

# Town justice gets GOP nod

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Kevin A. Moss, a 35-year-old Guilderland town justice, has been nominated to run for town supervisor by the Guilderland Republican Committee.

The committee announced his candidacy at its annual picnic Sunday, but it decided upon Moss at a closed meeting Friday night.

The nomination of Moss marks the last year in office of longtime Town Supervisor Carl Walters. Walters, 62, who first ran in 1963 and who is one of the senior town supervisors in the state, called Moss' nomination "great."

Moss, who practices law in Albany and has served as town justice since 1978, isn't a newcomer to Albany County politics. He ran unsuccessfully for Albany County District Attorney against Sol Greenberg in 1977.

Moss said Sunday he has only briefly sketched out his platform for the fall election. "Briefly stated, I think I want to look at (property) revaluation inequities and public transportation . . ."

He said his experience as a town justice and as a former apartment dweller should "uniquely" qualify him to serve in town office.

Moss moved three years ago from Woodlake Apartments to a house at 972 Pine Hill Drive in the Fort Hunter section of Guilderland.

Town Republicans have been criticized in recent years of ignoring the needs of apartment dwellers who number about 10,000 in the town of 26,000.

In fact, in 1979, Democrats concentrated on luring the vote of apartment dwellers and earned their first seat on the town board in 100 years.

Of his stepping down from office,

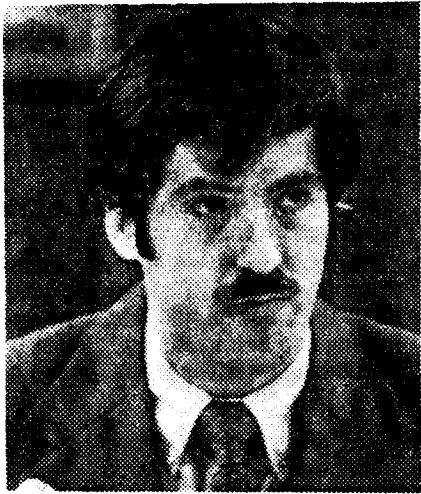
Walters said "I had some reluctance before the announcement because I wasn't sure we would be able to find dedicated people willing to be in the administration," Walters said.

Walters has wanted to step down since the late 1970s, claiming his responsibilities had become too burdensome. In his retirement, Walters said he is going to do "things I've been wanting to do but haven't had time.

"I'm going to work on my old house (in Altamont), golf, oil paint, refinish furniture and go to my place in Maine," Walters said. "And, of course, I'm going to help (the town committee) when called upon."

According to Al Diana, GOP vice chairman, the committee considered nine other nominees Friday, but voted unanimously for Moss. "We voted unanimously because we feel that he has a great track record and he is his

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own man," Diana said.

Committee Chairman Matthew Mataraso, who had only a week ago said he hoped Walters would run, said: "We



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felt Kevin has townwide recognition, and he will do an outstanding job," Mataraso said.

He said the committee had been

reluctant to mention Moss as a possible nominee because of "certain limitations" of his office. Town justices aren't allowed to participate in politics outside of seeking the office itself, Mataraso, a former town justice, said.

He added Moss submitted his resignation to Town Clerk Jane Springer before the public announcement of his candidacy. Kenneth Riddett, 30, an assistant professor of business at Albany State University and an attorney, has been nominated by the town committee to replace Moss, according to Mataraso.

The town board is expected to vote on Riddett at its town board meeting this month.

In other nominations, the committee selected Steven Simon to run for the second town justice seat; Donald Cropsy and John Ryan to run for town supervisor, Jane Springer for town clerk and Shirley Holmes for receiver of taxes. All are incumbents.