Hall, Henry also worked as a staff assistant to Senator Benjamin L. Cardin in his Belvedere Square district office, when Cardin was the 3rd District Congressman. Henry is currently director of commercial development at the Patterson Park Community Development Corporation, where he is responsible for the CDC's retail, office and mixed-use development projects.

Active in North Baltimore communities for almost 20 years, Henry is a past president of the Greater Homewood Community Corporation and also of Citizens Planning and Housing Association (CPHA), where he stepped down last fall after three terms as president. Over the years, he has chaired the Greenmount Avenue Revitalization Task Force, Greater Homewood's Neighbor Relations Committee, the York Road Partnership's Housing Work Group, and served on the boards of the Radnor-Winston Improvement Association, the Baltimore Museum of Art and the Johns Hopkins Society of Black Alumni. Henry is currently participating in the Greater Baltimore Committee's LEADERShip program and remains a board member at CPHA and at The Mobtown Players, a local community theater company.

Henry graduated from Johns Hopkins University, where he majored in urban studies and public policy, and from Loyola College, where he earned a Master's of Business Administration. A lifelong City resident, Henry lives in the North Baltimore neighborhood of Radnor-Winston with his wife Ruth and their two daughters, C.J. and Amelia.

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