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# EMMETT V. JORDAN

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Emmett V. Jordan is an incumbent member of city council, serving as mayor pro tem after serving three terms as mayor. A Greenbelt resident for 22 years, Emmett relocated to work with the University of Maryland in 1998. He soon moved to Greenbriar Condominiums, attracted by the convenient location and many recreational amenities of Greenbelt. In 2009, he became the first African-American elected to serve on council.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, he studied liberal arts and music at Morehouse College and at the University of Cincinnati, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in urban administration. He earned additional graduate-level credits in public administration at Seton Hall University. Emmett participated in the UMD Legacy Leadership Institute on Municipal Government in 2009 and completed an Academy for Excellence in Local Governance Fellowship in 2011. He frequently attends workshops and conferences to expand his competencies.

Emmett has worked hard to develop productive relationships with surrounding municipalities, the county and state/federal delegations. These relationships provide a platform to advocate for the best interests of Greenbelt. He is a current member of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board and Chairman of the National League of Cities First Tier Suburbs Council. He has served as vice-chair of the Maryland Municipal League Legislative Committee and president of the Prince George's County Municipal Association in 2013.

Emmett's career provides him with over 25 years of experience in project management: planning and implementing capacity building programs for organizations. He has worked with a variety of organizations including the Smithsonian Institution, University of Maryland and the United Negro College Fund. Since 2005, he has worked as an independent contractor, providing marketing and development services. Prior to 2009, Emmett served on the city's Advisory Planning Board where he spearheaded the effort to create a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. He completed a four-year term in 2010 with the Greenbelt Community Foundation, serving as chair in 2014. He served on the Greenbriar Condominiums Association Phase I Board for five years beginning in 2004. From 2000 to 2005, he co-chaired the Urban Roundtable, an auxiliary of the Greater Washington Urban League. Emmett still finds time to occasionally volunteer with various Greenbelt organizations.

An energetic and active person, Emmett enjoys attending concerts, art exhibits and cultural programs. His favorite pastimes include spending time outdoors around Greenbelt, playing tennis, bicycling and playing the guitar.

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