

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

DEBORAH LEWIS-VIRGES

Occupation: Pastor/Community Advocate

Education and Qualifications:

I am offering myself to serve on the EPA City Council because I care deeply about the people of EPA and the future of our city. For the past 15 years, I have served the community as an informed and engaged leader while serving as Chair of the Public Works and Transportation Commission, as a member of the Community Safety Team and the Community Climate Change Team. I currently serve as Lead Pastor of EPA's Saint Mark Church. My professional experience includes more than two decades of expert marketing and management accomplishments for Fortune 100 companies supplemented with ten years of successful entrepreneurial endeavors. My experiences and education along with my deep concern for EPA's future has given me insight into the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for our city. We are at a pivotal stage where we must address ongoing issues including a lack of affordable housing, insufficient development, an uptick in crime and violence, increased traffic and parking concerns, environmental disparities, and a decrease in the number of community driven solutions that speak to our diversity. Please elect me to be your champion for our future.