



March 18, 2024

Ms. Denise Archibald
City Clerk
City of Phoenix
200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Denise,

I'm writing to inform you that I will be resigning my position as Phoenix City Councilwoman representing District 7, as required by Arizona's Resign to Run Law, effective immediately at 3:00 p.m. on **Mar. 28, 2024**.

It has been the honor of my lifetime to serve over 1.6 million Phoenix residents as a Councilwoman and Vice Mayor. Together, we've made tangible progress on building a more equitable, sustainable, and stronger city for all residents.

During my time in office, we've invested more than \$140 million toward new emergency shelter beds, permanent supportive housing, and mental and behavioral health services. We passed a city policy that bans landlords from discriminating against renters or buyers based on their source of income, such as housing choice vouchers. Delivering attainable and quality housing for all residents has been one of my top priorities. As such, we've helped spearhead zoning reform such as allowing accessory dwelling units (ADUs) citywide to fast-track goals in our Phoenix Housing Plan, and broken ground on new affordable housing projects.

As a climate policy expert, I've been proud to lead bold efforts to clean up our air and water in Phoenix. With the support of a bipartisan coalition, we passed the city's first ever Transportation Electrification Action Plan and one of the most ambitious fleet transition plans in the country – ushering in a clean energy future for Phoenix. We also established the country's first publicly funded Office of Heat Response and Mitigation, and we continue to improve our proactive heat planning each year to save as many lives as possible.

We've also fought and delivered for working-class families in District 7 and across the city. We raised wages for police officers, firefighters, bus drivers and city employees across the board. Last year, I secured more than \$113 million in direct investments for new parks, libraries, public safety, arts and culture, and energy efficiency programs for District 7 through the Phoenix General Obligation Bond Program. In the coming years, South Phoenix, Laveen, Maryvale, Estrella and Downtown Phoenix will see catalytic investments in our diverse communities, including the long-awaited Estrella Civic Space Park and Branch Library. This was a promise I made during my campaign that I am so proud will finally come to life.

As a daughter of immigrants who emphasized access to education as a pathway to personal and generational resiliency, I worked to provide young people with the opportunity to pursue higher education by establishing the Phoenix Promise – a program that supported hundreds of

low-income students in pursuing a community college education. My team and I also pushed to establish the city's Office of Refugee Support and direct funding to local organizations who support our diverse immigrant and refugee communities.

During my tenure, we've prioritized accessibility and accountability through exceptional constituent services and by bringing city resources into our communities. From door-to-door outreach to resource fairs, to regional quarterly meetings and multicultural events, my four-member team has worked to reach and empower thousands of residents to take part in communal solutions.

The fifth largest and fastest growing city in the country is undergoing a transformative period that demands thoughtful approaches to challenges including affordable housing, climate and water security, and community safety. Through our collaborative work, we have delivered quality city services and advanced forward-thinking policy and programming that will allow future generations to not only thrive in our city, but be proud of doing so as Phoenicians.

I continue to believe Phoenix is one of the most dynamic and promising cities in the world. Innovation, culture, and grit has created a burgeoning ecosystem of stewards who want to take our city to the next level, and I'm so excited for our shared future.

I sincerely look forward to the opportunity to serve Phoenicians in the years ahead.

With my deepest gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yassamin Ansari". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Yassamin Ansari, Councilwoman
City of Phoenix, District 7