

Hillary Kwiatek announces candidacy for Bethlehem City Council

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West Bethlehem resident Hillary Kwiatek will seek a four-year term on City Council in 2021. “I am running for Bethlehem’s City Council to serve



all of the people of the city that I have called home for more than twenty years,” she stated. “My husband and I have raised two children and built a fulfilling life here. I love Bethlehem, but I know there’s so much more we can do to become a stronger community where all of our residents feel a sense of true belonging.”

Kwiatek’s priorities include:

Recovering From the Pandemic

“Through an inclusive and progressive approach to public health and a focus on transparent economic development, Bethlehem can recover from the pandemic while also creating jobs with family-sustaining wages. We must also increase the availability of quality, affordable housing. We will only emerge stronger on the other side of this crisis by ensuring that no one is left out of our recovery.”

Reimagining Public Safety

“Creating a strong partnership between our public health and police departments will best serve all of our community members. For example, health care workers and other professionals can be dispatched instead of police to respond to mental health, substance abuse, and other non-violent incidents. This approach has been proven to create safer communities and better outcomes for people in crisis.”

A Vibrant Sustainable City for All

“As a City Council member, I will work toward the goal of increasing affordable housing and ending homelessness. Bethlehem can be a

thriving green city through implementation of the climate action plan. Our neighborhoods should include well-maintained parks with activities for families. And I will work to support vibrant and diverse small businesses throughout the city.”

Addressing Racism and Inequity in our City

“Black Lives Matter. We must identify and eliminate racist and discriminatory practices across all aspects of city government that have led to inequity for Black and Latino residents of Bethlehem.”

About Hillary

Hillary and her husband Brandon, an Allentown native, moved to Bethlehem in 2000. She has worked in non-profit fundraising and communications over the course of her career and currently works at Lehigh University as a communications specialist. Her volunteer activities have included serving as President of the Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library, captaining a KaBoom! playground build, serving on the Connect Bethlehem working group to help the city better understand its communications needs, and serving as an officer and precinct committee person on the Bethlehem City Democratic Committee.

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