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### **Jonas Schrodt Running for Bloomington City Council, At-Large, Democrat**

Bloomington, IN- Jonas Schrodt, a lifelong resident of Bloomington and Monroe County, has announced that he will be running as a Democrat for an at-large seat on Bloomington's city council. "I love this city and am excited about our future," Schrodt said. "All my life, Bloomington has grown and evolved. I believe it's our responsibility to make sure that happens in a sustainable, environmentally and socially conscious way that welcomes new residents while maintaining and enhancing what makes Bloomington unique and special."

Schrodt believes that the City government needs to play a more significant role in supporting overburdened community members. "We should provide support and assistance to every resident, especially those in need. For instance, we should be increasing funding for recovery and addiction treatment centers in a collaborative way with Monroe County government and the community, instead of incarcerating more and more of our population," said Schrodt. "And obviously, we should be treating our unhoused population with humanity, dignity, and respect while working tirelessly to advance evidence-based solutions to homelessness."

As a member of the LGBTQ+ community, Schrodt says he's ready to see more representation on the City Council. He has hosted the Pride Film Festival and is a strong advocate for the LGBTQ+ community and a supporter of local LGBTQ+ businesses. "We're one of the top LGBTQ+ communities in the country, and have a University with a huge LGBTQ+ population," said Schrodt. "It has been a long time since we've had any representation on our city council, and I think it's long overdue."

Professionally, Jonas works as the winemaker at his family's business, Brown County Winery. He also owns and operates a small business teaching children's martial arts. Jonas began training at the age of 9 at Monroe County Martial Arts (MCMA). He began teaching classes at the YMCA in 2004 and taught at MCMA for another 14 years before opening his own business.

In continuing his work with area youth, Schrodt recently accepted a position on the executive board of the Hoosier Trails Council of the Boy Scouts of America. "I appreciate the new direction this organization has taken and am pleased to be a part of it," said Schrodt. "As an Eagle Scout, scouting was a major part of my upbringing, and I'm looking forward to continuing to promote youth leadership and community development through the Hoosier Trails Council."

Schrodt has also been working and performing at The Comedy Attic for the past twelve years. The Comedy Attic is the only full-time comedy club in the city, regularly bringing nationally touring comedians to Bloomington. "Community support brings this caliber of headliners to Bloomington, and we see the same passion for the arts across many of our performance venues," said Schrodt. "It's the responsibility of city government to incubate and grow the arts to ensure that Bloomington remains a center for diverse arts and culture. As a council member, I want to work proactively with residents to support an inclusive and thriving arts community."

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