

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 23-0118

A proclamation honoring Council Secretary Mar'quasa Maes' years of service to the Denver City Council and the City and County of Denver

WHEREAS, the Denver City Councils honors, celebrates, and thanks Mar'quasa Maes for her seven years of service to the Denver City Council and the City and County of Denver; and

WHEREAS, Mar'quasa Maes has been the Council Secretary for Denver City Council, serving as the Council's Parliamentarian since 2018. In 2016 Mar'quasa began her career for Denver City Council as an Administrative Assistant, and was promoted to Legislative Assistant in 2017 before taking the place of her predecessor as Council Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Mar'quasa is a proud native of Denver. She attended Cowell Elementary School, Lake Middle School, and Thomas Jefferson High School in Denver before graduating in 2011 in Aurora. While Mar'quasa has yet to finish her college education, she intends to pick back up and pursue a bachelor's in psychology; and

WHEREAS, Mar'quasa lives with her partner, JaMel, and their three dogs. When she's not at work she spends time with her beloved family during their weekly game nights and grabbing dinner from time to time with her best friend. Her interests include interior design, music, and good food; and

WHEREAS, Prior to her position with the City and County of Denver, Mar'quasa worked in telecommunications where she found her problem-solving, de-escalation, and people skills put to the test. It was there she found her calling in critical thinking and customer service; and

WHEREAS, Mar'quasa tested and gained her certification and membership to the National Association of Parliamentarians in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mar'quasa takes pride in ensuring legislation passes throughout the City and County of Denver seamlessly—keeping accurate minutes and votes, and providing guidance to Councilmembers on their rules of procedure and Robert's Rules of order during their legislative sessions; and

WHEREAS, Mar'quasa's professionalism, quest for knowledge, and commitment to personal and professional growth have earned her the respect and admiration of Councilmembers and staff; and

WHEREAS, Mar'quasa has always been responsive and professional, and her parliamentarian skills are so effective that the public will never know how much she made the Councilmembers look like Robert's Rules experts; and

WHEREAS, Marquasa routinely predicted the length of our Monday night meetings with uncanny accuracy; and

WHEREAS, Mar'quasa fulfilled her democratic duties with honor and commitment as Council Parliamentarian serving the citizens of Denver with professionalism over the past seven years and during a historic time in the world. She was always steadfast, willing to teach, strategic, and truly demonstrated grace under pressure; and

WHEREAS, Mar'quasa makes her work look effortless and conducts each City Council meeting with seamless grace. She is an expert in her craft, and it shows every week. We are incredibly grateful for her stewardship of Council and wish her the best of luck in this next phase of her career; and

WHEREAS, Mar'quasa brings calm, stability, and grace everywhere she goes and it was a true pleasure to work with her on Council and know she will do brilliant things in her next adventure; and

WHEREAS, Mar'quasa will be greatly missed because she is such an integral and valuable part of the team. She displayed a commitment to excellence, dedication, professionalism, and poise, in her role as Council Secretary and Parliamentarian. We wish her the best in her future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mar'quasa left her position as a dedicated and skillful Council Secretary on February 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mar'quasa will be moving on to the next chapter in her career with the City Attorney's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to Mar'quasa Maes for her dedicated and conscientious work on behalf of the City and County of Denver.

Section 2. That the Council hereby wishes her the best in this new adventure.

Section 3. That the Secretary of Council shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Mar'quasa Maes.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL February 6th 2023

PRESIDENT