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Baltimore City Council, District 14

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Dear 14th District Leaders and Friends,

For the past 15 years, I have had the honor and joy of representing our diverse and dynamic 14th District. Now it's time for a new generation of City Council leadership for our district. So I am writing to let you know that I will not be seeking re-election for the City Council term beginning on December 8, 2020, a year and a half from now.

Please be assured that in these troubling and transitional times, I will continue to work as diligently as possible for 14th District neighborhoods and individuals and to see Baltimore City through to the stability, violence reduction, and educational achievement now evolving on Baltimore City's horizon.

I regard the people of the great 14th as my extended and beloved family --- and always will. But the time is right for a new generation to assume leadership and responsibility in our crucial corner of the City. The person we elect will contribute ideas and talents to the most progressive and diligent City Council I have ever had the honor to work with. The time is right to make the coming transition of 2020 the most promising possible.

I write now, because the Primary Election for Mayor and City Council --- and President of the United States --- is just one year away, on April 28, 2020. And in Baltimore, that Primary determines the General Election outcomes in November.

Our 14th District voters and potential candidates deserve this intervening year to get to know each other. May God bless us all and continue to guide our paths.

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