

## Ric Gordon

Ric Gordon was born Brandon Ricardo Gordon in Prince George's County on September 19, 1982, and attended Prince George's County Public Schools. Gordon graduated from Morris College in 2004 obtaining his bachelor's degree in political science and pre-law, a minor in psychology and a master's degree in public administration. Gordon has served in various organizations throughout his time in Greenbelt. He was the founder and former chair of Greenbelt Voices Rising, former vice chair of the city's Park and Recreation

Advisory Board and former vice president of GATe TV. During Gordon's first two years on council, he worked with multiple organizations by holding voter registration and community rallies, organizing food basket/clothes giveaways and collecting holiday and school supplies for Greenbelt students. He started the Greenbelt Pride Festival in 2022 and added the Pride Parade in 2023.

Gordon was the first Greenbelt councilmember and first African American to serve as State Chair of the Young Municipal Leaders under the Maryland Municipal League. Gordon currently serves as an at-large executive board member with Prince George's County Municipal Association where he was appointed to serve on the county tax differential taskforce.

Gordon has been honored for his community work in Greenbelt with citations and special letters by Delegate Alonzo Washington, Governor Wes Moore and Maryland Comptroller Brooke Lierman.

Gordon is a published author of three books of poetry, is an active member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Prince Hall Freemason of Warren Lodge #8. Gordon resides in the Franklin Park community in Greenbelt West. He and his wife Carla, whom he met and married in Greenbelt, have four grown children and six grandchildren. Gordon is currently employed at The U.S. Department of Transportation under the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration as a government contractor. He will be completing a certification from the University of Maryland Public Policy Academy of Excellence in Local Governance the fall of 2023.