



Former Cook County Clerk David Orr Endorses Sam Royko for 1st Ward Alderman

CHICAGO - David Orr, former Cook County Clerk, announces his endorsement of Sam Royko, candidate for Alderman of Chicago's 1st Ward.

"I am really pleased to announce my endorsement of Sam Royko for Alderman of the 1st Ward. I know Sam, and I know that he will be a coalition builder. He believes in good government and understands that an Alderman must be dedicated to his constituents above all," said David Orr.

"My father, Mike Royko, said in his response to a letter from David Orr's mother, Lucille Orr, 'There are three or four aldermen who are suspected of being honest and your son is one of them.' That is the kind of Alderman I want to be: an honest and hardworking Alderman - a David Orr kind of Alderman. I have admired David's lifelong commitment to reform and advocacy for good government. We share a commitment to public service, including responding to the needs of the people and ensuring government is transparent," said Royko.

David Orr served as the Cook County Clerk, the chief election authority in one of the largest election jurisdictions in the country, and has found innovative ways to reform how government works.

David has long been a reformer in a town known for insider deals and corruption. He beat the machine to become County Clerk in 1990 and was instrumental in remaking election law in Illinois. David served as Alderman from Chicago's 49th ward from 1979-1990. As Vice Mayor under Mayor Harold Washington, he served briefly as Mayor after Washington's unfortunate passing in 1987. He is the founder of Good Government Illinois.

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