

Dear Neighbors,

For almost five years, I have had the distinct pleasure of serving as a Councilmember for the City of College Park and helping to represent the wonderful residents of District 2 alongside former Councilmember Monroe Dennis and Councilmember Susan Whitney. While serving in this role, responsibilities for my daytime job have continued to increase and my need to be present for family has become a priority, as such I do not believe I can give the role of Councilmember the attention and focus it requires. After much thought and consideration, I have decided not to run for re-election.

It has truly been an honor to serve as part of city leadership and contribute to such a vibrant community. During my tenure, the city has dealt with many things, including COVID-19, shifts in leadership at the city, state and federal level, a commitment to restorative justice, redistricting, a focus on affordable housing, aging-in-place initiatives and a revived spark in economic development, just to name a few.

Without a doubt, residents make the city a special place, and I have had the opportunity to connect with amazing people throughout the city while showing support and advocating for the interests of civic leadership in both Lakeland and Berwyn. From that experience, I know that College Park is home to many individuals who are vested in continuing to build a strong, welcoming, supportive, inclusive, and sustainable community moving forward, as such I am confident that there are individuals who can and will take the lead.

I know that no one is ever guaranteed elected position, and I would like to express my gratitude to all who entrusted me to serve. I do hope my efforts have helped to make a difference. I value my council colleagues, and the relationships built over the years, and I look forward to maintaining them. Although I will not serve on the new Council body determined after the election, College Park will remain my home, and I look forward to contributing to the community in other ways. Thank you!

For those interested in running, I encourage you review the [Candidate Guide](#) and reach out if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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