

Gregory Silver

Greg attended Shortridge High School and achieved his BA at Miami University and degree at Indiana University Bloomington. His family wife Renny and children Scott an attorney in Vancouver and Sara a teacher at North Central High School, and his grandchildren Izzi, Piper and River are as important to him as giving back to his community as a long time board member of Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Nora Northside Community Council and the Indianapolis Greenways Committee and was the chair of the Hoosier Sierra Club and general counsel. He served on the United Way Board subcommittees, along with the Indianapolis Recycling and Waste Reduction boards. A Volunteer for Wheeler Mission, a member of the Democratic National Party Platform Committee and was nominated by Judy O'Bannon to the Shortridge High School Hall of Fame. He was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash from Gov. Frank O'Bannon.

Greg testified to the US Congress on the expansion of Indiana Dunes Crescent Dunes Now part of Indiana Dunes National Park.

He testified in Congress to create the Deam federal Wilderness the only such one in Indiana.

He's been a candidate for Indiana State Senate and Indianapolis City County Council.

One of Greg's achievements stands out. When Indiana was being sued and accused of polluting the country with acid rain, Greg joined a coalition of utilities to find a solution. In this day of gridlock, which was not the same back then, he and James Rogers, the CEO of PSI utility, crafted a compromise to clean up the dirty Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia coal plants with credits to those plants that cleaned up. In the

last moments on Capitol Hill, the Acid Rain Control Bill was passed and the clean up was a success. Greg believes that effort working with rather than against opponents, will be a lasting legacy for cleaner air forever and may someday lead to other same type resolutions of environmental pollution and contamination as we also build our economy and jobs.

His list of Jewish Activities includes Co-Sponsor of the Eva Kor Scholarship at Butler University and was a participant in the movie "Eva – 7063" on PBS in 2020. He is on the board of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and has Co-Sponsor Earth Day at the Indianapolis Jewish Community Center. He is a member of the Borns Jewish Studies Board of Directors at IU Bloomington.

The late Robert Borns of blessed memory that nominated Greg wrote this Greg has acted with integrity and earned the respect of many for his leadership in the Jewish society and non-Jewish community. I look forward to his wit and wisdom in his weekly column that he writes for Indianapolis Kiwanis and is the point person on speaking there for protection of our air, land and climate.

In Rabbis Dennis and Sandy Sasso's letter I quote Greg Silver is philanthropically committed, social justice minded and culturally engaged. He, his father and family before him, and Renny, his devoted partner, have been indispensable actors in making our city and our State hospitable, caring and inclusive to all.