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**Wendy Bozel Announces Official Endorsement of her
Baltimore City Mayoral Campaign and Her Plans to Address Youth Violence in
Baltimore City**

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November 13, 2023 – **BALTIMORE** – Wendy Bozel, a Baltimore City teacher and former president of the Upper Fells Point Neighborhood Association, announced today that she has an important endorsement of her campaign for Mayor of Baltimore and will let the public know on Wednesday, November 22, 2023.

**Wendy Bozel Democratic Candidate for Mayor
Wednesday, November 22, 2023
11:00 am-12:00 pm
City Hall
100 N Holliday St, Baltimore, MD**

A single mom, Baltimore City teacher, activist & community leader instrumental in the fights against BGE rate hikes and installation of external gas regulators, Wendy believes that working together, we can put the “charm” back in Charm city. Her faith is important to her and she member of St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church, a radically inclusive community who’s mission is to radiate God’s love and compassion in Baltimore.

In 2021 several students she taught were shot and paralyzed. She knew it was time for a leader that acted on problems instead of just making empty promises.

Wendy knows that education is the key to a brighter future. She will fight tirelessly to ensure that every child in Baltimore has access to quality education, regardless of their zip code.

Wendy is committed to making Baltimore a safer place to live, work, and play. She will support problem-oriented policing, invest in programs that **address root causes of crime**, and build a strong and trusting relationship between law enforcement and the community.

Bozel is the only mayoral candidate participating in the Baltimore City Fair Election Fund. When **500 residents** of Baltimore City donate, then Wendy’s campaign will receive money from the Baltimore City Fair Election Fund and she will not owe any favors to people or businesses.

Wendy is a Baltimore native, former director of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, successful single mother, model teacher in Baltimore City Public Schools, community

volunteer, and past president of the Upper Fells Point Improvement Association (UFPIA).

Wendy brings a wealth of experience and commitment to driving change for the City of Baltimore. Wendy has a track record of building community coalitions, advancing community safety initiatives, and advocating for higher standards and norms for educators and students.

For example, Wendy was instrumental in securing an \$80,000 grant from the State of Maryland aimed at making her neighborhood safer. The grant is being used to install safety cameras, cafe lighting and traffic calming art.

Wendy has also been at the forefront of raising awareness of the harmful impact of external gas meter installations; these efforts have successfully pushed back multiple attempts by BGE to expand the installation program in many Baltimore communities.

Wendy's platform includes:

- **Restoring fiscal responsibility to the City's education system** by centralizing and realigning budgets to meet the needs of teachers and students.
- **Creating conditions for economic growth** by tackling the City's broken tax code that crushes small businesses and erases high paying job opportunities.
- **Reducing crime** by instituting a community-driven policing approach and allocating resources to provide a social and mental health response component to the Baltimore City police force.
- **Eliminating Vacant/Abandoned homes and businesses** by implementing \$1 homes, starting a pathway to home ownership for those on rental assistance and creating partnerships with businesses/community and local institutions to revitalize Baltimore.
- **Increasing oversight and community engagement** by creating a Mayoral Advisory Board that will be made up of residents from every Baltimore community.

"I am running to provide a hand up to those in need of a thoughtful leader in Baltimore City," said Bozel. "To restore trust in the City's elected officials, the community must be treated as a partner in the advance toward progress. I know that a better way forward is at hand, and I humbly ask for the community's support and votes."

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