

Bridgett Smith



MEET BRIDGETT SMITH

Bridgett Smith has 25 years of experience as a human resources and management executive. She is running to bring her proven leadership abilities to the Louisville Metro Council.

Bridgett was born and raised in Louisville as one of sixteen grandchildren in the Portland area. She attended Roosevelt-Perry Elementary and Western Middle School.

After her family moved to the Victory Park neighborhood, she attended Seneca High School.

Bridgett started working at age fourteen and held jobs at Wendy's, PNC Bank, and Riverside Parking. She participated in the Black Achievers program and was President of the NAACP Youth Council.

Following her high school graduation, Bridgett landed a full-time position with Humana, and in 1995, began working for Ford Motor Company as an assembly line worker and UAW member. She attended classes at Jefferson Community College and McKendree University. Later, in management with Ford, she began pursuing her MBA at Indiana Wesleyan University.

Bridgett went to work at PACCAR's Dynacraft division in Louisville. She held various roles with increasing responsibility with several divisions and relocated over the next nine years to Seattle, Washington; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Canada. In 2021, Bridgett accepted a position with Samtec, New Albany, Indiana, and is now the Global Trade Security Program Manager. Bridgett is active in our community. She is a member of the Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Louisville Downtown Residents Association.

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Carol Clark



STRIVING FOR BETTER!

I'm Carol Clark and I'm running for Metro Council Forth District. I've lived in 4th District for 35 years, I'm the owner and manager of California Cutz barbershop which has been a staple of the neighborhood for 25 years.

35 years ago, I began developing my leadership and community organizing skills when I established a neighborhood block watch and petitioned to have streets lights installed. I have since served as Chief Financial Advisor for the California Leadership Council, a former board member of the Louisville Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and a former volunteer for the Louisville Democratic Party seat.

The leadership and community organizing skills that I have developed over the years have prepared me to serve as the next Metro Council for the 4th District.

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Dennisha Rivers



Dennisha Rivers is a highly skilled healthcare professional with over 25 years of experience in the field. Her background includes working with patients in trauma, oncology, elderly assisted living, home health, ICU, and critical care and held prominent positions at Norton Healthcare, Frazier Rehab & Jewish and UofL Hospital. Additionally, she has experience in insurance, administration, and health information management, as well as a certificate in Medical Coding.

In 2008, Dennisha attended Brown Mackie College of Nursing and completed Clinical Assistant training from the UofL Hospital. She also has Supervised, Management and Medical Office Assistant experience.

Dennisha is not only a healthcare professional, but also the founder of Black Beat Health, a non-profit organization in Louisville, KY. Her organization, Vision of Life Outreach Ministries, provides community resources for the elderly and disabled and partners with Unite Us, Dare to Care, and Metro United Way and has been recognized by Good Will industries West. Dennisha's passion for health and wellness led her to organize community health and wellness fairs and environmental justice youth programs.

Community health is a vital aspect of our society that has a significant impact on people's quality of life. It is closely linked to factors such as poverty, crime, and access to resources, including healthy food. The health of a community can be improved through various measures such as creating policies that promote healthy living and providing access to healthcare services.

One of the biggest challenges facing many communities today is poverty, which can lead to poor health outcomes. Poverty often means limited access to healthy food options, which can result in malnutrition and chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, and heart disease. Additionally, poverty can lead to inadequate housing, unsafe neighborhoods, and inadequate access to healthcare services, all of which can have a negative impact on community health.

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Another important factor that affects community health is crime. High crime rates can lead to stress and anxiety, which can negatively affect mental health. Crime can also prevent people from engaging in physical activity due to safety concerns, further contributing to poor health outcomes.

Access to resources is another critical factor that affects community health. This includes access to healthcare services, healthy food options, and safe living environments. When people have access to these resources, they are better equipped to maintain a healthy lifestyle and prevent chronic diseases.

I understand the importance of agriculture, farmers markets, black businesses, fresh food, vendor markets, cafe's, ecosystems, and generational wealth. These are all crucial components of a healthy and thriving community. People don't want to be taken care of, they want to have the opportunity to create a substantial, healthy life for themselves and their families.

By improving the conditions for our neighborhoods, we can create a more equitable and just society. Supporting healthy ecosystems is also essential for the well-being of our planet and future generations.

As I continue to campaign for Metro Council District 4, I believe that it is crucial to emphasize the human right to live equally. Everyone deserves the opportunity to thrive and succeed, regardless of their race, gender, or socioeconomic status. By working together and supporting each other, we can create a more just and equitable city.

Overall, Dennisha Rivers is an accomplished healthcare professional and community leader who is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of those around her.

The future of healthcare is a topic of great concern for many people, particularly when it comes to cost and affordability. With the rising cost of healthcare, it is becoming increasingly important to find ways to provide adequate care while also keeping costs under control. One way that this can be achieved is through the use of technology, which can help to streamline healthcare services and make them more efficient.

In addition to technology, it is also important to ensure that there are adequate resources available to provide high-quality healthcare to all individuals. This includes competitive pay for caregivers and nurses, as well as housing needs for the elderly and handicapped. Transportation is also a key consideration, as it is essential to ensure that individuals are able to access healthcare services when they need them.

To address these issues, it may be necessary to consider new approaches to healthcare delivery, such as independent living in clean and modern facilities. This can help to reduce costs while also providing individuals with the care and support they need to maintain their independence and quality of life.

Overall, the future of healthcare is likely to be shaped by a range of factors, including technology, cost, affordability, and access to resources. By working together to address these

issues, we can ensure that everyone has access to high-quality healthcare services when they need them most.

In conclusion, community health is vital to our society's overall well-being, and it is affected by a variety of factors such as poverty, crime, and access to resources. By addressing these issues and promoting healthy living, we can improve the health of our communities and create a better quality of life for all.

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Jody Dahmer



Jody Dahmer (he/they) owns and operates a small business with their partner in business and in marriage , Mariah (she/they). A Louisville native and JCPS graduate, they are the first generation of their family to grow up in the city, with both sides of the family coming from Appalachia. They are also the founder of the Louisville Seedbank program, focused on finding heat resistant varieties of crops that can thrive in Louisville neighborhoods as well as downtown.

Jody is currently running as a candidate for Metro Council District 4. They are an advocate for safer roads and community agriculture programs. The specific policies they'd like to implement are funding a Beargrass Creek trail plan and Greenway from Butchertown to Bashford Manor, making walkable design a standard in future neighborhood design plans, and creating permanent community spaces with agriculture in every neighborhood of Louisville.

Campaign Themes:

- Redesigning our downtown around walking, bike, and transit instead of impaired driving from alcohol or medical cannabis
- Readapting our public spaces like parking garages and empty office buildings to allow residences, urban gardens and orchards.
- Creating permanent sites for long term agriculture and community marketplaces in every neighborhood
- Creating a car-free Beargrass Creek trail from the River to Bashford Manor Mall

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Joshua Crowder



Born into a working-class family in the Algonquin neighborhood of West Louisville, Joshua Alexander Crowder is a dedicated community organizer and Democratic Socialist running to represent District 4 on the Louisville Metro Council.

Joshua's upbringing and early encounters with the harsh realities of poverty ultimately shaped his perspectives on race, economics, and the intricate connections between US foreign and domestic policy and the systemic injustices plaguing our nation and world. The bedrock of his advocacy work is an unwavering focus on the concerns and needs of working people and a strong belief that real power lies in the collective voice and actions of the working class.

After attending Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, Joshua returned to Louisville in 2019. Soon after, he became involved with the Sunrise Movement, a group that draws attention to the climate crisis and advocates for a Green New Deal. Later, he joined the Democratic Socialists of America, furthering his commitment to the working people of Louisville. A proud Teamster and UPS worker, Joshua is a labor organizer with the Futures Committee for Teamsters Local 89.

Joshua is also a classical pianist and proud dog dad.

Campaign Themes: Affordable housing, not developer handouts; Funding public services, not just police; Good jobs are union jobs.

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Ken Herndon



Wherever Ken Herndon has lived, organization he has led or cause he has championed, he has always made Louisville better.

Endorsed by more than 20 community leaders and current or former elected officials, Ken Herndon has spent more than two decades living in or working on behalf of the heart of our city. Louisville's Central Business District is, and must always be, the most important economic square mile in Kentucky. A vibrant, healthy core is essential to the wellbeing of our entire community and that core should be represented by someone who knows it well and loves it deeply.

Ken Herndon is the only candidate who has personally supervised on-street security personnel and worked directly with both local law enforcement as well as social service agencies. He has worked in successful collaboration with property owners, commercial tenants, elected officials and partner agencies on a variety of concerns and issues.

Decades of public service. Award-winning businessman. Downtown champion. "No one is better prepared to represent the heart of our city than Ken Herndon", Former Congressman, John Yarmuth.

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Stan A. Moore



Graduated West Port High School

University of Louisville - Bachelors Marketing

Home - Downtown Louisville

Occupational - MAPS Security, LLC - Partner

Civic Duties - Louisville Downtown Partnership - Chair LDMD

Jeffersonville Community Kitchen - Board President

Hobbies - Fitness & Boating

I am very passionate about the City of Louisville and in particular Downtown. I fully believe that "Everybody Counts or Nobody Counts" for a city to realize its full potential, we must ensure that all communities and all people are heard and represented. I will be dedicated to funding Universal PreK to include continued education, fostering economic development through quality sustainable jobs, finding affordable housing starting with transitional housing for the homeless and creating safe and clean neighborhoods through strong leadership guiding a police force. Monitoring our judges to ensure crime is being prosecuted as the laws intended equally and fairly.

Downtown Louisville must be the epicenter of our city to complete the mixture of residential, tourism and meaningful jobs. A strong city begins with a strong downtown.