

To the Constituents of District 8 and the City Council of Chattanooga,

With great gratitude and also no small degree of sadness, I hereby submit my resignation as District 8 Chattanooga City Councilman, effective upon City Council confirmation of my appointment by Mayor Kelly to the position of City Court Clerk.

In order to avoid the perception of a conflict of interest, I will refrain from casting any votes until my appointment is decided upon by the City Council.

These are exciting times in our city with many good changes and unprecedented growth. Since my initial election as councilman, I have worked to add my own contributions to the legacy of the great and diverse District 8.

I am particularly proud of our work advocating for good jobs, our success in building a Nippon Paint plant in the former Boone Hysinger location, the M+M industries operation on Holtzclaw, our votes to ensure raises for Chattanooga City employees, and our promotion of skilled trades education – currently in the building stage at the Mary Ann Garber site.

Our work to expand access to affordable housing at The Mai Bell, Patten Towers, Bayberry Apartments, and The Overlook, our passion to create revitalization without gentrification, and our efforts to decrease homelessness are critical to maintain positive growth not only in District 8, but throughout the whole city.

I'm proud of the impact we made through community cleanups as well as the ongoing distribution of food, clothing, and toys to those in need. And, of course, I am forever grateful for the reconstruction of the Avondale Community Center, where we are actively strengthening our community through outreach and programming.

There is so much that we as a community have accomplished together, and it gives me hope with certainty that our district, along with the other eight districts, stands on firm footing with a bright future.

It has been an honor to serve in this role and I look forward to continued service of our residents and businesses through this new appointment.

Sincerely,

Anthony Byrd

City Councilman

District 8 Chattanooga