



## **Restoring Faith In Government & Redefining Elected Office**

Public trust is tough to earn and easy to lose. Dishonest and even criminal behavior at all levels of our government has dramatically diminished public trust in our government and elected officials. As your representative on the City Council, I intend to make it my priority to restore your faith and trust in our elected officials and lead with integrity.

### **Earning Your Trust**

I believe it is essential for elected officials to be open and honest with their constituents about what they think, especially when they disagree. As your councilmember, while I cannot ensure that we will always agree, I promise that every decision I make will be conscientious and made with the best interests of our community at heart.

I promise to work hard every day to earn your trust.

### **Holding Government Accountable**

Working in Congress, we regularly held the executive branch of our federal government accountable when executing our mandates and providing services. As the body closest and most directly connected to the people, it is the legislative branch's duty to hold the executive to account when it fails its mission to provide basic services. Unfortunately, many of our legislators and political candidates these days feel no responsibility to hold executive branch agencies accountable, even if the agency is within their purview and jurisdiction. We must end this culture of complacency in our legislatures and start advocating for the constituents we are supposed to represent.

I also believe that elected officials should be held to the highest standards and hold each other accountable for unethical and illegal behavior. As a City Councilmember, I will hold myself and my fellow Councilmembers to the high standard that the public expects.

### **Redefining Elected Office**

I believe that serving as an elected official is a sacrifice and should never be a means of personal enrichment or longevity. I also believe that the role of an elected official, especially a legislator, goes beyond legislation and the representative's office.

Our elected officials are uniquely positioned to bring community members — individuals, non-profits, and businesses — together. As your councilmember, I will view my office as a nexus where community projects, government initiatives, and private enterprise work together to improve and strengthen our community.

### **Constituent Services**

Working in Congress, I learned that every Congressional office provides individual assistance with federal, state, city, and non-governmental entities for constituents. For example, at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, we helped thousands of constituents who were experiencing immense hardships due to delayed unemployment benefits. As the Congressional aide for veterans affairs, it was my job to assist individual veterans with securing the benefits and healthcare they deserved. So-called casework was an invaluable service to the thousands of constituents we helped and served as a critical form of oversight, helping to identify and address issues and inefficiencies within government agencies.

If elected, I intend to continue this practice in the City Council, helping individuals with various individual issues they may face when working with our city government, such as getting a new driver's license or answering questions related to permitting.