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Write-in files after Wal-Mart give go-ahead

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HARTFORD - In a surprise move, anti Wal-Mart activist Marilyn Raschka has announced that she is a registered write-in candidate for the city of Hartford's 2nd Aldermanic District seat held by incumbent Alderperson James Core.

Raschka said Friday: "I am running as a write-in candidate Tuesday, April 4, to protest the annexation vote March 28 of the Gary Doll property where the proposed Wal-Mart would be built. I believe that the seven council members who voted for annexation did not represent the best interests of Hartford."

Raschka also said her campaign platforms will be open government, open debate and educated decisions.

Core had been running unopposed in terms of registered candidates in that district.

On Tuesday, the Hartford Common Council angered many members of a large crowd at a public hearing and decision on the annexation application, rezoning and developer's agreement associated with the proposed construction of a Wal-Mart Supercenter on land west of the city on Highway 60.

Those three items all were approved by a 7-2 vote, with Core voting yes on each. After the vote, Raschka said that Wal-Mart opponents were studying the feasibility of other challenges to the project, including environmental, legal or political.

Hartford City Clerk Lori Hetzel said Raschka completed the necessary documents Thursday to compete on a write-in basis.

