

## Wayne Sherwood: I went to Jarrett Smith Candidate for Mayor of Takoma Park Story...

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I am a Takoma Park resident, and even though I don't live in Ward 5, I felt like Jarrett was the City Councilmember I could go to and that he was very knowledgeable.

Over the years that Jarrett has been on city council, he always responded to emails from me with questions asking him if he could help my understanding on specific actions the city council took or did not take, even though I am not in his ward. I have also been able to talk with Jarrett openly about his perspective on racial reparations.

My conversations with Jarrett over the years have included information about the city's racial equity evaluations, how the city uses ARPA funds as well as how they are distributed, city wide WI-FI regardless of income, Ward 5's need for a small business association, and Ward 5 landlords needing resources.

Jarrett and I have had long discussions about his ideas around how he would handle affordable housing in our city, as well as his idea for how to handle tax increases so that existing moderate-income homeowners won't get priced out of Takoma Park by rising taxes.

The countless conversations I have had with Jarrett have provided me with the information that I have needed to be informed and remain an advocate within the City of Takoma Park on issues I am passionate about.

I am thrilled to be able to say, that Jarrett has been my Takoma Park, city government "go to".

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