

Cashenna A. Cross, Mayor-Elect



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Cashenna A. Cross is a decorated retired veteran of the United States Air Force and an accomplished Department of Defense and community leader with more than 30 years of experience in government, planning and project management, and philanthropy. On August 18, 2021, Mrs. Cross will be sworn into a four-year term as Mayor of the City of Glenarden, Maryland where she will become the 18th Mayor in the City's 82-year history.

A consummate professional from 1998-2018, Mrs. Cross honorably served this great nation for 20-active duty-years. She entered the United States Air Force through Detachment 425 ROTC program and became a commissioned Officer serving the world's greatest Air Force. She has commanded at the highest level of U.S. National Security receiving countless Defense Meritorious Service Awards and accolades from the Department of Defense in the fields of All-Source Intelligence Analysis, Multi-Discipline Vulnerability Red Teams Assessments, Joint Planner to various Combatant Commands (Turkey, Kuwait, Philippines, Iraq and Afghanistan), Cyber and Cybersecurity Special Technical Operations Chief, U.S. Comptroller Financial level II, is a Program Manager/Project Director and Certified Air Education and Training Command Master Instructor. As well, Mrs. Cross served internationally supporting the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) for three years as the NATO Intelligence Systems Chief paving the way for NATO's first iteration of Joint Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance for cyber.

Mrs. Cross is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. having served all-mankind diligently since her initiation in 1997 at Mississippi State University. Upon graduating from Mississippi State University with a bachelor's degree in political science she continued her training earning a Master of Science degree from St. Mary's University San Antonio, TX in International Relations with a specialty in Conflict Resolution. She holds countless credentials and certifications in government and public affairs. Mrs. Cross is passionate about leveraging her talents and resources to benefit others. As a strong proponent of ensuring good governance, Mrs. Cross since her appointment by the city council and Mayor in 2019 has honorably served the City of Glenarden as the Vice-Chairman of the Glenarden Ethics Commission.

Mrs. Cross a mother of two champions the transformative impact a quality education and actively supports students from elementary to college on their educational journeys annually donating to organizations distributing millions of educational dollars to students globally. Mrs. Cross is deeply committed to serving the citizens of Glenarden bringing the skills of a poised executive manager responsible for the details of policy, processes, and procedures rules and standards. Keenly aware and with ever-present focus on providing a fair procedural framework for the conduct of activities and positive actions, Mrs. Cross endeavors to serve the citizens of Glenarden in the best interest of growing the City of Glenarden.

Mrs. Cross and her family are active members of Woodstream Church, Omega Psi Phi, and Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc. Mayor-Elect Cashenna A. Cross has an energy and direction planned for the city of Glenarden which will lead the "City on the Move" to a higher ground as she works collaboratively with the City Council and Community leaders to "Move the Mission Forward" for all Glenarden.

Of all the blessings in her life, none are as more cherished to Mayor-Elect Cross than her loving and devoted family and extended family. She's resides in Glenarden, Maryland with her beloved husband, Mario and her two girls, La'Claire, and Zafira.