

Press & Media Kit

Councilwoman At Large Michelle Chambers

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Press Release

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Fort Wayne, IN – April 2, 2024 – In the wake of Mayor Tom Henry's unexpected passing, Councilwoman Michelle Chambers, who has served Fort Wayne with distinction for 35 years, announces her candidacy for Mayor. Under the campaign slogan "People Over Politics," Chambers is committed to continuing Henry's legacy of integrity, community, and progress. As the top vote-getter in the general election of 2024, securing nearly 22,000 votes, Chambers is ready to lead with a proven track record of public service and legislative success.

Candidate Biography

Councilwoman Michelle Chambers has dedicated 35 years to public service, advocating for economic development, public safety, and the well-being of Fort Wayne's residents. Currently serving her second term as an at-large member of the Fort Wayne City Council, Chambers has consistently demonstrated her commitment to the community's growth and prosperity. Her extensive experience and deep connection to Fort Wayne position her as a formidable candidate to carry forward the city's legacy of leadership and innovation.

Campaign Slogan & Mantra

Slogan: "People Over Politics" underscores Chambers' commitment to prioritizing the welfare and interests of Fort Wayne's residents, focusing on unity and progress for the community.

Mantra: The numbers don't lie. As the top vote-getter in the general election of 2024 with nearly 22,000 votes, Councilwoman Michelle Chambers, with 35 years of Public Service behind her, is poised to relight the torch that went out with the passing of our beloved Mayor Tom Henry. Having already planned to announce her mayoral candidacy in 2025, Chambers is now stepping forward in the Democratic Caucus, ready to lead with vision, experience, and a deep commitment to the people of Fort Wayne.

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Key Efforts

- **Strategic Leadership:** Bi-monthly strategic meetings with Mayor Tom Henry, fostering significant legislative decisions and collaborative achievements.
- **Public Safety and Racial Justice:** Chaired the Mayor's Commissions on Racial Justice and Police Reform, achieving major milestones like the funding of social workers into the police department and outfitting all police officers with body cameras.
- **Economic Development:** supported initiatives to enhance Fort Wayne's economic infrastructure, neighborhood funding securing funding for the Arts United Campus and advocating for public-private economic opportunities.
- **Community Engagement:** Demonstrated profound commitment through extensive engagement, requesting comprehensive information campaigns for ARPA Funding , New Trash Vendor and extended tax abatements for affordable housing developers and constituents purchasing parcel in blighted areas

Vision for Fort Wayne

Councilwoman Chambers envisions a thriving Fort Wayne, defined by innovation, inclusivity, and resilience. Her leadership will be characterized by a commitment to economic growth, enhanced public safety, and strong community bonds, ensuring that Fort Wayne is a city where every resident has the opportunity to thrive.

Quote from Councilwoman Chambers

"In this pivotal moment for our city, we must unite around a vision of progress, inclusivity, and resilience. With the support of nearly 22,000 constituents in the last general election, I am more committed than ever to serving our community and building on the legacy of Mayor Tom Henry."

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Testimonials

Monica Wehrle and Harriet Miller: "Michelle Chambers represents the kind of leadership Fort Wayne needs at this moment—dedicated, inclusive, and forward-thinking. Her record speaks volumes, and we are proud to support her candidacy for mayor."

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Why are you running for mayor?

- To honor the legacy of Mayor Tom Henry by advancing the city's progress with a focus on community, integrity, and inclusivity.

What are your priorities for Fort Wayne?

- Prioritizing economic development, public safety, and community engagement, with a commitment to serving the needs and aspirations of all Fort Wayne residents.

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