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### **CITY COUNCIL SELECTS AMY KNESEL TO FILL COUNCIL VACANCY SEAT**

GREENBELT, MD — After the tragic loss of Councilmember Ric Gordon, the standing City Council has selected Amy Knesel to fill the open Council vacancy seat during a special meeting on January 24.

“On behalf of the City Council, we welcome Amy Knesel to the Council of Greenbelt,” said Emmett Jordan, Mayor of the City of Greenbelt. “She is very active in Greenbelt, and we felt she best fit the position. This entire process has been bittersweet, as we all have recently lost Ric Gordon, one of our beloved members of the Greenbelt community. Today, we welcome Amy, and look towards working together to help meet the needs of our residents, stakeholders, and partners in local and state government.”

Amy joins Mayor Pro Tem Kristen Weaver, Councilmember Silke Pope, Councilmember Jenni Pompei, and Councilmember Danielle McKinney as Greenbelt’s first historic – women-majority-led council. She has also been a member of Greenbelt since 2013, and while raising her family, she has been a very active volunteer with many organizations throughout the City of Greenbelt. “Teamwork is engrained in my approach, and I am eager to bring my passion, dedication, and collaborative spirit to the Greenbelt City Council,” said Knesel.

Knesel was sworn in at last night’s special meeting held on Wednesday, January 24 by Mayor Emmett V. Jordan, just in time for the Council Retreat scheduled for Saturday, January 27. A Ceremonial Swear-in is scheduled to take place on Monday, February 12 at 7:30 pm during the regular Council meeting.

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#### **About Greenbelt**

The City of Greenbelt is a diverse, welcoming community of 25,000 residents and 600 businesses located just outside Washington, D.C. It is widely known as an affordable public cooperative community founded in the New Deal era. Greenbelt prioritizes being environmentally friendly and has abundant parks, trails, and lakes to enjoy. The city has a national historic landmark district and is home to the nation’s first space flight complex, the NASA Goddard Flight Center. For more information on the city, go to [www.GreenbeltMD.gov](http://www.GreenbeltMD.gov).