

Councilwoman Tracie Arnold, College Park, GA – Ward 3



Councilwoman Arnold is passionate about “increasing the quality of life for OUR community.” With a background as the former Homeowners Association President for the Princeton Village Subdivision in the Historic District of College Park's Ward 3, she brings valuable leadership experience to her role. Additionally, Councilwoman Arnold is actively involved in Cliftdale United Methodist Church, where she has served as the Youth Ministry Leader and Finance Committee Chair.

Her professional journey began with a prominent internship at the National Science Foundation, igniting her passion for public service. She then transitioned into Georgia's government sector, where she played a vital role in

supporting human resource information systems at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Building on this experience, she embraced the challenges of an information technology (IT) consulting career with STI Knowledge, Inc., where she excelled in roles serving notable clients such as Chick-fil-A, National Data Corporation, and Fulton County Schools.

In 2007, she returned to Georgia's state government at the University System at the Board of Regents and served in roles for the offices of Fiscal Affairs - Budget, Organizational Effectiveness, and Strategic Implementation.

Councilwoman Arnold's professional career spans both K-12 and higher education, human resources, finance, information technology, and non-profit agencies. She has more than 25 years of leadership and management experience in both the public and private sectors in developing, implementing, and managing innovative business systems, processes, and procedures. and currently works as Director of Business Operations & Chief of Staff for the School of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology & Emory University.

Councilwoman Arnold takes pride in matriculating through Atlanta Public Schools and graduating from Benjamin E. Mays' Academy of Math and Science. She is also a proud alum of Clark Atlanta University holding a Bachelor of Science in Physics and she's a “Honors” graduate with a Masters of Computer Information Systems from the University

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of Phoenix, both in Atlanta, Georgia. She has achieved several professional certifications and maintains the professional designation of a Project Management Professional (PMP)®.

After the November 7, 2023 election, Councilwoman Arnold compliments her academic and professional achievements with the ultimate societal accolade of "History Maker." She became the first female to represent Ward 3, achieving victory with 62% of the votes, defeating her incumbent opponent and now holds the City's record for greatest margin of victory and highest voter turnout ever in Ward 3 and in the city.

Her mission is to increase the quality of life for OUR community by prioritizing safer communities; prioritizing diverse, equitable, and inclusive communities; prioritizing financial transparency; and prioritizing connected communities. She also understands the unique composition of her ward and desires to preserve the historic elements while also introducing:

- Expanded and affordable educational and recreational programs for children and seniors.
- Expanded job opportunities for citizens and increased wages for city workers.
- Enhanced living standards and affordable housing.
- Enhanced sustainability measures of cleaner streets, dog parks and community gardens.

Tracie holds multiple board and professional leadership positions including:

- Board Member of the City of College Park Pension Board
- Board Member & By-laws Committee Member of the Clayton County Municipal Association
- Member of the Historic College Park Neighborhood Association
- Member of College Park's Women's Club
- Member of the Women In Municipal Government
- Member of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials
- Member of American Civil Liberties Union
- Voting Member of Georgia Council on Aging

In her first 100 days, she spearheaded safer streets by implementing streetscape enhancements to the Godby Road corridor, co-sponsored legislation for low/no cost

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registration for recreational programs for College Park residents with income of \$50k or less, advocated for a \$3,000 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for city employees, and sponsored legislation to include HBCU street names within College Park's new 6 West development.