

Durham Appointed to Ward 4 Vacancy

Wanda Durham has been appointed to Carlsbad City Council's Ward 4, Mayor Dale Janway has announced. Mayor Janway's recommendation of Durham was approved by Carlsbad City Council during a special May 25 council meeting.

Durham is replacing Janell Whitlock, who withdrew from Carlsbad City Council in January to serve as Interim Municipal Judge. Following the resignation of Municipal Judge Janet Ellis, Whitlock was then fully appointed as the City of Carlsbad's Municipal Judge during a May 17 Special Council Meeting.

"Filling Janell Whitlock's shoes is a challenge for anyone," Janway stated. "But we strongly believe Wanda Durham is the best person for the job. In fact, Janell and Wanda have worked closely together for a long time to help acquire the important designation by the World Health Alliance as an Age Friendly Community. We believe Wanda will do an excellent job of carrying on Janell Whitlock's legacy of absolute dedication to the citizens of Carlsbad."

Wanda Durham has served on the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Carlsbad. She is on the board of the Carlsbad Community Foundation and the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce, where she serves as a chair of the Chamber's Retirement Committee.

"Of course, Wanda is best known to many Carlsbad residents through her long-time affiliation with Durham Mackay Architects and its predecessors," Janway added. "Wanda has many years of experience of helping to run a successful business in Carlsbad, which will provide her with excellent background knowledge while working to support the members of Carlsbad's business community through her position on council."

"I want to do what I can to continue to make Carlsbad a wonderful city to live in," Durham stated. "I'm honored to be appointed, and I will work hard to be available to the citizens of Carlsbad."

As an appointee to Carlsbad City Council, Durham will remain on council until the next regular municipal election, when she would be required to run to retain her seat.