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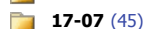
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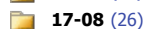
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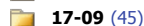

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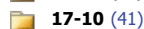
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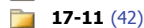
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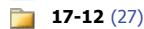
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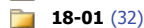
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50 Days In - We're Doing the Work

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Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 1:03 PM

To: Steve Johnston



Friends and Constituents,

It has been 50 days since our new City Council was sworn-in and we have all been hitting the ground running.

To better communicate with residents of District 2 and the City of Charlotte, I will send periodic updates like this. While long, there is a lot to talk about. I give more consistent updates on my [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter page](#). Please follow to stay up to date. Please forward to your neighborhood and business associations.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS - I attended the Derita/Poplar Springs Community meeting to discuss new residential development being build and sidewalks on Gibbon Rd. I will soon be attending the Claiborne Woods HOA Meeting (Jan 30), Lakewood Community Meeting (Feb 8), Garden Park/Northwood Estates with Precinct 16 Meeting (Feb 13).

INCREASE MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS PARTICIPATION – Earlier this month, I met with Nancy Rosado, our Charlotte Business Inclusion Manager. Her team oversees certifying and registering minority, women, small business enterprises (MWSBE) to compete for contracts with the city. I've made a public call for minority and women owned small business in the industries of IT, commercial cleaning, trucking, hauling, landscaping, engineering and construction to consider getting certified with the City of Charlotte to help increase diversity of those who do business with the City. I'm happy to say, that we already have had a dozen new business owners connect with our MWSBE team. [More info can be found here.](#)



BOARDS & COMMISSIONS – My biggest short-term initiative has been to increase District 2 participation and utilization on our City appointed Boards and Commissions. There are currently 33 active advisory boards/commissions with a total of 409 seats/positions appointed by the Mayor, Council and City Manager. Of the current seat holders, **48 residents live District 2, only 11%. My goal is to increase that to 15% - 20% (61-81 seat holders).**

I am proud to say that of the first 11 vacancies of the year, the City Council has already appointed 3 new District 2 residents on my recommendation – **Angie Drakeford and LaToya Evans (Community Relations Committee). Allyson Siegel (Zoning Board of Adjustments)**.. There are ongoing vacancies so keep applying! Learn more [here](#).

HOUSING – Last week, I took a 4 hour bus tour with Julie Porter, CEO/President of The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership. CMHP, now known as "The Housing Partnership," has a long history of being one of the most reliable and consistent developers of affordable, mixed income and low income housing in the city. Their work includes Brightwalk, Anita Stroud Senior Complex, The McNeel, The Alexander Apartment Homes, & The Gables @ Druid Hills. They have developments in every corner of this city. We discuss The Housing Trust Fund, the necessity to increase it, and the biggest need for more units for those earning less than 50% area median income (AMI). **I will lobby for an increase to \$50 million dollars as well as earmarking at least 70% of those dollars for the less than 50% AMI developments.**



DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE – Councilmembers Newton, Egleston, Winston, and I met with Sustain Charlotte leaders to discuss smart planning practices, strategic zoning for our city, and an update on how defining place types in our Unified Development Ordinances can make it easier for Charlotte to grow as a city for the future.



Last week, I met with Storm Water Services Team to get information on Storm Water Projects on our Funded and Unfunded List. District 2 has many older neighborhoods and I will stay up to date on the status of our storm water and pipe system. We have over 15 funded projects in the Beatties Ford Rd area alone, including sinkhole and pipe repairs in University Park and a comprehensive new drainage system that will soon start in the Lincoln Heights Community.

Yesterday, I met with Camp North End developers to ensure that this transformative project along the Statesville Avenue corridor continues to be inclusive for all. The North End Development is an historic 75-acre site where people manufactured Model T cars and assembled Hercules missiles, Charlotteans from all walks of life will find inspiring space for work, artistic expression, dining and hospitality, entertainment, recreation and community building. As a part of the larger Applied Innovation Corridor, North End looks to bring together social entrepreneurs, tech startups, and other local business in incubator and co-working spaces while also being a catalyst for a larger plan for restaurants, shops and residences. Kudos to the North End Community Coalition for their work in bringing neighbors together.

NEW BUSINESS IN D2 - Toucan Louie's (2753 Rozzelles Ferry Rd) will hold its Grand Opening on Saturday, January 27 from 2-6 pm. Many of you know that they have been serving customers since mid-December's soft opening, but they want to invite the community out Saturday to check out our new west side cafe and roastery. They will do some giveaways of their coffees, gift cards, shirts, hats, etc, have samples of some of their menu items and samples from some local breweries. They plan to have live music and some kids coloring, and spin art.



Historic West End Initiative - There are 2 important meetings taking place soon within the Historic West End Corridor: HWE Community Meeting – 1/25/18 and HWE Business Meeting – 2/1/18. The business meeting will consist of a conversation about the current impact of streetcar road construction on businesses in the Historic West End. A representative from CATS will share recent information and answer questions.

Proud History, Strong Future.



Thursday at 6pm
Mosaic Village Multipurpose Room
1601 West Trade Street



LET'S CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR DISTRICT 2 AND ALL OF CHARLOTTE.

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