



## 2025 District 6 City Council Update: *A Year of Growth & Stewardship*

Hello neighbors!

I'm Stacey Burr, your representative for WL City Council, District 6. I am committed to ensuring West Lafayette remains a premier place to live, work, study, and raise a family. Following my second year on the City Council, here is a summary of how I have represented your interests and managed our community's resources.

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### Strategic Investment & Infrastructure

I sought the opportunity to be the first Councilor on the **WL Redevelopment Commission (\$30M TIF budget)** to assure the most community livability impact from this substantial tax revenue that rivals the size of the City operations budget. I prioritize projects that directly enhance District 6 and the City.

- **Public Safety:** Funded the new Fire and Police Department headquarters (near the WL Post Office), upgrades to Fire Station 3 on Kalberer and new fire truck, police vehicles and gear.
- **Parks & Recreation:** Secured funding for the opening of **Cason Family Park** and the redevelopment of **Squirrel Park** by Provenance. We are also expanding outdoor pickleball courts and repairing tennis courts at Cumberland Elementary.
- **McCormick Road Improvements:** I championed the \$2M project (slated for 2027) to improve safety, bike path, drainage, resurfacing, lighting, and sidewalks north of Cherry Ln and Lindbergh.

### Economic Development & Resource Management

I advocate for high-value growth while protecting our natural resources.

- **High-Tech Jobs:** Voted for the **SK hynix** re-zone, bringing a \$4B investment and 1000+ high-tech jobs and 135 companies to the area. This facility is projected to have a \$28B regional economic impact. Please reach out if you would like more details about this high profile business coming to WL. I can share my thinking on the decision
- **Environmental Oversight:** To address community concerns, I am working with city officials to implement tighter water regulations and establish multi-year baseline data for air and water quality before new facilities begin operations.

- **Strategic Limits:** I voted to "tap the brakes" on large-footprint data centers. These facilities are resource-intensive and don't provide many new jobs.

## Housing & Neighborhood Integrity

With over 3,000 rental units approved city-wide in three years, I am focused on protecting our single-family neighborhoods (R1).

- **Housing Study:** I sponsored a resolution for a comprehensive audit of owner-occupied vs. rental homes. This will ensure rentals meet safety standards and—crucially—stop landlords from improperly claiming "Homestead" tax exemptions meant for residents. The rapid increase in rental homes has a variety of implications on neighborhoods, including BBF and Provenance.
- **Developer Accountability:** I supported the **Parks Impact Fee** on new developments, ensuring that growth pays for the trails and playgrounds our community relies on.
- **Provenance Re-Zone:** I voted in favor of this re-zone in order to accelerate the construction of the clubhouse and pool, assure phase 6 R1 Homes are built, and allow additional rental options along airport road.

## Advocacy & Community Values

- **Local Culture:** Sponsored the **Riverfront Liquor License** ordinance to attract diverse dining and entertainment to the growing Levee district.
- **Safety & Inclusion:** Supported resolutions designating West Lafayette as a **Welcoming and Safe Community** for our Trans neighbors and declaring us a **"Free to Read City"** to protect our libraries from censorship and book banning.
- **Crisis Support:** WL police department has been ground breaking in its hiring of a social worker to coordinate interactions for those in need of non-police resources. I have supported the use of RDC TIF funds to hire an in-demand second social worker to amplify the impact and ability to help more people receive appropriate helpful social service..

## What's Ahead in 2026?

- **Budget Resilience:** New state property tax formulas may create city budget shortfalls. I am committed to making the "tough choices" necessary to maintain the public safety and city services you expect.
- **Parking & Transit:** I have called for a comprehensive parking study to address the pressures of new growth, CityBus route changes, and meter updates. I voted in favor of more metered parking near campus. After a year, It's time to evaluate if that approach is working as intended or if we need to adjust.
- **Hospital and Healthcare:** 2026 will see the arrival of long-sought hospitals and health services in West Lafayette.

Please reach out at [sburr@westlafayette.in.gov](mailto:sburr@westlafayette.in.gov) with any questions, ideals, or feedback as we move into 2026. You are welcome to attend the City Council meetings on the first Monday of the month, @ City Hall, 6:30 pm