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City Council,
Member At Large

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I was sworn in as your Gahanna City Councilmember, At Large, on January 2nd! Gahanna Jefferson Board of Education President Kara Coates administered the Oath of Office with my family by my side and host of supporters in the audience. At the Organizational Meeting that followed, I was appointed Gahanna Jefferson School Board liaison where my primary responsibility will be fostering a strong partnership between the city and the school district.

I look forward to working with council colleagues, the city administration, and the entire community as we navigate challenges and embrace opportunities together.



CONNECT WITH ME

Please join me for the first **Community Connect**. These conversations are an opportunity to build community while discussing your questions, concerns, and ideas.

COMMUNITY CONNECT

Conversations with:
**COUNCILMEMBER
JAMILLE JONES**

February 13
6:00 P.M.
City Hall
Lobby Conference Room

Gahanna

Your thoughts and engagement are important to me. Please reach out to me at any time.

GETTING TO WORK

Updates on Actions, Projects, and Initiatives

Onboarding with City Leadership - As I'm adapting to this new role, I've met with the Mayor and city leaders to better understand city operations, so that I can be more effective in serving you.

Led Martin Luther King Jr Day Acknowledgements - Inspired by Dr. King's quote "*Never, never be afraid to do what's right...Society's punishments are small compared to the ones we inflict on our soul when we look the other way,*" I had the honor of delivering the invocation at the January 16th meeting charging us all to embody these words in our actions everyday.

Received constituent communications & concerns -

- Residents shared distracted driving and roadway safety information so that I can better understand their proposed traffic code amendments that have been discussed during Committee meetings on 9/25, 12/11, and 1/22.
- Resident raised concerns regarding cats roaming at large and the negative impact this has on our ecosystem. According to the American Bird Conservancy, "outdoor domestic cats are a recognized threat to global biodiversity [and] have contributed to the extinction of 63 species of birds, mammals, and reptiles." To learn more and understand the responsibility of cat owners, please reach out to me for helpful resources.

ABOUT TOWN

Community events & activities

1/6: Gahanna Jefferson Board of Education Meeting - I attended the 2024 organizational meeting and witnessed the swearing-in of re-elected members, reinforcing our commitment to collaboration between City Council and the School Board.

1/15: City of Columbus Martin Luther King Breakfast - It was an honor to celebrate the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. alongside members of our diverse and vibrant metropolitan community.

1/15: MLK Open House at Ohio History Center - This annual event hosted by the King Arts Complex was a great opportunity to learn more about Dr. King's legacy, enjoy performances, and participate in service activities all under one roof.

1/18: Franklin County Prosecutors Candidate Forum - Our County Prosecutor plays an important role in impacting equity and inclusion across our community. This informative dialogue was much needed as we prepare to vote in the March 19 primary.

1/31: State of the Schools: The address focused on GJPS's commitment to "inspiring learners, building futures" through the effective implementation of the district's new strategic plan. Superintendent Dr. Deagle also emphasized the crucial role of partnerships in achieving educational goals.



Martin Luther King Breakfast
Brooke LaValley-The Columbus Dispatch

IN THE KNOW

Stay informed about what's happening in Gahanna

- ✓ **Subscribe** to periodic email updates from me.
- ✓ **Attend meetings.** Regular Council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the Month (or the following Tuesday if Monday is a City holiday) at 7:00 p.m.; Committee of the Whole meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays.
- ✓ **Receive agendas** for council and board/commission meetings via email.
- ✓ **Watch online.** All council and board/commission meetings are streamed live via the city's Youtube page.

Links to all of the above (and more!) are available via:

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Working with and for you to champion inclusion, access, and a thriving Gahanna for all!