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RYANA PARKS-SHAW
COUNCILWOMAN - 5TH DISTRICT

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCILWOMAN

Dear 5th District Resident,

I am honored to serve Kansas City's 5th district. Working with neighborhood leaders and residents to strengthen our neighborhoods has been a rewarding journey. In these first three years, I have served on the Finance, Governance and Public Safety Committee, and the Subcommittee for Housing Policy. I have brought your voice forward to over 360 council committee and legislative meetings with a near 100% attendance record. In addition, I am honored to serve as Co-Chair of the Health Commission, Vice Chair of the Tax Increment Financing Commission and Chair of the Mayor's Houseless Task Force. There are a lot of dedicated individuals and organizations that are contributing to the excellence of Kansas City. I have had the pleasure to recognize them by presenting over 100 special actions and proclamations.



I continue to focus on our **5 ALIVE** (Affordable Housing, Livability, Infrastructure, Violence Prevention, Economic Development) priorities. As a reminder, the **5 ALIVE** priority list was established based upon the conversations with many residents and neighborhood leaders. I continue to stay engaged and keep my finger on the pulse of your needs with the neighborhood walking tours and attending many of your neighborhood and community meetings. My office focuses on tackling your priorities. I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish. I know there is still much more work to do and I look forward to working with you to continue our progress.

As a longtime health care executive, I have a heart to serve. I remain active as a volunteer and sit on several boards and commissions. I am proud to serve and represent your voice as a member of the Kansas City Zoo Board of Directors, Starlight Board of Directors, Kansas City Shepherd Center Board of Directors, and the Kansas City Assessment and Triage Center Policy Board. I have participated or hosted over 50 community events including providing food to thousands of families, providing backpacks, supplies and hotspots for nearly 10,000 youth, hosting cold weather supply drives for the homeless, partnered on feminine hygiene supply drives and coordinated a dozen community cleanups to continue this passion for community service and improving access to healthcare and healthy lifestyles.

I hope this high-level review of my legislative initiatives and community engagement over the past three years will show you a glimpse of how I have been working for you.

We still have work to do, **LET'S CONTINUE OUR PROGRESS!**

Yours In Service,

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS



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Affordable Housing

2019-2020

- Worked with KC Tenants and Mayor Lucas to pass the Tenant Bill of Rights package
- Secured \$1 million for the Housing Trust Fund
- Increased Water Utility Assistance Fund from \$500,000 to \$800,000
- Worked to create more transparency and efficiency on the application process for the Central City Economic Development Board
- Co-sponsored legislation with Mayor Lucas to expedite city processes to secure HUD CARES Act funding

2021-2023

- Sponsored legislation to protect tenants and prevent the failure to rent or lease a rental unit based in whole or in part on prior evictions or other actions for failure to pay rent that occurred between February 1, 2020 and August 31, 2021.
- Sponsored legislation to initiate a community needs assessment and establish a comprehensive, collaborative strategic plan to address the needs of the houseless population and those at risk of houselessness.
- Sponsored legislation authorizing \$300,000.00 with Amethyst Place for the creation of 34 additional units that will serve as a housing solution to provide temporary, transitional, and/or permanent housing options for single mothers and children who are houseless and/or at the lowest income levels.
- Sponsored legislation to appropriate \$650,000.00 to agencies for extreme winter weather services for the houseless population; designating requisitioning authority
- Sponsored legislation authorizing \$400,000 contract with Lotus Care House to serve 100 houseless seniors and women, including families, through operation of a navigation center and transitional housing program with on-site case management and wraparound services.
- Sponsored legislation to establish the Tenants Right to Counsel Program with the goal of increasing tenant access to legal representation in eviction and other proceedings related to rental housing.
- Sponsored legislation to develop a targeted plan that addresses LGBTQ+ housing and shelter concerns in collaboration with the City's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Queer ("LGBTQ") Commission.
- Sponsored legislation to accept the ZERO KC plan to end homelessness.
- Sponsored legislation to allow for use and rental of accessory dwelling units provide affordable housing options while preserving the character of neighborhoods.
- Sponsored legislation to develop a homeownership assistance program for city employees.

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Livability

2019-2020

- Serves as Kansas City Health Commission Co-Chair
- Voted in support of legislation that declared racism as a public health crisis
- Hosted Fit in the Fifth event in partnership with the Parks & Recreation Department
- Supported the 2019 Black Women Get Fit annual event
- Hosted a virtual Women Cycling Clinic in partnership with BikeWalk KC
- Conducted walking tours to meet constituents and learn about community challenges
- Sponsored a resolution creating community liaisons to work with homeowners and tenants to improve communities
- Co-sponsored legislation to allocate \$75,000 to save Teens in Transition Program at Arts-Tech
- Advocated on the importance of Black Maternal health to hospital leadership done in conjunction with Uzazi Village
- Working with Councilwoman Andrea Bough and KC Bizcare on developing an aggregate system of resources to connect safety net service providers to people in need and vice versa
- Secured funding for four community liaisons to help connect residents and neighborhoods with city resources to reduce blight



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Livability (cont.)

2021-2022

- Sponsored legislation to ensure disciplinary action is taken when the city's equal employment opportunity policy is violated.
- Established legislation Directing the Director of Health to develop a plan to vaccinate populations with low-vaccination rates
- Sponsored legislation to establish a minimum hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour for all full-time classified hourly employees and improve the pay rates of Kansas City, Missouri employees.
- Sponsored legislation for the purpose of changing the name of the Human Relations Department to the Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity Department.
- Created two new classified positions, Neighborhood Engagement Specialist and Neighborhood Engagement Supervisor, to complete additional tasks to work with neighborhood leaders to strengthen communities.
- Establishing City-Wide recycling carts and increasing City-Wide bulky trash pickup and composting with lidded recycling carts.
- Sponsored legislation establishing Mother's/ Nursing Rooms in City public buildings for City employees and members of the public.
- Secured grant funding to acquire interns and volunteers supporting the Rental Assistance Center through an agreement with Health Forward Foundation and the Truman Foundation.
- Made available 2 free paid leave days (including mental health days) to full-time employees immediately upon their start of employment
- Adopting the City's Climate Protection and Resiliency Plan which has been approved by the Climate Protection Steering Committee and incorporating its findings and recommendations into City policy and operations.
- Sponsored legislation adopting the Kansas City Vision Zero Action Plan with a goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2030.
- Sponsored legislation to reduce catalytic converter thefts, prohibiting the unlawful possession of a used catalytic converter without proof of ownership.
- Sponsored legislation to provide 162,000 lidded recycling carts to Kansas City residents.



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Livability (cont.)

2023

- Sponsored legislation to extend the amount of time in which a complaint must be filed for the EEO policy and enforcement to better support victim notifications.
- Sponsored legislation appropriating \$550,000.00 to the Kansas City Detention Center Campus account in order to fund the design of a new mental health and rehabilitation facility.
- Sponsored legislation establishing a \$500,000.00 grant agreement with Kauffman Scholars, Inc. in the amount of to subsidize the ProX high school internship program for students who are residents of Kansas City, Missouri.
- Sponsored legislation to provide funding for neighborhood association-led projects that increase community engagement, neighborhood identity and quality of life in Kansas City neighborhoods.
- Sponsored legislation to develop a more inclusive and welcoming city for all residents , including those with Limited English Proficiency.
- Sponsored legislation approving the implementation of a Kansas City Municipal Identification Card Program, or “Fountain Card” Program to help the homeless and others without photo IDs.





Infrastructure

2019-2020

- Worked with the City Manager's Office and Public Works Department to take a proactive approach on snow plowing
- Voted in favor to increase Working with the Municipal Court, Neighborhood Preservation, City Prosecutor's Office, and Solid Waste to hold absentee property owners' accountable
- Supported legislation that addressed our City's many potholes
- Sponsored legislation to increase bulky item pickups citywide to reduce blight

2021-2023

- Sponsored legislation to improve road repair standards by contractors to improve our road infrastructure.
- Sponsored legislation for \$3,450,000 to establish on-demand construction work around Vision Zero efforts to reduce traffic incidents and injuries.
- Sponsored legislation to improve infrastructure and safety by requiring embedding of all street plate bridging.
- Sponsored legislation for \$7,520,000.00 to design and reconstruct 63rd Street Section 1 from Woodland Avenue to Prospect Avenue Project.
- Supported the city's Street Preservation Program and increased budget appropriation to repair streets in the 5th district and city-wide.
- Hosted 5th District Clean-up, where we had 21 trucks throughout the district to collect trash, brush, bulky items, tires, and electronics.



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Infrastructure (cont.)

2022-23

- Neighborhood Walking Tours
- Our walking tours consist of specific areas in your immediate subdivision or neighborhood that you would like to see addressed. After specific problem areas are determined, Councilwoman Parks-Shaw along with KCMO City staff will meet with you to walk your neighborhood and identify on-site solutions.



NOBLE Neighborhoods
Marlborough East
Foxtown East
Foxtown West
Town Fork Creek
Marlborough
Citadel

Troostwood
Blue Hills
Tri-Blenheim
Bent Tree/ North View High Drive





Violence Prevention

2019-2022

- Co-sponsored legislation to adopt the KC Violence Blueprint
- Co-sponsored ordinance 200390 to protect citizens from retaliation charges when filming police
- Working with KCPS to develop a trauma informed training program with neighborhood leaders
- Involved with redeveloping the Youth Court program
- Supports body cameras for police and increased transparency/accountability policies for police officers



- Co-Sponsored legislation with Mayor Lucas to help decriminalize marijuana possession
- Sponsored legislation to develop and implement a plan for a hotline staffed with experienced and trained professionals designed to provide alternatives to individuals, especially youth, who are considering violence.



Violence Prevention (cont.)

2022-2023

- Went door-to-door throughout Ruskin Heights with Partners for Peace in an effort to curb violence within their neighborhoods.
- Served as speaker for the Empowerment Network's 16th Annual Rebuilding the Village Conference to present and learn more about their Omaha 360 model.
- Partnered with multiple violence prevention organizations and efforts such as KC 360, Partners for Peace, KC Common Good, and KCPD.
- Lead sponsor of Ordinance No. 230160, which established the Violence Prevention and Intervention Fund to appropriate \$30 million over the next five years towards violence prevention, particularly by investing in community based grassroots organizations.
- Lead sponsor to create multidisciplinary team of key city leadership, KCPD and key stakeholders to focus on reducing the risk of crime and improving the public safety in our city. Utilizing evidence based data driven engagement and focusing on places, not people.



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Economic Development

2019-2020

- Serves as TIF Commission Co-Chair
- Hosted "Coffee with the Councilwoman" at 5th District small businesses
- Partnered with Black Chamber of Commerce, Heartland Black Chamber of Commerce and Rockhurst University to host a Census job fair
- Engaged in Census completion promotion and Census response press conference
- Co-sponsored legislation to address tax abatement reform
- Provided insight and assistance to upcoming development projects: Pioneer Plaza, Price Chopper at 95th and Bannister and Federal Bannister Complex
- Working to bring a loyalty bond program to Kansas City to assist small businesses

2021-2022

- Sponsored multiple legislation and partnered with 5th District At- Large Councilman Lee Barnes, city staff, and the developer's team to move the Southpointe Redevelopment Project at 63rd and Prospect forward.
- Implemented policy to streamline the Central City Economic Development Tax Process to expedite project completion.
- Implemented a citywide expansion plan of the bulky item collection program including hiring additional staff and purchasing equipment will go into effect May 2023.
- Appropriating \$60,000.00 from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the General Fund for upgrading the bulky scheduler software; and directing the City Manager to implement a citywide expansion plan of the bulky item collection program including hiring additional staff and purchasing equipment.
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- Sponsored legislation regulating prevailing wage and wage theft.
- Amending various sections of Chapter 3, "Contracts and Leases," for the purposes of updating goal setting for individual contracts and the authority of the fairness in construction board, and regulating prevailing wage and wage theft.
- Sponsored legislation to establish Priority Based Budgeting to better align resources with community priorities/values, build upon the City's comprehensive framework that ensures financial resiliency, and increase transparency in the city's budget process.

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Economic Development (cont.)

2022-2023

- Establishing a Kansas City Municipal Career Academy in partnership with the Full Employment Council targeting individuals in marginalized communities of Kansas City.
- Sponsored legislation establishing the Small Business Task Force in recognition of the Small Business Administration's Nation-Small Business Week.
- Sponsored legislation establishing a contract with Velvet Tech Services, LLC for Project Velvet, a new large data center campus in the city.
- School tours consist of an administrative representative inviting our office to tour their school. The goal of these is to highlight schools within the 5th district and bring what they've accomplished to light. Sometimes we visit to take part in a special event, such as Brookside Charter's Leadership Day, or we visit to help connect the schools with neighborhood resources to help them further accomplish their goals.



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Faxon Elementary
Troost Elementary
Brookside Charter Leadership Day
Providence School of Arts
Banneker Elementary



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Economic Development (cont.)



Tours

Small business tours are a free opportunity for small businesses to be featured to highlight their goods and services. The following businesses have been featured so far. If you are a small business owner or operate a non-profit in the 5th district and would like to be featured, please contact our office.

Baba's Pantry
Fresh Factory KC
Green Acres Urban Farm and Research Project
Small Business Big Voice Tour
AYA Coffee + Books
KC Metropolitan Dance Theater
Fit Four You Health and Fitness
Brookside Toy and Science
Stony Crest Urban Farm
Whiskey and Wine Wandering Tavern
Pet Resource Center of KC
One Pair
Willa's Books & Vinyl's
Hannah's Adult Day Health Care
Khloz LLC
Each One, Teach One Learning Center
Pathways Adult Daycare Center

Mary Kay Justine Clark
Vee's Sweets and Treats
The Borough
Big Mamas
Urban Cafe
Community Action Center
Lc's BarbQue
Fresh Factory
Kanbe's Market
Garrett's Adult Day Care Program
The Grooming Project
KC GIFT
KC Pet Project
Gigi's Vegan and Wellness Cafe
Cafe Corazon
MAG Spaces
Giving Hope & Help
Chicken-N- Waffle
In-n-out





COVID-19 Response

2019-2020

Hosted several community distribution sites giving away face masks and hand sanitizer

- Faith Fellowship Baptist Church – 130+ people served
- New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Marlborough Community Coalition and Stony Crest Urban Farms -100+ people served
- Passed out 500 bottles of hand sanitizer at Councilman Ellington’s Food Drive in the 5th District
- Served as a community sponsor for Community Builders of Kansas City Food Drive – 1,000+ people served
- August 7th Food Giveaway done in partnership with Harvesters, Blue Hills Neighborhood Assoc. and Paradise Baptist Church. Fed Over 200 families.
- Hosted the Back-to-School Backpack and Food Giveaway on Saturday, Aug. 29. We gave away: 1,800 backpacks, 196 gun safety locks, 1,500 children's books, 7,000 period products and fed 340 families.
- Donated 1,000 masks to community organizations in the 5th district

Hosted COVID-19 Testing Sites in the high impact zones within the 5th District

- Collaborated with Truman Medical Centers, Kansas City Health Department and Swope Health Services to provide free COVID-19 testing to residents
- Hosted two testing sites at St. James United Methodist Church
- Hosted a COVID-19 testing and face mask/hand sanitizer giveaway at Ruskin High School. This was done in partnership with Truman Medical Centers and Councilwoman Andrea Bough
- Worked to secure testing several testing dates at Southeast High School and Church of Faith International.





COVID-19 Response (cont.)

Provided critical resources to our seniors

- Partnered with AARP Missouri, Mayor Lucas and Councilwoman Robinson to host a call with 1,500 senior households to share critical COVID information
- Expanded Shepherd's Center KC Senior Phone Pal Program
- Worked with 10 different agencies across the city to distribute toilet paper and hand sanitizer to seniors
- Sponsored a social distancing jazz concert for the seniors at Swope Geriatric Center and provided employees lunch from Peachtree
- Provided masks to the seniors at Blenheim Senior Apartments

Led the City's COVID-19 Taskforce

- Expanded the City's child care services to include the public
- Advertised essential job openings
- Facilitated interdepartmental information sharing to expedite city efficiency
- Aggregated key resources for residents on City website
- Worked with staff to track CARES Act expenses

2021-2022

- Accepting and approving a grant award agreement in the amount of \$10,000.00 with the Health Forward Foundation to provide funding for COVID-19 vaccination incentives; estimating and appropriating \$10,000.00 in the Health Grants Fund; designating requisitioning authority; and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.



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Civic Engagement

2019-2023

Hosted the following events to engage constituents

- Collaborated with Councilmembers Bunch, Robinson, Shields and Barnes to host the 3,4,5 Super Bowl Watch Party
- Participated in several neighborhood walking tours
- Hosting "Coffee with the Councilwoman" as opportunities to connect with constituents
- Hosted two Census Completion Parties on Facebook Live to encourage completion of the 2020, distributed raffle prizes
- Hosted the Fit in the Fifth, an interactive health and fitness event that engaged residents in physical activity and nutrition education
- Provided free ice cream and lunch to the employees at Swope Ridge Geriatric Center
- Provided free Kona-Ice to employees to Truman Medical Center-Lakewood
- Hosted Turkey Giveaway at Swope Health feeding more than 250 families
- Helped host a going away dinner for Councilman Lee Barnes, Jr. where certificates for various active neighborhood associations were distributed.

Bike Giveaway

In partnership with St. James United Methodist Church, Bikewalk KC and our friends from the KC Fire Department, we gave away 50 bicycles, scooters and 100 helmets to area youth.



Operation Backpack 2022 and beyond!

Councilwoman Ryana Parks-Shaw and the The Frank Clark Family Foundation invited KCMO residents to join her and community sponsors in equipping students as they returned to school prepared with backpacks, school supplies, tablets and food on Saturday, Aug. 6th, at Swope Park. The event ran from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and included free Wi-Fi hotspot giveaways. On August 5th, 2023, the Councilwoman is partnering with T-Mobile and Swope Health to host Operation Backpack again. This time, we are giving away 3,000 backpacks, food, feminine

hygiene products, hand sanitizers, tablets, and more!

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Civic Engagement (cont.)



816 Day

816 Day Community Awards Ceremony was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022. 5th District nominated Minnie Mitchem, Carl Stafford and Kansas City GIFT as residents and a business that embodies the character of loving Kansas City through their support and commitment in making KC a great place to live while giving back to the community.

Coat Giveaway

5th District Councilwoman Parks-Shaw and The Frank Clark Family Foundation hosted a Coat Giveaway to help families. The FCF Foundation Coat Giveaway served 400+ children. The Giveaway was a registration required event for families aimed to provide for their winter clothing preparedness needs.



Keep in touch!

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