

Candidate starts write-in bid for aldermanic seat

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A write-in candidate has emerged for Port Washington's 5th District aldermanic seat, which is being vacated by Ald. Joe Dean.

Kevin Rudser, a member of the city's Board of Public Works, announced last week he would seek the seat on the Common Council.

His write-in campaign was spurred by friends who urged him to run, Rudser said, adding he's had political aspirations but wanted to be sure he had enough time to do a good job before running for office.

Rudser, who is a co-chairman of the city's Waterfront Safety Committee and a member of the Port Washington Main Street promotions committee, said it's an exciting time to run for office.

"I like the direction the community is going in," Rudser said. "I think we're seeing a real rebirth of the downtown. There's a lot of good things happening. I want to help continue that."

He is also looking at some neighborhood initiatives and wants to keep an eye on the city's taxes and spending, Rudser said.

Rudser, 44, of 889 Glenlyon La., is facility manager at Curt Joa Inc. in Sheboygan Falls.

If elected, he would be one of two new members of the Common Council.

Harbor Commission member Bill Driscoll is seeking election to the District 3 seat being vacated by Ald. Jim Vollmar.

Incumbent aldermen Mike Ehrlich and Dan Becker, who represent the city's 1st and 7th districts, respectively, will be unopposed on the ballot.

The spring election will be held Tuesday, April 2.