

First Week in Office

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Dear Charlotteans,

Below please find my report on the events that took place during my first week serving as district 5 representative.

1. Meetings with Ravenwood and Eastway-Sheffield Neighborhoods

First of all, let me thank you for continuing to welcome me into your neighborhood meetings as always. On January 19th and 24th I attended these meetings and further reinforced my vision for East Charlotte of creating an economic engine, investing in infrastructure, and advocating for the safe neighborhoods.

2. Major League Soccer Franchise

City Council cancelled carrying out the vote on Major League Soccer Franchise as we felt it was rushed and we did not have sufficient time for community gathering and due diligence to make the best decision for our city. I received hundreds of e-mails from neighbors on MLS, and I appreciate you expressing your concerns. Thus council decided to not move forward with the vote that was scheduled for Friday.

3. City Council Retreat

During City council retreat this week in Raleigh we had an opportunity to meet with Mecklenburg delegation to strengthen our relationship with Raleigh. Furthermore, Council members worked together to discuss how to position our city for future success.

4. Officer-Involved Shooting

Some additional information has been released by CMPD :

Detectives with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's Homicide Unit have identified the deceased suspect as Josue Javier Diaz, DOB: 02/17/1988. His family has been notified of his death. Due to the undercover nature of the detective's

assignment, his name is being withheld. This is an ongoing, active investigation. As further information develops it will be released by CMPD Public Affairs.

It is very difficult when we witness a loss of life as a result of any incident, and I cannot begin to imagine the pain of all the families involved. I and chief Putney were in the same conference room in Raleigh for a retreat when this incident occurred.

As a Council member of District 5, resident, and a person of color, it is heartbreaking to see this happening in our city. I talked to many neighborhood leaders, faith community, and Hispanic community leaders, and listened to their concerns. I am relying on your support as we work together to find solutions to create a safe place to live for all of us.

I, Mayor Roberts, and Willie Ratchford from Community Relations are meeting with the members of Hispanic community on Tuesday, January 31st, to discuss the officer-involved shooting as well as how we can work together in the future to address these issues.

5. Council voted unanimously to provide subpoena power to Citizens' Review Board

On Thursday, January 26th, a unanimous vote was carried out to provide subpoena power to Citizens' Review Board in order to compel the testimony of otherwise reluctant witnesses.

Once again thank you for all of your support, I am hopeful that together we can overcome any difficulties facing our community for a brighter tomorrow.

In your service,

Dimple Ajmera
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