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City of College Park Welcomes 2017-2019 Mayor and Council

COLLEGE PARK, MD, December 18, 2017 - On Tuesday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m., the City of College Park celebrated the inauguration and swearing-in ceremony of its 2017-2019 Mayor and Council. The City welcomed incumbents Mayor Patrick L. Wojahn, Councilmembers Monroe S. Dennis, P.J. Brennan, S. M. Fazlul Kabir, Robert W. Day, Sr., and Dustyn Burkart Kujawa back to the dais. The City also welcomed new Councilmembers Kate Kennedy and John Rigg and returning Councilmember Denise C. Mitchell.

The evening began with remarks and presentations by the Mayor to outgoing Councilmembers Stephanie Stulich, Christine Nagle and Mary Cook. After the 2015-2017 Mayor and Council left the dais for the last time, the 2017-2019 elected officials were sworn-in. A representative of the Prince George's County Clerk of the Circuit Court administered the oath of office to the Mayor, and he in turn administered that oath to the Councilmembers. Pastor Israel Suarez of the College Park United Methodist Church led the invocation and benediction for the evening.

This is Mayor Wojahn's second term as Mayor, after serving for eight years on the City Council. He has lived with his husband in College Park for 14 years. Wojahn was a founding member of the College Park Community Foundation and College Park Day, and has served on the Board of Directors for the College Park Community Food Bank and Equality Maryland.

Councilmember Kabir is a four-term City Councilmember representing District 1. He and his family have lived in the Hollywood area of College Park for more than 14 years. Prior to serving on City Council, Kabir held the position of Secretary for the North College Park Community Association for four terms and was a founding member of College Park Day and the Hollywood Farmers Market.

Newly-elected Councilmember Kennedy also represents District 1 and has lived in College Park with her husband since 2014. She serves as Treasurer for the College Park Community Foundation and previously served as Vice-Chair of the City's Advisory Planning Commission.

Representing District 2 since 2014, Councilmember Brennan and his husband have lived in College Park since 2011. Brennan is the Co-Chair of the Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee and the Seniors Committee, and Chair of the College Park City-University Partnership's Housing and Development Committee.

Also representing District 2, Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem Dennis has lived in the City since the mid-1990s. Dennis serves on the City's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute Committee and previously served as President of the Lakeland Civic Association.

Councilmember Day is a four-term City Councilmember representing District 3. He and his wife and sons have lived in College Park for 20 years. Prior to serving on Council, Day was the President of the College Park Estates Civic Association, Chair of the Rent Stabilization Board, member of the Noise Control Board, two-term former Chair of the Advisory Planning Commission, and Vice Chair and Chair of the City Redistricting Commission.

Newly-elected District 3 Councilmember Rigg has lived in College Park since 2007. He has served as the President of the Calvert Hills Citizen's Association for five years, a Commissioner of the City's Advisory Planning Commission, and is a volunteer paramedic.

Councilmember Mitchell of District 4 previously served on City Council from 2009-2015 (as Mayor Pro Tem from 2013-2015). She and her family have lived in College Park since 1975. Mitchell has served in the National League of Cities, Maryland Municipal League and the Prince George's County Municipal Association. Mitchell was previously on the Board of Directors of the West College Park Civic Association and Chair of the Education Advisory Committee.

This is Councilmember Kujawa's second term as Councilmember of District 4. She and her husband have lived in College Park for nine years. Prior to her roles as Councilmember, Kujawa served on the College Park Woods Pool Board, the College Park Redistricting Commission, and was a Co-Coordinator of the Neighborhood Watch.

The City welcomes its 2017-2019 Mayor and Council and looks forward to its leadership. There is "even more to come in College Park. What we do over the next two years is really going to shape [the City]" said Mayor Patrick L. Wojahn.

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