



**OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

**Misty Buscher  
Mayor**

**Springfield, IL**—The City of Springfield has announced that Val Yazell, the Director of Planning and Economic Development, will retire on December 31, 2024, after years of devoted service to the City of Springfield.

Mayor Misty Buscher has expressed her gratitude for Director Yazell's service, stating, "Val's leadership has been instrumental in preparing Springfield for future success. Her dedication to economic growth and community development has made a lasting impression on our city. On behalf of the City of Springfield, I thank her for her invaluable service and wish her the best in her retirement."

Reflecting on her time in office, Director Yazell remarked, "Serving the City of Springfield has been one of the greatest honors of my career. I believe the city is well-positioned for ongoing growth. I look forward to watching Springfield flourish in the years ahead."

The City of Springfield is grateful to Director Yazell for her leadership and dedication and wishes her all the best in her retirement.

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