

Dear District 2 Residents and the City of College Park:

After careful consideration, I have decided not to run in this November's election. My work and family responsibilities have increased substantially since the last election, and I no longer have the time and energy to provide the level of service District 2 residents deserve.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve College Park and a joy to get to know the caring, engaged residents of Lakeland, Oak Springs, Berwyn, Branchville and Daniels Park. I've watched you grow your families and gardens while still making time for the civic associations and committees that push our city forward. I have enjoyed working with my fellow representatives and the exceptional city staff who make this a place I'm proud to call home. Together, we've made progress toward sustainability, equity and restorative justice for Lakeland.

Still, much work remains. The Affordable Housing Task Force, Childcare Task Force and Age Friendly College Park Workgroup aim to make this an accessible, rewarding city for all. Our environmental committees work toward building a climate action plan, expanding and maintaining our tree canopy, and protecting our pollinators, and the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee pushes us to be a safe city to travel without a car.

The Mayor and City Council recently approved the [Lakeland Neighborhood Plan](#) and accepted the African American Redress Network's [Restorative Justice for Lakeland Report](#). The latter details the harm done to this self-reliant, vibrant community and suggests measures to help repair, and not repeat, the damage done by Urban Renewal. These documents complement each other and lay the foundation for a better future for Lakelanders and College Park as a whole.

I regret that I cannot carry these efforts forward as a councilmember, but I believe District 2 is home to dedicated residents who can.

To the residents, staff, mayor & councilmembers, and other elected officials who trusted and supported me over these past two terms, especially my fellow District 2 representative Dr. Llatetra Brown Esters, thank you. Your kindness, support and leadership has meant the world to me. I look forward to supporting whoever represents District 2 in making this transition as seamless as possible and will continue to contribute to this city I love.

Sincerely,  
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