

The City of Winston-Salem is searching for a new City Manager for the first time in 17 years, because current Manager Lee Garrity is retiring. A City Manager is like the CEO of Winston-Salem. They make executive-level decisions about staffing, budgets, and strategic planning that deeply impact the daily lives of citizens. It's incredibly important that Winston-Salem City Council conduct a national search and hire a new Manager dedicated to environmental sustainability, social justice, and community engagement, and with the leadership experience to implement a vision for a more resilient, just, and sustainable city.

Quick Action (5 minutes)

Email your City Councilor to tell them you'd like to see a City Manager with the leadership skills and experience to implement a vision for a more resilient, just, and sustainable city.

Sample email text:

Here's the sample text (don't forget to add your name at the end):

Dear Council Member *[add name here]*,

I would like the next City Manager of Winston-Salem to have a demonstrated track record of integrating principles of environmental sustainability into projects from conception through implementation. I would like this new leader to be committed to social justice, community engagement, and visionary leadership for a more resilient, just, and sustainable city.

Though this position is not elected, I am eager for someone to see themselves accountable to the residents of our community. The person in this position strongly guides the vision, priorities, and perspective of our City Council, and I am eager to have someone who has their ear to the ground of the community.

I have completed the Community Feedback Form but wanted to follow up with an e-mail to express my priorities for this position.

Your constituent,
Name
Address or Zip Code

Locate your ward

Council Members by ward:

- East Ward: [Annette Scippio](#); annettes@cityofws.org; 336-771-5175

- Community Liaison - Sabrina Stowe: sabrinas@cityofws.org; Phone: 336-734-1274
- North Ward: [Denise D. Adams, Mayor Pro Tempore](#): denisea@cityofws.org; 336-757-0036
 - Community Liaison - Zina Johnson: zinaj@cityofws.org; Phone: 336-734-1254
- Northeast Ward: [Barbara H. Burke](#): bhburke@cityofws.org; 336-771-5172
 - Community Liaison - Melvin Aikens: Melvina@cityofws.org; Phone: 336-300-6335
- Northwest Ward: [Jeff MacIntosh](#): jeffm@cityofws.org; 336-771-5178
 - Community Liaison - Breasia Wynn: breasiasw@cityofws.org; Phone: 336-734-1265
- South Ward: [John C. Larson](#): john.larson@cityofws.org; 336-771-5176
 - Community Liaison - Vernetta DeVane: vernettad@cityofws.org; Phone: 336-734-1253
- Southeast Ward: [James Taylor, Jr.](#): jamestjr@cityofws.org; 336-757-2110
 - Community Liaison - Yoland Taylor: yolandat@cityofws.org; Phone: 336-734-1256
- Southwest Ward: [Kevin Mundy](#): kmundy@cityofws.org; 743-207-0420
 - Community Liaison - Jennifer Chrysson: jenniferc@cityofws.org; Phone: 336-397-7531
- West Ward: [Robert C. Clark](#): robertc@cityofws.org; 336-416-0190
 - (also Breasia Wynn)
- Mayor's Office: Allen Joines mayorsoffice@cityofws.org; 336-727-2058
 - Assistant - Linda Jackson-Barnes: mayorsoffice@cityofws.org; Phone: 336-747-7372

Here are some additional talking points:

- The city needs a leader with a demonstrated track record of integrating principles of environmental sustainability into projects from conception through implementation.
- Local government has an important role to play in responding to our changing climate, protecting our water and air quality, and more.

- The city needs a leader with a strong vision for responsive, reparative government so that our city can continue to become more resilient and equitable.
- By implementing good environmental policy and practice, Winston-Salem can save money, better protect public health, and grow our local economy.
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- We are eager for someone who sees a city of "Arts and Innovation" as a community deeply creative in its responsiveness to best practices in repairing systemic harm, in equitable hiring practices, and in adequately compensating those who work for the city.