



City of Westminster, Maryland

Election Information Newsletter

Candidate for Mayor

Mona Becker

My name is Mona Becker and I am running for Mayor of Westminster. I have two decades of proven leadership experience at the local, state, and national levels. I served on the Executive Board of the Maryland Association of Science Teachers, leading the organization through a period of regrowth. I worked with the National Science Teachers Association on numerous educational projects and events. I co-founded the Environmental Studies Department at McDaniel College and fostered its development through its early years, and I have been active in many downtown initiatives including the Downtown Westminster Farmers Market and the Carroll County Arts Council since moving to Westminster in 2003. I am currently employed as a teacher at Westminster High School, where I chair the science department. I am a passionate champion and promoter of city businesses and events; I buy, eat, and live local. I served on the Common Council of the City of Westminster from 2015 – 2019; it was a busy four years, during which the city finished installation of the fiber project, reinvested in Main Street by moving the administrative offices into a city owned building, and broke ground on the state-mandated enhanced nitrogen removal facility at the waste water treatment plant to reduce pollution and protect the Chesapeake Bay. The city also began to procure new water sources - through water reuse - for economic growth. Westminster continues to grow; multiple new businesses have opened in the city within the last year, the fiber is being extended outside the city limits, and new housing for residents is under construction. As your mayor, I pledge to continue to work for all residents of Westminster beginning with my passion for Main Street and local businesses. I propose a close look and revision of the current zoning regulations in the city which can stifle and slow progress. My background in environmental sciences provides me with the expertise to lead the city in its quest for a secure water source. As we move out of the pandemic, I will provide fiscal oversight and promote the sensible use of city resources for future financial endeavors. Finally, I pledge to maintain a safe environment that can be enjoyed by all the residents. A few years ago, a good friend called me a “connector” and I am indeed a connector in our community, I have ability to connect people to people, and people to opportunities. I also possess the ability to work with diverse groups of people to reach consensus on difficult issues. During my prior tenure on the city council, I was known as the “voice of reason” when the Common Council faced difficult topics in debate. Westminster is a city of amazing residents whom I have been privileged to work alongside the last 18 years. I am a believer in the power of people and that when we come together as a community we can accomplish anything. On May 11th, a vote for Mona Becker is a vote for the future of Westminster.