

## Re-Election Statement from Mayor Carl A. Hokanson

March 4, 2018

In my campaign for Mayor in 2013, I made a pledge to you, the people of Roselle Park of "Leadership with Integrity". Since that time I have strived to lead honestly, fairly and respectfully in the best interest of all of our residents.

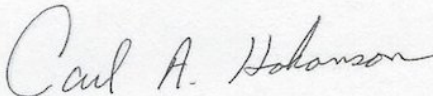
From the time I was elected to Council in 2009 until now, I have demonstrated my ability to work with every member of Council, putting political party affiliations aside. There was even a time when I was the only Democrat and still it did not prohibit my ability to work productively with the rest of the governing body; striving to do what's best for Roselle Park

During my time as Mayor I have gained much insight into the unique skills and talents needed to be an effective leader within our community. I have seen the benefits of keeping an open mind while trying to understand all sides of an issue. With this as my mindset, and despite some differences of opinion, I have been able to move forward on many key projects and initiatives over the last three years. Development has finally begun and additional development opportunities are being pursued and discussed. Input from you, the residents, and our Borough Council will help to guide these opportunities to ensure a positive future for Roselle Park.

I have met and discussed my perspective with the Roselle Park Democratic Committee and spoke to them as to what I feel my role as your Mayor should be. Through these discussions, it has been decided that our paths were not aligned. As such, I am moving forward with my re-election campaign for Mayor. Not as a Democrat. Not as a Republican. I'm running as an Independent candidate. It is my belief that this will allow me to truly and independently represent all the voices of our Borough.

We are treading into new and exciting territory with my decision. I look forward to communicating my goals and visions to each of you as we continue to build upon the foundation and successes over the last 3 years. I have shown that I always have, and always will, continue to work for what's best for the entire community of Roselle Park. I hope to have your continued support and participation in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl A. Hokanson".

Carl A. Hokanson, Mayor