



## THANK YOU

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There are so many beautiful things going on in Irondale, and I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you. Your role in our city's progress is invaluable. I never thought in my wildest dreams, after being in office for 46 months, that so many things would occur. We were able to pave five million dollars in roads, develop Blueprint Irondale to give the city direction for the future, increase recycling efforts for over 2,300 residents, and provide trash amnesty twice a year. We were able to do so many things that I cannot include them all in this blog. However, the most significant achievement is the transformational, generational capital projects.

In 2005, the city considered building a new city hall and a new library, renovating two fire stations, and building a new fire station to replace the worn Fire Station #3 inherited from the East Jefferson Annexation. At that time, the community did not take action, but now, after almost twenty years, we are successfully completing this task. This historic moment in the city will impact the community for years to come, and I want to thank you for your unwavering support and dedication.

Therefore, this is my thank-you note to the citizens for allowing me to have a vision and supporting it. Some days, I want to throw in the towel, but then I will receive encouraging words from citizens-- it keeps me in the arena and inspires me to press on. I do not always get it right, but thank you for giving me the latitude to succeed or fail. This beautiful city has a rich history that we all share and should be proud of. I thank the men and women who came before me to make this possible. So, I want to thank the most outstanding employees in the world, the best citizens in the universe, and especially Councilmembers Spivey, London, Box, and Sims for their unwavering support, even in the face of opposition.

I want to thank my family for their immense and unconditional support during my time in office. While I may have signed up for this role, they also shoulder the brunt of unwarranted criticism aimed at me. I am also grateful for their understanding and acceptance of the time I have dedicated to improving the quality of life for everyone in our city. Serving our community has become a full-time commitment despite its label as a part-time job.

Reflecting on the past four years, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude. I never imagined we would achieve so much in such a short time. But above all, I want to express my deepest thanks to God for the opportunity to serve as your mayor. Without His guidance and grace, I would not be in this position, nor would we have been able to accomplish all the amazing things happening in our city. This opportunity truly humbles me, and I want to thank you all for allowing me to be your mayor.

### What are your thoughts?

