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People who live and work in Glendale make it what it is today and tomorrow.

This short, simple sentence speaks volumes on the simplicity and beauty of our Village to me. I'm honored to strive, serving as a Member of Council and former Clerk/Treasurer for Glendale and residents.

Why? To improve the quality of living in Glendale through public services, and to make our Village more beautiful—pleasing senses *and* mind— for all who live or work here.

How? Currently chairing Council's Laws, Claims & Miscellaneous Committee and serving on the Police Committee, Utilities Committee, and Finance Committee—I endeavor to weigh residents and government concerns, key facts, and sound visions making our Village a better place for all.

Hearing candidly from Village residents advantages me. Of course, some I hear from more frequently than others; and, that's great!

Hear? As a participant in the Glendale Community Library Book Club, I'm fortunate to discuss different, well-grounded views with literary colleagues, developing me into a better public servant for Glendale's diverse people.

Here? As a member of the Glendale Lyceum, its annual Memorial Day Picnic, chili cook-off around the fire pit in the Fall, and December holiday festivities are a few of many events that enlighten me through casual conversations with Glendale residents.

Beauty? As Corresponding Secretary for the Village Gardeners of Glendale, with members who labor on plants and flowers to beautify the Village Square center islands, I'm awed by members creativity and picturesque, hospitable homes.

Flower Power? In *all* my business travels in every state in America and Puerto Rico, educational trips, and vacations overseas—British Columbia and other Canadian areas, Beijing, Caribbean Islands, Caracas, Hong Kong, Switzerland and other European places—along streets, in yards, on balconies, with handouts or street corner sales by villagers I've seen flowers bringing people together from different countries, races, generations, religions, income, and other diversity. Conversations start or grow.

Bedrocks—Christ Church Glendale, husband Rance and work—anchor me.

Where unpredictable sermons and conversation awake me to unseen realities, worshipping at Christ Church strengthen me as a public servant.

Daily Rance provides me with unwavering support through his love for me and learned experiences at Western & Southern / Fort Washington Investment Advisors and in leadership posts on various boards of directors.

My 40+ years of employment experiences handling some sensitive legal or policy matters for the best—global marketing company, Procter & Gamble; dynamic United States Senator and Treasury Secretary, Lloyd Bentsen; vigilant civil rights office, the NAACP historic Washington Bureau; and the largest professional education / labor

union in the United States, the National Education Association until my retirement—base my public service.

Educational anchors, I earned them the hard way!

Hague Academy of International Law, Harvard Law School JD, Fisk University BA *cum laude*, admitted to the Bar in the District of Columbia and before the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, United States Court of International Trade, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and the United States Court of Military Appeals.

These steps were climbed after Wyoming High School and K-5th grades at St. Simons, a mission by the Sisters of the Transfiguration, Bethany.

Memorable past leadership gird my public service abilities today.

Chair Supervisory Committee, President of EAFCU (federally-chartered credit union);
Trustee, Employees Retirement Plan of the NEA;
Co-chair, Subcommittee on International Human Rights Policy, ABA;
Judge, Regional Moot Court Competition, American Society of International Law

And as an appointed or elected official facing some of the best and brightest in political wrestling rings,

Appointed by Governor and confirmed by General Assembly, Commonwealth of Virginia Coal and Energy Commissioner;
Appointed by Arlington County Board, Arlington County Human Rights Commissioner;
Elected statewide, Virginia Delegate, Democratic Party Convention (1992)—where the spirit of Fannie Lou Hamer's historic fight for respect and recognition inspires—

I've fought, and won many, matches for the respect of diverse views and for even-handed, sound public policies.

Words on just societies—thanks to Civil and Human Rights movements, corporate responsiveness, and many individuals—I see substantial improvements in our Village, state, country and around the world.

As an attorney with over 200+ attributed publications, keynote speeches, seminars, interviews, and honors, my favorite work occurred in 2004 through elevating the historic Supreme Court decision *Brown v. Board of Education* on its 50th anniversary.

More so than what I've done in the past, it's what I do today that counts!

Today—experienced with diversity, public policy, and leadership—I'm truly humbled to serve you on Council. To me, it's all for respecting people in our Village, bringing out beauties and enjoyments now and years ahead.

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