

DARLENE CANNON

for 2nd Ward

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Campaign Announcement Release

In the spirit of Ella Baker, Fannie Lou Hamer, and my grandparents, who came to Evanston during the decades-long Black migration to the North, I affirm that I want to live in a democracy that is deeply considerate of marginalized folx*; building a movement that is able to shift the discourse away from dominant identities. I am asking that together we build and frame this radical democracy together.

As a Black woman I have had to live my life engaging in robust conversations dealing with identity, power, access, and participation as a way to navigate the status quo; which will never transform our current political society into one that is equitable for people like me. It is with this lived-experience that I understand policies and practices are never neutral, impact must be prioritized over intent, and we must demand ideological politics as opposed to identity politics.

Over the past few years I have attended countless local meetings where issues impact people like me but do not include people like me in the decision making process. What is at stake is not hypothetical, it is our lives, all of our lives. We can no longer afford to be the subjects of a municipal government that lacks accountability, transparency, and equity.

And so, in solidarity, I announce my candidacy for 2nd Ward alderwoman, and ask that you join me for this campaign and in community.

For campaign updates, initiatives and volunteer opportunities, join us at:

darlenefor2.org

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*"Folx" is an alternative spelling to the familiar word "folks." The spelling has been adopted by some communities because it can be used to indicate inclusion of marginalized groups.

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