

# MAYOR'S CORNER

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## It's a Privilege

When I took the oath to serve as Mayor of Irondale, I understood that I was stepping into something truly significant—this isn't just a role; it's a heartfelt calling. With each meeting I attend, every handshake I share, and every challenge we face together, I grow more grateful for this reality: it's a profound privilege to serve the 13,548 outstanding citizens who make Irondale their home.

Our city is rich in history, heart, and spirit. We are blessed with kind, passionate, and resilient people. From our vibrant neighborhoods to our cherished local businesses, from our schools to our faith communities, I've witnessed Irondale's strength and soul firsthand. I often say we have the most wonderful citizens in the world, and I say it with all my love for this community.



Sometimes I walk through City Hall or stroll down 20th Street, feeling a profound sense of responsibility and gratitude. In those moments, I reflect on Psalm 90:17: "Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us." Each step we take together, every plan we craft, and every improvement we strive for is grounded in grace.

Being your mayor is a duty I cherish deeply. It's not just a job; it's an assignment I approach with prayer, humility, and an unwavering love for this community. I have seen the goodness that unfolds when we support each other, especially during challenging times, and I genuinely believe that God's hand is evident in our progress and growth.

Irondale, thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to walk alongside you on this journey. Thank you for your trust, hope, and willingness to partner with me. As long as I am honored to serve you, I promise to lead with gratitude and faith in our future.

**It truly is a privilege.**

