

Friends and fellow citizens:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve another term as your mayor. Even though I ran unopposed for reelection, in many ways yesterday's reelection was even sweeter than when I was first elected two years ago.

Two years ago, I won a "landslide" of only eight votes, with four of my five councilmembers supporting my able opponent. I had to work hard and diligently to earn the council's, and more importantly, your confidence.

We've had a challenging but successful two years. We've made a lot of progress over the last couple of years, but this is not the time to look backward. **We have an exciting but challenging future ahead of us.**

Yesterday, you spoke clearly - very clearly - on the issues which are important to you.

While Rosa Mendez and Melissa Huffman were excellent candidates, who ran fine campaigns, I congratulate Phillip Poole and Halden Griffith on their impressive and convincing victories. They ran outstanding races - *perhaps the finest in the city's history* - but you also told us yesterday they were on the right side of the issues you care most about: 1) apartments and density, and 2) protecting our existing neighborhoods.

I congratulate these two gentlemen, and greatly look forward to working with them, and the rest of the council, in the years to come.

Yes, the council and I have challenges to address, and we will. We need to 1) complete the construction of Melva Campbell Park into a park and citizen gathering spot that will be the envy of the region, 2) await the results of our city-wide drainage study, and implement the engineers' recommendations, and 3) complete the city's amazing infrastructure renewal in the area north of White Settlement Road.

With the support of your competent city council, I'm confident we will successfully address these issues.

I most sincerely thank you for the privilege of serving as your mayor for another two years.

As always, I'm here to serve you, and please let me know if I can ever be of assistance to you.

Most humbly, Mayor Kelly Jones



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