

INTRODUCTION

What is your name as it will appear on the ballot?

Katherine Gilmore Richardson

What office are you seeking?

City Council At-Large

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Candidate Introduction:

Katherine Gilmore Richardson is serving her first term as Councilmember At-Large for the City of Philadelphia. Gilmore Richardson is the youngest woman ever elected citywide and the youngest African American woman ever elected to Philadelphia City Council. She is focused on addressing the city's ongoing recovery from Covid-19, upskilling and reskilling our workforce, supporting local, small, and minority-owned businesses, and addressing climate change and environmental justice.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson has passed legislation that bolsters transparency and accountability in city government, requires businesses to provide information about workforce development training when they separate an employee, cracks down on nuisance businesses, and integrates climate risk disclosure and sustainable investment decisions into the City's Pension Fund operations.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson also created Philadelphia's first Apprenticeship Guidebook. The Guidebook includes information about application requirements, training programs, career fields, and pay and benefits for over 20 apprenticeship programs in Philadelphia.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson is also focused on improving Philadelphia's public schools. As a result of her work, the School District is now providing Tier I conflict resolution, which includes daily programming, to every student in the District. She has also advocated for improving Career and Technical Education curricula to

better align with the jobs of the future and create more direct pipelines to family sustaining and supporting jobs.

As the Chair of the Committee on the Environment, Councilmember Gilmore Richardson passed legislation updating the landscaping requirements in the zoning code and creating a Philadelphia Tree Fund, which collects fees from developers to expand and maintain our city's tree canopy. She has also secured millions of dollars to expand funding for Environmental Justice through the budget process, including creating a new Climate Resilience Grant Program. In 2021, Councilmember Gilmore Richardson was appointed to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC). She is also the Vice Chair of the LGAC's Environmental Justice Working Group. She is the only representative on the LGAC from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Through this role, she has helped secure funding to address lead in school water facilities and air pollution in environmental justice communities.

Gilmore Richardson previously served as a staff member for Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown for 11 years in roles ranging from Constituent Services to Chief of Staff. A lifelong Philadelphian, Gilmore Richardson is a graduate of the Philadelphia High School for Girls and West Chester University. She is a member of Ridge Avenue Church of God of Prophecy and a proud life member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated. Gilmore Richardson resides in Wynnefield with her husband and three children.

ROADWAY SAFETY

For 5th Square's positions on these issues see: https://www.5thsq.org/2023_issues

Short Response:

1. a) Will you commit to reducing Philadelphia's annual traffic deaths in half by 2026?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

As Chair of the Committee on the Environment, I know how important it is that we invest in creating safe and accessible transit options in order to reduce carbon emissions and improve quality of life for our residents. Addressing traffic deaths is a crucial to expanding walking, biking, and other forms of transportation. We must commit to reducing traffic deaths in Philadelphia immediately and I am committed to reducing traffic deaths in our City.

- b) Do you support redesigning Philadelphia's most dangerous roadways if this means eliminating travel lanes for automobiles and parking spaces?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

As Chair of the Committee on the Environment, I know how important it is that we invest in creating safe and accessible transit options in order to reduce carbon emissions and improve quality of life for our residents. Addressing traffic deaths is a crucial to expanding walking, biking, and other forms of transportation. I support redesigning and investing in the most dangerous roadways in our City to make them safer.

- c) Daylighting is a pedestrian safety measure achieved by replacing curb parking spaces near an intersection with flexible posts, planters, or bollards – increasing visibility for pedestrians and drivers. Do you support daylighting more intersections in Philadelphia if this means removing parking spaces?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

In order to create equitable community spaces, we must center the voices of neighbors in these decisions and I am committed to working with my colleagues to ensure we have good policies in place to invest in community-based street calming initiatives.

2. Will you support a ballot measure to establish a PHL Department of Transportation, combining the transportation division of the Streets Department with the Office of Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability (oTIS)?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

I am committed to working with my colleagues and the Mayor to design an efficient and effective system of government that allows us to achieve the best outcomes for our residents.

3. After two terms in office, the Kenney Administration will have built 30 miles of protected bicycle lanes. Will you support an expansion of Philadelphia's network of protected bicycle lanes by an additional 30 miles by 2028?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

I have been a strong advocate for bike share, bike lanes, and trailways. As a legislative aide for former Councilmember Reynolds Brown, I worked on establishing Indego. I have also worked throughout my first term to support safe and accessible biking.

4. a) The pilot speed camera program on Roosevelt Blvd has changed driver behavior, improved safety, and saved lives. Do you support making the speed cameras on Roosevelt Blvd permanent?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

As an At-Large member of City Council, it is my role to work collaboratively with my district colleagues as well as our state delegation to ensure we have traffic calming and enforcement measures that meet the needs of our communities and keep everyone safe.

- b) Do you support expanding speed camera enforcement to more high-crash corridors across Philadelphia?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

As an At-Large member of City Council, it is my role to work collaboratively with my district colleagues as well as our state delegation to ensure we have traffic calming and enforcement measures that meet the needs of our communities and keep everyone safe. I support the expansion of enforcement especially since we have found it leads to changed behavior.

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Long Response:

5. Despite the city taking a Vision Zero pledge to reduce traffic deaths to zero by 2030, more than 120 people died on city streets in 2022. What will you do to significantly lower the rates of traffic deaths in Philadelphia?

As Chair of the Committee on the Environment, I know how important it is that we invest in creating safe and accessible transit options in order to reduce carbon emissions and improve quality of life for our residents. In order to create equitable community spaces, we must center the voices of neighbors in these decisions, and I am committed to working with my colleagues to ensure we have good policies in place to invest in community-based street calming initiatives.

Throughout my first term, I've worked with my district colleagues, the Streets Department, and the School District to address issues of street safety, and I am committed to doing the same in my next term. Additionally, I have worked with many schools to request speed cushions in and around schools.

It is crucial that we take a whole of government approach to making our communities safer, more equitable, and more climate resilient by addressing street safety and transportation equity.

6. Many curb cuts, crosswalks, bus stops, and sidewalks across Philadelphia are routinely blocked by illegally-parked vehicles. How will you address this specific problem?

As an At-Large member of City Council, it is my role to work collaboratively with my district colleagues to address issues of quality of life and street safety for our residents. I am committed to continue to work with my colleagues and the Administration to create solutions that address illegal parking and street safety particularly around the enforcement.

7. What is your plan to ensure the city's sidewalks are safe and usable for all pedestrians, including people with disabilities and families with strollers?

As a mother, I know how challenging it is for families with young children to navigate poorly managed sidewalks. I experienced this with my children in the stroller and even more so when my mom was confined to a wheelchair. I've also worked with constituents who have dealt with safety and accessibility issues. I am committed to working with my colleagues to help find a long term solution to our issues of sidewalk funding.

PUBLIC SPACE

For 5th Square's positions on these issues see: https://www.5thsq.org/2023_issues

Short Response:

1. Will you support an expansion of the current municipal street sweeping program, even if it means non-compliant motorists may receive parking violations or have their vehicles towed?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

As Chair of City Council's Committee on the Environment, I am committed to achieving the goals of our Zero Waste commitment. Achieving this goal will include implementing a wide range of strategies to reduce litter, better manage waste, and reduce our reliance on a take-make-waste lifestyle. I support the expansion of the street sweeping program.

2. Do you support easing regulations on outdoor dining streeteries and facilitating more parklets and pedestrian plazas even if this means eliminating space for parking?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

As a member of City Council, I worked closely with former Councilmember Domb and Council President Clarke to find solutions for outdoor dining and streeteries that can work for everyone. While we are still working out the challenges with these systems, I am committed to working with my colleagues on finding solutions that allow us to meet the needs of our business owners and community members. Additionally, I introduced the legislation that allowed for outdoor music for the streeteries.

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Long Response:

3. Place-based interventions like greening vacant lots, repairing abandoned homes, and planting street trees in Philadelphia is linked to a reduction in violent crime, a decrease in illegal dumping, and lower rates of depression among residents. How will your office work to accomplish these place-based interventions in historically-disinvested neighborhoods?

I have worked diligently on this issue throughout my first term. As Chair of City Council's Committee on the Environment, I have prioritized cleaning and greening initiatives in my budget requests, including millions of additional dollars in funding for PHS, the Office of Sustainability, and the Department of Parks and Recreation. I've collaborated closely with the Office of Sustainability on an upcoming series of Environmental Justice Community Conversations, and I have supported their efforts to receive grant dollars for place-based initiatives focused on place-based initiatives. I've also helped establish the City's first Environmental Justice Advisory Commission and recently introduced legislation to increase its members' compensation. I also secured over half a million dollars in funding to launch a Community Resilience Grant that will open for applications this spring. I also introduced and passed a bill to create Philly's first Tree Fund and to update the zoning code to require more and better plantings.

4. Philadelphia's public spaces suffer from two main types of improper waste disposal: littering and illegal dumping. For decades, the City's reduction and removal efforts have been woefully inadequate. What would you do to solve this issue?

I have worked diligently on this issue throughout my first term. As Chair of City Council's Committee on the Environment, I have pushed the Administration on its commitment to our Zero Waste goal, and I am deeply committed to seeing us expand our circular economy. I've met repeatedly with Streets Department officials about our waste management system, and I've worked with them to support a recent grant proposal to EPA to expand recycling education and composting with Parks and Recreation. In the budget, I've advocated for additional dollars for the Office of Sustainability so it can continue working toward achieving an improved waste strategy in collaboration with the Streets Department and I've supported the Office of Innovation and Technology in its ongoing project to create a circular strategy for Philadelphia.

5. The city has struggled to staff and adequately fund city services, which has resulted in reduced hours at libraries, pools, and recreation centers. How would you ensure consistent and convenient hours for these facilities?

Providing high-quality services to our residents is crucial to our economic recovery and future growth. It is also what our residents deserve, and it is a central issue that I have worked to address. Throughout the last two budget cycles, I've pushed for expanded funding for libraries and recreation centers. Last year, I helped achieve a significant increase for the Free Library and some branches are now moving to six day a week service.

I have also passed legislation focused on the City's fiscal stability, which is central to ensuring we do not have to cut services during economic downturns as we did after the Great Recession and during the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2022, I passed legislation to bring \$6 million in unclaimed property back to the city and created a process for ensuring we do not go thirty years without claiming our property again. In 2023, I've already passed legislation that would change the threshold for deposits into our rainy day fund, allowing us to actually make consistent deposits in good times. Before this fiscal year, we had only made one deposit into this fund.

TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT

For 5th Square's positions on these issues see: https://www.5thsq.org/2023_issues

Short Response:

1. Do you support the City of Philadelphia enrolling all municipal employees into the SEPTA Key Advantage program?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

As a long-time SEPTA rider, I strongly support making the system more available and accessible to all Philadelphians. I also think we must think strategically about the benefits we offer municipal workers when we are facing such severe challenges with hiring and retention. Expanding or improving our transit benefits is one important option.

2. Do you support the City establishing a fare discount program for low-income riders?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

As a long-time SEPTA rider, I strongly support making the system more available and accessible to all Philadelphians. I am committed to working with my colleagues and the Mayor to create programs that make the system more affordable for our lowest income residents.

3. Do you support congestion pricing - a toll for vehicles entering Center City and University City during peak travel times - with funding used for improving public transportation?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

As Chair of City Council's Committee on the Environment and a long time SEPTA rider, I am committed to working with my colleagues and the mayor to design policies that create better, more sustainable funding for SEPTA as well reduce our carbon emissions and other air pollution from transportation. We must center the voices of the community in these discussions.

4. Do you support increasing the cost of monthly residential parking permits and using the funds for improving public transportation?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

As Chair of City Council's Committee on the Environment and a long time SEPTA rider, I am committed to working with my colleagues and the mayor to design policies that create better, more sustainable funding for SEPTA as well reduce our carbon emissions and other air pollution from transportation.

5. a) Do you support expanding bus-only lanes throughout Philadelphia, even if this means removing a lane of travel for personal vehicles or parking?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

As Chair of City Council's Committee on the Environment and a long time SEPTA rider, I am committed to working with my colleagues and the mayor to design policies that make SEPTA more efficient and our carbon emissions and other air pollution from transportation.

- b) Do you support using camera technology to enforce bus-only lanes and bus stops by ticketing violators?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

As Chair of City Council's Committee on the Environment and a long time SEPTA rider, I am committed to working with my colleagues and the mayor to design policies that make SEPTA more efficient and our carbon emissions and other air pollution from transportation and protect our local unionized workforce.

6. Will you advocate for increasing local transit funding to SEPTA?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

As Chair of City Council's Committee on the Environment and a long time SEPTA rider, I am committed to working with my colleagues and the mayor to design policies that make SEPTA more efficient and our carbon emissions and other air pollution from transportation and protect our local unionized workforce.

7. Do you support a subway/metro line for Roosevelt Blvd?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

I am committed to working with my colleagues, the Mayor, and SEPTA to design a public transportation system that meets the needs of all of our communities. I would be supportive of this measure as long as the voices of the community is centered in the process and local Philadelphians are hired to perform the work.

8. The City of Denver launched a popular e-bike rebate program in an effort to reduce vehicle miles traveled. The rebate program offered \$1,200 for income-qualified residents and \$400 for everyone else for e-bike purchases. Do you support a similar program here in Philadelphia?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

As Chair of the Committee on the Environment, I know how important it is that we invest in creating safe and accessible transit options in order to reduce carbon emissions and improve quality of life for our residents. I have been a strong advocate for bike share, bike lanes, and trailways. As a legislative aide for former Councilmember Reynolds Brown, I worked on establishing Indego. I have also worked throughout my first term to support safe and accessible biking.

9. Do you support micro-mobility initiatives such as scooter share programs for Philadelphia?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

As Chair of the Committee on the Environment, I know how important it is that we invest in creating safe and accessible transit options in order to reduce carbon emissions and improve quality of life for our residents. I am an advocate for expanding multi-modal transportation and working with my colleagues in Council and Harrisburg to create safe and workable solutions for Philadelphia.

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Long Response:

10. What are your ideas for combating Philadelphia's problem with traffic congestion?

Addressing traffic congestion is a quality of life, public health, and environmental issue in the City of Philadelphia. As Chair of City Council's Committee on the Environment and a long time

SEPTA rider, I am committed to working with my colleagues and the mayor to design policies that improve public transit, make our roads safe and accessible for all, and help ensure that all residents have access to the transportation options that work best for them.

11. What are your solutions to ensure SEPTA rebuilds its ridership post-pandemic?

As a long-time rider of SEPTA, I have seen the system go through many changes and challenges. We must work collaboratively to improve the system's efficiency, safety, cleanliness, and affordability. The system needs to be safer and cleaner. We must work proactively with residents and business owners to encourage riders to return, and we must invest in creating a modern system that works for everyone – from the senior in Wynnefield who needs to get to her doctors appointment on the bus to the tech worker in Northeast Philly who takes the El to work to the young family in South Philly who wants to get to our vast, family friendly cultural institutions. We need to culturally competent planners who know that not all neighborhoods have the same needs, but they all deserve the same high quality of service that addresses their unique issues.

Personal Travel Habits:

1. How often do you ride a bicycle for transportation in the city?

☐ Never ☐ Yearly ☐ Monthly ☐ Weekly ☐ Daily

I ride bikes regularly with my family and take advantage of the excellent trails and bike lanes near my neighborhood. When the weather was nicer, my family and I walk and bike from home to the schuykill river trail and back to the art museum then home. The kids used their scooters. My daughter and I our bikes and my husband walked swiftly. We do this pretty often especially in the spring and summer. We have a ball!

2. How often do you ride public transportation in the city?

☐ Never ☐ Yearly ☐ Monthly ☐ Weekly ☐ Daily

I have been riding SEPTA regularly since I was born and raised here in Philadelphia. I, like many Philadelphians, don't take pictures everytime I get on the bus. However, I ride approximately once every month. I take the 52, catch the 44 and sometimes when downtown whichever bus is coming next. I also catch the Market Frankford El. I have relied on the bus most often, but have also taken every form of transit in our city, and I still regularly ride SEPTA, especially the buses in my neighborhood.

3. How often do you travel by car in the city?

☐ Never ☐ Yearly ☐ Monthly ☐ Weekly ☐ Daily

I travel by car regularly as I am a working mother with three children in 2 different public schools and an elected At-Large member of City Council who visits neighborhoods all across our city each and every day.

4. Will you commit to taking public transportation at least one week of each year while in office?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

I already take public transportation regularly with my family to get to libraries, schools, and other important locations. As a lifelong Philadelphian, I don't take pictures each time I get on the bus but my family and I use the system regularly.

5. How do you typically commute to work? Describe your experience traveling in Philadelphia and what you would do to improve it.

My commute has changed over the years. I have relied on SEPTA buses every day to get to work and school. As a working mother with children in different public schools and nieces and nephews I help take care of after school, I also use a car.

HOUSING & LAND USE

For 5th Square's positions on these issues see: https://www.5thsq.org/2023_issues

Short Response:

1. Do you support eliminating minimum parking requirements for all of Philadelphia's zoning categories?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

As an At-Large member of Philadelphia City Council, I work closely with all of my district colleagues on the issues that impact our communities, and I am committed to working with residents to ensure that all projects meet the needs of their communities. I also wrote the TOD legislation as a legislative aide.

2. Will you veto or vote against downzoning overlays?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

As an At-Large member of Philadelphia City Council, I work closely with all of my district colleagues on the issues that impact our communities, and as a member of the Rules Committee, I review all legislation diligently to ensure it is in the best interest of our city.

3. Do you support legalizing Single-Room Occupancy dwellings (SROs) in all multifamily and commercial zoning districts across Philadelphia?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

As an At-Large member of Philadelphia City Council, I work closely with all of my district colleagues on the issues that impact our communities, and as a member of the Rules Committee, I review all legislation diligently to ensure it is in the best interest of our city.

4. Will you support designating Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) overlays city-wide, allowing increased commercial and residential zoning density near all rail transit stations in Philadelphia?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

As an At-Large member of Philadelphia City Council, I work closely with all of my district colleagues on the issues that impact our communities, and as a legislative aide, I worked on the initial legislation around TODs.

5. Should our city government encourage the growth of Philadelphia's population back to 2 million residents?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

It is important for Philadelphia to continue to grow and create opportunities, especially for those who have been historically disadvantaged. Many Philadelphians do not have access to family-supporting and sustaining careers, high-quality education, well-maintained green spaces, reliable public transportation, or affordable housing and generational wealth building opportunities. We must ensure we are prioritizing the needs of our most underserved communities, which will improve the quality of life across all of our neighborhoods and ensure Philadelphia's resiliency in the long term.

6. Should our zoning allow for denser housing in high-income, high-amenity neighborhoods to accommodate more residents?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____

As an At-Large member of Philadelphia City Council, I work closely with all of my district colleagues on the issues that impact our communities, and I am committed on working with all my colleagues and the mayor to ensure we find long term solutions for creating amenity rich affordable communities across the City.

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Long Response:

7. The affordability crisis hits renters harder than owners. Philadelphia Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) estimates the city needs about 70,000 affordable rental units to meet demand. How will you address this affordable housing shortage?

As a lifelong Philadelphian, who was born and raised in Philadelphia, I am committed to ensuring Philadelphia remains affordable for all Philadelphians, including engaging in conversations about how to best maintain and expand our naturally occurring affordable housing stock while providing additional affordable housing options. In addition, I also think it is important to focus on the expansion of homeownership options as well as programs to help keep Philadelphians in their homes and/or save their homes. Homeownership is one of the fastest ways to create generational wealth. Over the last 20-30 years, homeownership rates for black and brown residents in Philadelphia have decreased instead of increasing. We must work on creating generational wealth for all families. I strongly support Council President Clarke's Turn the Key program, which creates workforce housing for city employees, and I would be interested in conversations to support other innovative programs to expand access to affordable worker housing. In addition, I have worked very hard in Council to ensure we are providing additional support for the more than 10,000 residents facing tangled titles/deeds. I worked to ensure we invested \$7.6 million to help additional families, passed legislation to ensure families receive an information sheet on estate administration when a loved one passes away, as well as worked with Revenue to modify the regulations for the LOOP program for those that can prove equitable ownership. All in an effort to assist Philadelphians from being displaced.

8. Record low housing supply has pushed up home prices, closing off the possibility of home ownership to many first-time homebuyers. The median home value in the Philadelphia metropolitan area has reached \$320,000, increasing \$100,000 from 5 years ago. How can we keep neighborhoods affordable and sustainable as Philadelphia sees more growth and development?

We need a vast array of solutions in order to improve the quality of life in all of our neighborhoods and make sure that families who are here and who have lived here for generations are able to afford to remain in the communities they have sustained and maintained. I worked to ensure we invested \$7.6 million to help additional families, passed legislation to ensure families receive an information sheet on estate administration when a loved one passes away, as well as worked with Revenue to modify the regulations for the LOOP program for those that can prove equitable ownership. All in an effort to assist Philadelphians from being displaced. I was also the leading City voice for the passage of the Whole Home Repairs Act, and I've worked closely with Senator Saval on its local implementation. I've also helped the Philadelphia Energy Authority secure millions in additional funding for its Built to Last program.

We also need to invest in place-based initiatives that improve quality of life issues, such as addressing nuisance businesses, expanding opportunities to small businesses on our

commercial corridors, maintaining our local infrastructure, and investing in green spaces for every neighborhood. If we can take a whole of government approach to addressing these issues, then we can make every Philadelphia neighborhood have an equitable quality of life.

9. Philadelphia faces some serious headwinds from more residents and businesses considering leaving the city for the suburbs, more than at any point in the last two decades. What do you think must happen to ensure the region's economic recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic comes out in urban-Philadelphia's favor?

We must be thinking proactively about our business community and our workforce. My main priority as a member of City Council is connecting Philadelphians to family sustaining and supporting careers. This includes creating Philadelphia's first Apprenticeship Guidebook, pushing the school district to align career and technical education programs with thriving local industries like the life sciences and solar, and creating an upskilling program for home health aides who were out of work due to COVID-19. We need a workforce that is trained for the jobs that are here currently and preparing for the opportunities that are going to continue to grow.

We also have to support our local businesses. Right when the shut down happened in March 2020, I sent a letter to the Commerce Department asking them to create a grant program for local businesses. I've worked diligently throughout the pandemic to ensure we are helping business owners access loans and grants that can help keep their doors open. I was also one of the leading voices calling for BIRT and wage tax reductions in last year's budget process. We need to show the business community that we hear their concerns about our difficult tax structure and ensure that we create a system that allows us to have the revenue we need without overburdening our business' growth.

I'm committed to working diligently with my colleagues and the Mayor to ensure we make Philadelphia an easier place to own a business and that we prioritize equity in our contracting and processes to grow wealth in communities of color.

CLOSING STATEMENT

Tell us more about what you bring to the table as an ally for urbanist politics in City Hall. Why should 5th Square endorse you over other candidates running for your position? What makes you the right person to advance the urbanist movement's goals politically at the local level?

Throughout my first term, I have worked diligently to help make Philadelphia an even better place to live, work, and visit. My main priorities are helping Philadelphians find family supporting and sustaining careers, addressing climate change and environmental justice, and improving the quality of life for every community. I've demonstrated these commitments through my legislative work, passing bills that created Philly's first Tree Fund, that created pipelines to good paying jobs for our young people, and helping families maintain generational wealth. Through the budget, I've secured millions in additional funding to address climate change and environmental justice through additional staff, new programs, and a laser focus on the inequities created by climate change. I've also secured important policy changes for local business taxes, neighborhood investments in green spaces, and enforcement against bad actors who keep our communities from growing equitably. I work collaboratively with all of my colleagues, the Mayor, and our state and federal partners to ensure we are taking advantage of every opportunity to make Philadelphia a better place.