

GYASI GOMEZ

GETTING TO KNOW GYASI...



Commissioner Gyasi Gomez (pronounced Jah-See) was born and raised in Prince George’s County and has been a resident of the Incorporated City of District Heights since 2019. She resides on Kipling Pkwy and was appointed as Commissioner of Ward 2 in May 2022.

Gyasi holds a Bachelor’s of Art in Sociology from Loyola University New Orleans and a Masters of Science in International Social Welfare and Health Policy from Oslo Metropolitan University in Oslo, Norway. In her current full-time role, Gyasi serves as a Qualitative AI Research Project Manager at Appen, an Artificial Intelligence company. There, she works on the new business team developing proposals and winning contracts from the top US technology companies. She is also a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and a plot partner at “Fiesta Place” (community garden) on Gateway Blvd.

Gyasi is solutions oriented and values the importance of establishing policy and structure that will safeguard tax-payer dollars and guarantee delivery of quality services to residents. In less than a year on the Commission, Gyasi has:

- In partnership with the Police Department, led the installation of a long-overdue guardrail at Elmhurst and Aztec, to ensure resident safety;
- Re-solidified relationships with District Heights Elementary and North Forestville Elementary School. This included facilitating partnerships between both Elementary schools and “Leveling the Playing Field”, a local non-profit that provides new and gently used playing equipment to Title I Schools and other organizations;
- Removed city trash cans from private commercial property (the 6300th block of Marlboro Pike) to increase cleanliness, order, and appearance of the city’s Main Street and;
- Established the city’s first “Green Team” to ensure community resilience to climate change and memorialize practices that will sustain the quality of life for residents long-term.

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Gyasi continues to focus on:

- Bringing the city into the 21st century, ensuring the city has a well-maintained cloud infrastructure and cyber-security, which is the foundation of modernizing the city's communications. Updating the city's IT and communication structure is one way she is striving to facilitate higher levels of community engagement.
- Expanding our tree canopy and removing dangerous, overgrown, and hazardous trees (cost-effectively), through partnership with PG Parks and Planning's, Urban Forestry Program, an initiative started by Vice Mayor Harcourt.
- Flawlessly executing extensive road and sidewalk construction, including new speed humps with city ARPA funding.

In her role as Liaison to the Public Works Department, she addresses residents' and city-led committees' questions, comments and concerns, while providing leadership internally to ensure flawless service delivery. This includes: breaking down silos between the Police Department and Public Works to plan and execute key public safety initiatives collaboratively; eliminating personnel use of city vehicles outside of business hours and memorializing this policy into the personnel handbook to eliminate unnecessary liability of city assets; and facilitating a smooth transition of Departmental leadership after the retirement of long-time (40 year) PW Director.

The community within the Incorporated city of District Heights is diverse in age, gender, sexuality, race and ethnicity, and disability-status. Gyasi is focused on delivering services that can meet the needs of all residents.