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## **CHIMENE SCHWACH ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR MISSOURI HOUSE DISTRICT 46**

**Columbia, Mo.** – Community leader Chimene Schwach is declaring her candidacy for House District 46 in the August 2, 2022 election. The position is being vacated by Representative Martha Stevens, who has announced that she will not be seeking re-election for her final term.

“I fundamentally believe the foremost responsibility of the legislature is to represent all Missouri families, no matter what they look like or where they reside. Right now, it doesn’t feel that way,” Schwach said.

“As a mother, it concerns me that our public schools and teachers are under attack from local legislators for educating our children about our history. As a voter, I find it appalling that the people of Missouri overwhelmingly voted to expand Medicaid, but our legislature has constructed roadblocks at every turn, delaying access to healthcare for working families and further jeopardizing the viability of our rural hospitals and clinics. As a professional who advocates for children in abuse and neglect cases, it is unforgivable that the legislature refuses to pay caseworkers a living wage, putting the safety and well-being of our most vulnerable Missouri children at risk. These are signs of a legislature that has forgotten its primary responsibility, to legislate in the best interest of all of Missouri’s citizens. As a state legislator, this is a responsibility that I will not forget,” Schwach added.

In offering her endorsement, former State Representative Vicky Riback Wilson said, “Having known Chimene for many years, I am confident she will be an excellent state representative. Her broad range of experience, combined with vision, compassion, and the ability to work with people from all walks of life, will serve us all well.”

Chimene grew up in Kansas City with her mother, a former city planner and retired federal attorney, who imbued her with a sense of community service. Leading by example, Paula Schwach was just re-elected to her third term as Mayor of Westwood Hills, Kansas.

**About Chimene Schwach:** Chimene has lived in Columbia for 12 years and is an active parishioner at St. Thomas More Newman Center. She is currently a Boone County Advocate Supervisor for Heart of Missouri CASA. She is a member of the Missouri Family Health Council Board, Blue Thunder Track Club Board, and the Planned Parenthood Advisory Committee.

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