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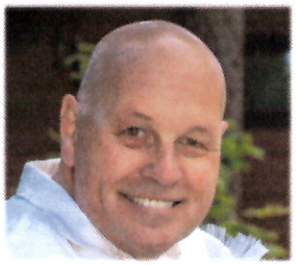

City of Citrus Heights

Letter of Endorsement August 2, 2026

To the Voters of the Sacramento Suburban Water District:

I am pleased to endorse Robert "Bob" Wichert for re-election to the Board of the Sacramento Suburban Water District.

During his twelve years on the Board, Bob has consistently prioritized clean, affordable water for SSWD customers. He successfully advocated for adding "at the lowest responsible water rate" to the District's Mission Statement and has worked diligently to keep budgets, rates, and customer bills as low as possible.

Bob has also demonstrated thoughtful and responsible leadership. He voted against the most recent rate increase because he believed it was excessive. He worked to ensure that SSWD customers would not be responsible for repairs required in the merged Del Paso Manor Water District. When an older building was proposed for use as District headquarters, Bob identified serious structural deficiencies and helped stop the acquisition process.

Bob has championed investments that benefit the District and its customers, including the purchase of the Kirby Pump Company, which has improved well availability while providing significant cost savings. He also advocated for modeling SSWD's groundwater storage, confirming that the district has banked more than 140,000 acre-feet of groundwater valued at over $35 million.

Bob's record reflects careful stewardship, fiscal responsibility, and a strong commitment to the long-term interests of SSWD customers. In his next term, he plans to work toward a new rates policy that would limit rate increases to less than inflation.

I respectfully ask you to join me in voting for Robert "Bob" Wichert for the Sacramento Suburban Water District Board.

Sincerely,

Tim Schaefer
Former Mayor of Citrus Heights
Citrus Heights City Council Member