

Statement from Carlsbad Mayor Dale Janway

October 31, 2017

Carlsbad Mayor Dale Janway has recommended the appointment of Judi Waters for Carlsbad City Council's Ward 3. Pending Carlsbad City Council's approval during the regularly-scheduled Nov. 14th meeting, Waters will occupy the position formerly held by Wes Carter, who was forced to vacate his council position when he moved out of the ward.

"Judi Waters has ten years of experience on City Council, so we know she will be able to hit the ground running," Mayor Janway stated. "I believe everyone who has ever met Judi knows of her strength of character and deep commitment to this community."

Waters has been the Church Secretary/Office Manager of First United Methodist Church of Carlsbad for more than 30 years. She is the founder and president of Class Act of Carlsbad, an organization committed to saving lives by offering a safe alternative to private parties on graduation night. For her efforts to this cause, which she implemented in 1989 after the loss of a young life during graduation time, she was awarded the *A.J. Crawford Humanitarian Award* for excellence and compassion in community service. She views Class Act as her most significant accomplishment.

Judi was first appointed to Carlsbad City Council in 2002. She served two years on the appointment and was then elected to serve another four years. After a two-year break, she served another four-year term beginning in 2010. She has also previously served as Chairman of the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce Board and remains on the Chamber's Executive Board.

In 2003, Judi was honored as *Citizen of the Year* through a community panel. In May, 2009, she received the prestigious *Governor's Award for Outstanding New Mexico Women*, which was presented by the Governor during a special ceremony in Albuquerque.

Judi was born and raised in El Paso, where she met and married Jim Waters, an employee of the Department of Energy who worked in the Carlsbad potash industry for many years. They have two sons, John and James, and eight grandchildren.

Judi said she enjoys the workings of city government and is dedicated to Carlsbad and its citizens.

As is the case with all appointees, Waters, if approved by council, would be required to run for office during the next municipal election in order to retain her position.