

# Vos

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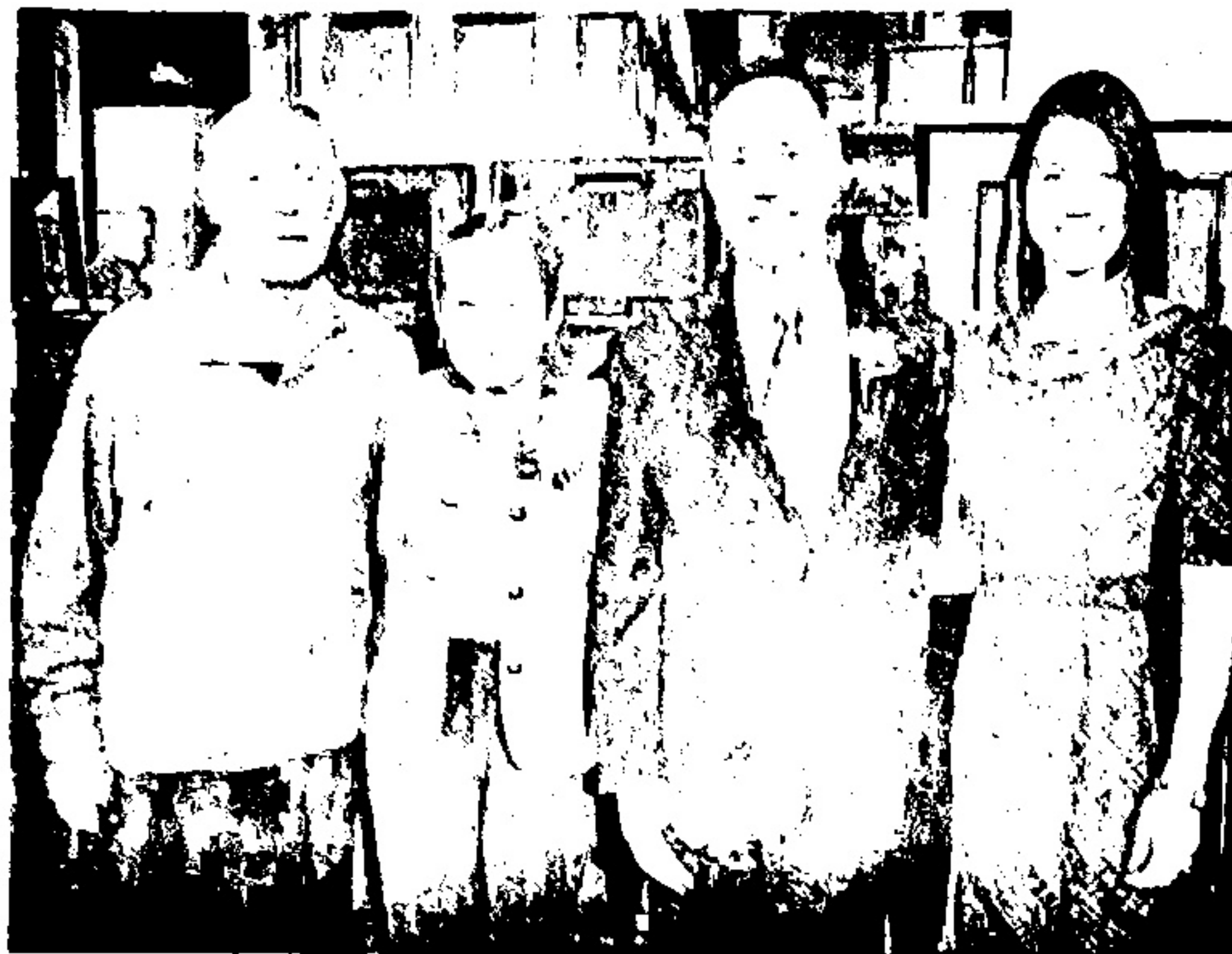
Ten years later, Robin Vos was elected to the Wisconsin Assembly. Today, he serves as Assembly speaker representing District 63, R-Rochester, and is considered Wisconsin's most powerful Republican.

Tom Vos said his interest in Burlington government and Robin's interest in state government rarely intersect.

"We try not to talk politics," he said. "If we do, it's pretty generic. And it never gets heated."

Not everyone in Burlington is a Tom Vos supporter.

Joel Jacobsen, a political



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From left, former Burlington Alderman and current City Council candidate Tom Vos; his wife, Margie; his son, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos; and Robin's wife, Michelle Litjens Vos.

activist, ran against Vos for aldermen unsuccessfully in 2004. Jacobsen later got elected in a different district and served one term on the City Council.

Acknowledging that Tom Vos is "a hard worker" in city government, Jacobsen said he wishes newcomers would

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step forward to serve, rather than Tom Vos coming out of retirement.

More recently, Jacobsen ran as a Democrat trying unsuccessfully to unseat Robin Vos in his state Assembly district in 2018 and again in 2020. Jacobsen noted that he got 45% of the Burlington vote in one of his Assembly campaigns.

"Obviously, the Vos name in Burlington is well known," he said. "But there are not always people who are in full agreement with either of the Voses."

Tom Vos decided not to seek re-election as alderman in 2018 because he wanted to spend more time helping with TS Food Packaging, one of his son's private businesses.

Newcomer Steve Rauch won Vos' old seat in the Third District. After two terms, however, Rauch has decided to step down this April.

Seeing nobody else come forward, Vos decided to get back into city government. He approached Mayor Jeannie Hefty and asked if she knew of anyone else interested in his old aldermanic seat.

Hefty said she will be happy to have Vos back on the City Council.

"He is very level-headed, always thinking of the community as a whole," she said.