

SHANÉ N. DARBY 2ND DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER

## STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Council Member Darby is a member of the:

- Intergovernmental Committee (Vice Chair)
- Community Development & Urban Planning Committee
- Education, Youth & Family Services Committee
- Personnel Committee
- Cable, Video and Telecommunications Commission

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## BACKGROUND

Shané Darby is a mother of three beautiful girls. She was born and raised in the 2nd District at 27th and Creston to an immigrant Jamaican mother and step- father. Proud of her roots, she decided to raise her family around the corner, in a city she believes in.

Wilmington has been in her blood since the beginning. Towards the end of her senior year at Mount Pleasant High School, she became pregnant with her first daughter. Despite knowing the tough road ahead, she continued her education at Temple University, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication & African Studies, and a Master's Degree in Africana Studies.

Motherhood paired with these passions inspired her to later establish Black Mothers in Power. Black Mothers in Power is a statewide, non-profit organization founded on empowering Black Mothers by building awareness, creating educational programming and lobbying for legislation addressing racial inequity among mothers in our community. She also recently completed training to become a Postpartum Doula.

Professionally, she witnesses the inequality our youth face on a daily basis. As a Child Behavioral Therapist, she works closely with children who have experienced trauma and/or have behavioral issues throughout the city of Wilmington. Her experience has provided insight in the lack of community resources and youth development, as well as supplanting her passion for reinvigorating youth projects; focused on establishing local community centers and extra-curricular activities that teach our kids the necessary skills to succeed in all walks of life.

Like most of us today, the need for housing reform, criminal justice reform, and protection for the working class and Wilmington's poor families are the most pressing concerns on her mind. She realized she needed to take a more direct approach to community activism, transforming her ability as a community organizer into a tangible leadership position within her hometown.

As an active member of the Army National Guard since 2012, she serves as a paralegal. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Poor People's Campaign, Network Delaware, Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League, and the Brandywine Village Association. These affiliations have provided Councilmember Darby with the necessary network and professional skill set to affect legislative change in our community through grassroots initiatives. She's solution-oriented and results-driven, and as your City Council Representative, she will be the connector between ALL neighborhoods in the 2nd District.