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## **Andy Cook Officially Announces His Candidacy To be Westfield's First Mayor**

*Westfield will soon become Indiana's newest city and will elect its first Mayor in 2007.*

WESTFIELD, Indiana (December 17, 2006) – Andy Cook today officially announced his candidacy to be Westfield's first Mayor. The recently elected town council member promised a campaign of vision, progress and leadership for Westfield's future. Mr. Cook was joined by his family, friends, community leaders and supporters Sunday at Westfield town hall for an afternoon announcement.

Mr. Cook discussed his recent election as a member of the Westfield Town Council and the consistent questions and comments he has received from residents regarding taxes, growth, attracting economic development, and quality of life issues currently facing the town. "We need a vision for the newest city in Indiana and leadership to ensure that vision becomes a reality. I am ready to provide both," said Cook.

Mr. Cook outlined several areas where he believes Westfield has been successful and will continue to be areas of opportunities. "Westfield has a fantastic school system today that only continues to improve; we are growing – people want to live here; we have available land that can be developed properly to attract both business and families; we have fantastic professionals that serve and protect us in our fire and police departments and a great public works department."

However, Mr. Cook stressed that no individual issue was more important than creating a community where, "... Our children will want to raise their families in Westfield."

Mr. Cook was joined at the announcement with his wife Barbara of 33 years, his three children and their spouses, five grandchildren, and his parents. Both of his sons reside in Westfield with their families. He was introduced by his oldest son Ben who founded Tradewinds the family's transportation and logistics company where Mr. Cook has been involved for 10 years.

"Fortunately, as great of a father as my dad is, he is equally gifted in his business skills and I have enjoyed working daily with him for the last 10 years building a family business from the ground up. His discernment, tenacity and integrity have been absolutely critical in building the business into what it is today," said Ben Cook.

A Mayor and City Council will be elected in November of 2007 and seated January 1, 2008 when Westfield becomes a city.

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