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## **Jennifer Williams Officially Kicks Off North Ward City Council Campaign Speaks out on Economic Development, Jobs, Public Safety and Route 1 Sound Barriers!**

Jennifer Williams officially entered the non-partisan North Ward City Council race last night in an uplifting, yet barn-burning speech outlining her vision and some of her policy priorities when she becomes the next North Ward City Councilperson. In her speech, Jennifer explained her campaign's slogan of "Respect. Honor. Commitment. Trenton." Some quotes on major policy points from Jennifer's speech are listed below:

***Economic Development and Poverty*** – "... the U.S. Census recently reported that only 39% of Trenton residences are owner-occupied. Thirty-nine percent! That is abysmal and we must increase that percentage so more Trentonians who want to own a home can do so and eventually build legacy wealth for themselves and their families. Let alone have good, decent housing to live in."

If we can create more economic development and jobs here, we can finally begin to defeat that scourge that has haunted us for decades. That scourge is poverty. Poverty of the pocketbook, poverty of the mind, poverty of the soul.

***City Council Responsibilities*** – "City Council and Trenton can do big things such as sound barrier walls - and at the same time, we can and must fulfill our legal responsibilities as a Council by approving required water and sewer bond payments and increased tax levies for our school system. I don't want to raise anyone's taxes, but we are statutorily required by the state to meet these financial requirements.

***Equality in Public Safety*** – "My approach to policing and protecting our community is this: EQUALITY in our public safety. Every Trentonian wants streets that are not only paved - but are safe to walk down. Every Trentonian should feel safe and at ease when they see a member of our police force – no matter what that Trentonian looks like, who they are or where they live"

***Arts, Athletics & Hustle*** – "In Trenton, we are rich in the number of fighters we have, the talent that is here and the amount of hustle and drive in so many. How else can one explain how Athing Mu, Terence "The Heat" Cauthen, Ike Williams, Ernie Kovacs, Sarah Dash, Judith Light, Daniella Cotton, Richard Kind and so many others having so much success? We have much to be proud of and many whom we can celebrate!"

"We must continue and encourage this Administration and future Administrations to expand and support our city's artistic and historical offerings. We have some good things happening now like Art All Day, the Levitt AMP Concert Series, Artworks, Passage Theater, the Old Barracks and so many others. Thank

you to all those involved for your hard work and inspiration. On City Council, you will always have a friend in me.”

***Route 1 Sound Barriers Installation***– “I promise that I will work very hard to liaison with the State, the County and our city officials and local stakeholders to get sound walls built along the portions of the Route 1 expressway through Trenton’s neighborhoods. Quiet neighborhoods are healthier, safer neighborhoods and we deserve them!”

***Jobs and Trenton’s economy*** – “People are hungry, for jobs, jobs, jobs and jobs located here in Trenton, not just the suburbs. Big business jobs and small-business jobs, too! Our small business owners provide much of our city economy and more businesses and industry here means more money for them to hire people. Recently, the Federal Government released its July Jobs report which stated that 528,000 new jobs were created in America. How many of those jobs were created in Trenton?”

Election Day is November 8th, 2022.

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### **Biography**

**Jennifer (Jen) Williams** is lifelong Trentonian who grew up in the East Ward in the shadow of Junior School #2, has lived in North Trenton for over twenty years and has been civically active in many endeavors in the Capital City. Jen has dutifully served Trenton and the North Ward on the Zoning Board for fourteen years and as its Chair for the past two years to help guide business and residential development towards fair, legal, equitable and resolutions - benefiting Trenton residents and business owners. She has learned much that she wishes to apply as Trenton’s North Ward City Councilperson.