



# City of Virginia Beach

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Dear Friends,

It seems like yesterday when I stood before a City Council meeting as an applicant for a vacant City Council seat. I talked about making our city a Virginia Beach for everyone. I was inspired to work *with* everyone and *for* everyone to make progress in Virginia Beach. I worked to bring jobs to Virginia Beach, both the ones that make headlines and the many more job-creating businesses that don't. I started a Workplace Wednesday program where I would visit small businesses and highlight their success.

When Hurricane Matthew hit, I knew my mission was to fix flooding and increase the funding so that Virginia Beach remains viable, not just for decades but forever. We are succeeding. Our flooding funding has gone from 9% of the budget to 23%. The major areas hit hardest by Matthew, many in my district, are funded for improvements and relief.

As you know, I'm running for State office to bring more funding back to Virginia Beach for this crucial issue. And I've supported efforts to get the federal government involved.

I've learned a lot about how to make government work for people and how to get things done that are so important for residents, for businesses and for those who need a greater voice. Throughout my two City Council elections, I've met and worked with so many who want the best for our City, and I've found ways to find compromise when two sides seemed like no compromise would do.

My family and I have purchased a new home and are moving in next weekend. It's an exciting time, especially for my son who is looking forward to his new room. The bittersweet part of our move is that it takes us out of the Rose Hall district. I believe that an elected official who is elected to represent a district needs to live in that district for the entirety of the term of office. For that reason, I am announcing my resignation from Virginia Beach City Council, effective April 6.

I understand the difficulty of this announcement, especially when City Council is already working on filling a vacant seat representing the Beach district. But I believe the honorable decision is for me to step aside and allow citizens of the Rose Hall district to step up and serve, and I know Council will make the right decisions to move Virginia Beach ahead in the months and years to come.

I thank everyone who have supported my efforts on City Council and have encouraged me, prayed for me and helped me make the best decisions. I know we accomplished a great deal, and I look forward to the path ahead. We will continue making our city a Virginia Beach for everyone.

Warmest regards,

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