

Dave Belgard Announces Campaign for Gaithersburg, MD City Council

Dave Belgard is committed to: diverse job growth, community engagement, focusing on the environment, and increasing affordable housing. Dave Belgard is 'Committed to Gaithersburg'.



Maryland, Gaithersburg, Apr 26, 2021 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Today, Dave Belgard formally announced his campaign for Gaithersburg City Council. In his announcement, Belgard said:

*"As Mayor Ashman often says, 'Gaithersburg is the greatest city in the world!' I wholeheartedly agree with the mayor - Gaithersburg **IS** a great city! Gaithersburg is strong, resilient, diverse, and driven to do right for all of its residents. While we have made great strides over the last decade, there are still significant opportunities for our city to do even better."*

Dave Belgard is Committed to Gaithersburg

He has lived in Montgomery County for over 30 years, and he's been a Gaithersburg resident since 2010. One of the things Dave Belgard loves most about Gaithersburg is how it has a 'small town' feel while also being a growing and energetic city. He feels that Gaithersburg has a true sense of community that he has often found missing in other cities.

Belgard has been an active participant in Gaithersburg since 2015. First as a member of a committee to design a new park for the city and later as a member of both the Community Advisory and Police Advisory committees. He has been a regular attendee at City Council meetings and advocated on a number of important issues including the Lakeforest master plan and the CCOC.

Dave Belgard is running for City Council because he is committed to helping Gaithersburg continue to be a place where he is proud for his family to live.

Dave Belgard is Right for Gaithersburg

He is the first generation of his family to not be born into poverty. From his father and grandfather, Belgard learned about the sacrifices that families must make when they do not have economic opportunity. Because of his family's sacrifices, he was able to grow up middle-class and attend college. Dave Belgard doesn't take those benefits and privileges for granted. His family and history help Belgard to see both sides of the economic fence, and because of that, he is committed to ensuring that there is an opportunity for all of Gaithersburg's residents.

Belgard a product of the Montgomery County public school system and the Maryland state college system. Even though his degrees are in business, much of his time has been spent working with data analytics. Dave Belgard has run three and started two, small businesses during his career and he is very familiar with how hard a person must work to make a small business successful.

He looks forward to using his business background and analytical skills to benefit Gaithersburg. As a member of the City Council, Belgard's experience and expertise will help the city make good economic and financial decisions.

Belgard's Campaign Platform

1) Diversify Job Growth

Everyone deserves the chance to work close to where they live if they choose to. Whether someone is a doctor, a mechanic, a researcher, or a cook – Gaithersburg should have a job for them. Dave Belgard believes that the city must work with businesses to increase the availability of jobs for a wide range of skills and experience.

2) Engage Communities in City Decisions

Belgard will focus on ensuring that Gaithersburg better leverages new technology, community relationships, and trusted messengers to connect with underserved and underrepresented populations to ensure access to information, resources, and programs.

3) Increase Affordable Housing

People should be able to afford to live in the same city they work in and housing of all types needs to be available to support the wide range of economic diversity in Gaithersburg. Dave Belgard will focus on bringing in more 'missing middle housing into our city.

4) Focus on the Environment

Minimizing environmental impact should part of every decision Gaithersburg makes and the discussion it has. Belgard believes that the city must work with its businesses and residents to adopt new technologies and practices to decrease Gaithersburg's carbon footprint.

Regarding the four components of his campaign platform, Belgard said:

"Each of these areas has both short and long-term effects on our lives and our city. By focusing on job creation, community engagement, affordable housing, and the environment, Gaithersburg can build a sustainable future for all of its residents."

To learn more about Dave Belgard and his campaign, please visit www.DaveBelgard.com

To stay informed about what is happening with the campaign, follow it on Twitter and Facebook at:

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You can support the campaign by volunteering or donating at:

Volunteer: <https://www.davebelgard.com/volunteer/>

Donate: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/davebelgard>

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