

West Lafayette D6 City Councilor Stacey Burr: 2024 - 2025 Voting Record Summary

Hello Neighbors,

As your West Lafayette City Council Representative for District 6, I am sharing this summary of my first year of service. My focus has been to actively engage with the changes happening in our city and to improve our quality of life. Below are some of the key topics I worked on this past year and my City Council voting record.

District 6-Specific Initiatives

- **Completion of Cherry Lane Bike Trails:** Supported the installation of lighted bike trails on Cherry Lane between 231 and Northwestern Avenue.
- **Russell Street Sidewalk Repairs:** Raised awareness and accelerated the repair of the sunken sidewalk between Stadium and 6th Street, addressing a pedestrian hazard.



- Worked extensively with Neighbors, Developers and PRF and voted “yes” for a re-zone request at **Provenance** (Airport Road). Final agreement and commitments for the neighborhood allowed high-end townhouses, and assured single-family homes will be built in phase 6. Also secured commitment that R1 neighbors maintain control of HOA, a faster build-out of a larger community pool & fitness center, and assurances that apartments will not convert into a Master Lease with Purdue.
- Advocated for priority to **resurface McCormick Rd.** between Cherry Lane and north of Lindberg Rd. Bids are out for this much needed improvement can include wider road,

drainage culverts, curbs and for bikes & pedestrians it will include a **5 ft sidewalk on the west, and 10 ft path on the east, with trees, lighting and wider turn lanes.** This work will fall in the 2027 city budget. In May we will know more details of the cost for the bid.

- Actively working with neighbors, apartment managers, and Veo Mobility to address **scooter parking issues** in Blackbird Farm, Celery Bog, and along Lindberg.

Citywide Budget and Infrastructure

- Supported essential city functions, including setting salary budgets for city employees and appropriating funds for city operations.
- Voted for bonds to finance significant projects such as improvements to the wastewater and sewage overflow systems, ensuring sanitation capacity for city growth and preventing stormwater-related pollution.

Key Ordinance Votes

- **Housing, Zoning and Development:**
 - Voted “No” on an apartment zoning request on Lindberg near the Wake Robin / Sherwood Forest neighborhood because of insufficient buffer zones for nearby owner-occupied homes.
 - Voted “Yes” on high-density apartment developments planned for the Levee and Chauncey Hill Mall areas to bring rental supply & demand in closer alignment and rental prices into a more competitive place.
 - Voted “Yes” to shift a TIF district to an Innovation Development District (IDD), clearing the way for the SK Hynix chip packaging facility development north of Kalberer. Unlike a TIF district, an IDD can provide West Lafayette a long term budget buffer to cover city operations costs like Police, Fire, Streets, and Parks.
 - Voted to tighten zoning to make it more challenging for pet store animal breeders in the city limits.
- **Parks and Recreation:**
 - Voted “Yes” on a Parks Impact Fee ordinance to fund future park and trail amenities through a one-time fee on new home and apartment developments.
- **Parking and Mobility:**
 - Voted “Yes” to enable parking meters that will convert some free parking spaces near Purdue’s campus into paid parking to promote greater flow and availability of parking for commuters during the weekday. These central city streets will no longer be available for long term parking use.
 - Voted on tighter regulations for VEO scooters, including geofencing to protect the Celery Bog and requiring designated “forced parking” drop off zones to help declutter sidewalks.
- **Short-Term Rentals:**
 - Voted to restrict the expansion of short-term rentals, preventing more homes from becoming transient (VRBO) guest houses.

- **Community Health and Safety:**
 - Sponsored an ordinance to require that future unrestricted opioid settlement funds be allocated to mitigate the ongoing community harms of opioid and substance abuse.
 - Worked with the Mayor and Police Chief to support hiring a second social worker who will support community members in over 2,000 annual interactions.

Resolutions

- Supported:
 - Expression of local objection to LEAP water export pipeline
 - Protection of local and state wetlands.
 - Exemption of menstrual products from Indiana retail sales tax.
 - Encouraging rental rooms in owner-occupied homes to increase affordable housing options.
- Opposed:
 - A resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza, as I believed this was outside the City Council's purview.

Hot Topics:

Local consequences of in-process **Property Tax legislation** in Indianapolis: We are waiting to learn of the impact of potential changes to the tax formula to provide property tax relief to homeowners. Property taxes are used by municipalities to pay for schools, streets, parks, police & fire and city operations. As this evolving topic becomes more solidified the city of West Lafayette will need to look at options to continue providing public services at our current level.

SK Hynix facility: The uncertain status of the federal Chips Act leaves us with some open questions about the anticipated SK Hynix facility locating in West Lafayette. We are proceeding with the assumption that the development will still happen, as planned.

Your Voice Matters

I value your input and welcome your ideas for District 6 and West Lafayette as a whole. Please feel free to share your thoughts on upcoming topics or concerns you'd like addressed.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our community. Let's continue working together for a better West Lafayette.

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The City Council meetings are open to the public and held @6:30 the first Monday of the month @ Magerum City Hall.