
COLIN BYRD



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Colin Byrd is a lifelong Greenbelter. Growing up, he fell in love with everything Greenbelt – parades, movie theater, Community Center, pool, parks, library, people and so much more.

Colin was first elected to the Greenbelt City Council in 2017 and now serves as mayor. He is liaison to Green ACES (the city’s environmental sustainability advisory committee) and the Youth Advisory Committee. He is a member of the Prince George’s County Climate Action Commission and the MWCOCG Board of Directors. Colin is the second African American elected to the Greenbelt City Council. And, previously, he served as the youngest ever regional director for the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials and as the chair of the Prince George’s County Municipal Association’s Legislative Committee.

Colin is committed to civil rights advocacy. He is a member of the Urban League, the NAACP, and the Rainbow PUSH Coalition.

Colin is a committed progressive Democrat. He served as a delegate to the 2016 Democratic National Convention and is a longtime member of Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club.

Colin is an alumnus of the University of Maryland, College Park, where he studied sociology, was inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the OMSE Academic Excellence Society, and was a research assistant in the fields of psychology, economics and public health. He was also Mr. Black Student Union. His accolades include the James Otis Williams Award for Cultural Leadership and the MICA Award for Champion of Diversity.

Colin is committed to public safety and to increasing the compensation of city workers. He proposed raising the minimum wage to \$15 for all city employees, introduced and passed legislation to require regular public hearings and briefings on crime and worked with colleagues to approve a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) that includes pay raises and increased benefits. And he did so while pushing for and helping to secure the most transparent CBA review process in city history, setting in motion a new precedent that these multi-million dollar contracts will no longer be voted on without the public being able to read them first.

Colin has made TV appearances on NBC4, Fox 5, ABC7, News Channel 8 and WUSA9. His career includes stints as environmental policy advocate for Environment Maryland and union organizer for the Service Employees International Union. Colin’s hobbies include basketball, ping pong, (watching) football, tennis, playing the piano and the arts in general.
