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Molly Clifford was born and raised in Maplewood; she is proud to be representing the neighborhood where she grew up and the entire Northwest section of Rochester. Molly, the youngest of six children, learned the importance of service from an early age. Her father, Bill, was a World War II veteran and her mother, Ellen, was involved in the civil rights and anti-war movements before finishing her career as Rochester City Clerk. Molly has worked hard to instill these same ideals in her two grown daughters, Rosie and Clare.

After graduating from Cornell University, Molly came back to Rochester and began a career that has included non-profit, for profit and government service. No matter where she has worked, the constant has been a commitment to making the Rochester community a better place. From leading development efforts at Golisano Children's Hospital in the 1990s, to managing marketing and public affairs as Assistant General Manager of Rural/Metro Medical Services, to recently directing the City of Rochester's neighborhood services and Fire Department administration, Molly has developed a reputation as a strong leader unafraid to take on the tough challenges.

Molly continues to work to benefit the community through her role as the Executive Director at Community Health Strategies, where she collaborates with community members and nonprofit leaders to develop and deliver fire safety and injury prevention programs for vulnerable populations. In addition to her professional commitments, Molly currently serves on the Boards of Directors of Mary's Place Outreach, which supports refugees resettled in the Northwest Rochester, and the Regional Center for Independent Living, which assists people with disabilities participate fully in the community. She is also a member of the Cathedral Community at Sacred Heart.

Molly believes in Northwest Rochester and the people who live here. She knows the neighborhoods, and their opportunities and challenges. She has worked side-by-side with residents on Clean Sweeps, helped solve quality of life problems, and advocated for increases in public safety. While the district is tremendously diverse, its residents have much in common: they want to raise their families on safe streets, work at good jobs, and live in neighborhoods that have things to do and services they need.

Molly and her partner, Ken Warner, recently bought a house on Lakeview Park and are excited to be back in Maplewood.