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CITY COMMISSIONER CURTIS RICHARDSON ANNOUNCES RE-ELECTION

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It is with honor and pride that I declare my intention to seek re-election as your City Commissioner, Seat 2. I have had the privilege of serving this community in various elected offices, but it has been my greatest honor to serve as your City Commissioner since 2014 representing your voices, values, and concerns as we move forward together.

My wife Nina, and I have spent all our adult lives in Tallahassee and fell in love with the city's southern charm. Nearly thirty years ago, we made a deliberate choice to establish our roots on the historic Southside of Tallahassee. Here, we built not just our home, but a family while raising our two wonderful daughters. As a family, we have been devoted to public and community service, consistently striving to make our city serve as the All-America City she has twice been designated as for all her citizens and visitors.

Throughout my tenure as City Commissioner, my focus has been and will continue to be focusing on advocacy for strengthening our neighborhoods, making policies that improve our city services, affordable housing, and reducing our violent crime. As a fellow citizen in this community, I have personally felt the impact of the surging crime rates, which is why prioritizing public safety is paramount to my re-election campaign.

I am encouraged about the accomplishments in this community and significant progress has been made, however, it is imperative that we avoid becoming complacent or comfortable as there is much more to be accomplished. I will continue working to secure additional funding to stimulate all areas of this community especially those historically neglected neighborhoods within our community.

As the Vice Chair of the Blueprint Sales Tax committee and a member of the original committee in 2000, I am also excited that my leadership has played a pivotal role in successfully overseeing the distribution of 32 Blueprint Projects with 18 of them slated for the Southside of Tallahassee. These projects on the Southside will amount to a significant \$270 million investment, which includes important enhancements to the fairgrounds.

Furthermore, we are committed to nurturing the entrepreneurial spirit of our innovators while simultaneously enhancing access for Minority, Women, and Small Business Enterprises. This unwavering dedication to inclusive growth is a priority for this city. Moreover, our community holds the preservation and protection of our natural environment in high regard. Our steadfast commitment to clean energy sustainability, energy efficiency, and achieving carbon neutrality is exemplified by our support for the Clean Energy Resolution.

Lastly, I am deeply grateful for your support and humbly ask for your continued faith in my ability to shape the future of our beloved Tallahassee.