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LASONDE TO ADDRESS RJC ON U.S.-ISRAEL POLICY

Schakowsky Challenger to Propose Stronger Alliance

SKOKIE, Ill. — Congressional candidate Joan McCarthy Lasonde will discuss the importance of strengthening the United States' relationship with Israel to members of the Chicago Chapter of the Republican Jewish Coalition (RJC) at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 29 at the Holiday Inn Chicago North Shore in Skokie.

Lasonde, the Republican challenger to nine-term incumbent Jan Schakowsky, will open the evening with remarks before fielding questions from the audience. A strong supporter of Israel, Lasonde is eager to discuss her plans for U.S.-Israeli ties.

"One of the greatest things about the Ninth District is its ethnic, religious, and cultural diversity," Lasonde said in a statement Thursday. "And the Jewish community plays a key role in that."

As a result, she explained, U.S.-Israeli relations have played a key role in past elections in the district. This is the first of what she expects to be many discussions with voters on this issue.

"It's no secret that my opponent and I have different ideas on a number of issues, including Israel," Lasonde continued. "But I'm looking forward to speaking about my own positive vision for a stronger bond between the United States and one of our most important moral, ideological, and economic partners."

"A vibrant and thriving democracy, Israel really is a beacon of hope in a turbulent time. We must always stand by them."

The event is open to current RJC members who make a minimum \$50 annual contribution. Founded in 1985, the RJC is a bridge between the Jewish community and Republican decision-makers. Maintaining a Midwest regional base in Chicago, the RJC hosts hundreds of events in chapters around the country to help bring an effective, strong, and respected Jewish voice to Washington and across the country. For more information on the RJC, contact Jeremy Wynes at jwynes@rjchq.org or at (312) 646-2571.

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