

Introduced by: Councilmember Dyballa

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2022-42

**Expressing Appreciation to Peter Kovar
For Service as Takoma Park Ward 1 Councilmember**

WHEREAS, Peter Kovar was first elected to the Council in 2015 to represent Ward 1; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Kovar pressed for design of a new library that would best serve the community and advocated to secure funding and construct the **library** renovation; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Kovar pushed to expand Council efforts on **affordable housing** and to develop more comprehensive policies on affordable and missing middle housing; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Kovar pushed for declaration of a **climate** emergency and to set a citywide carbon neutrality goal; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Kovar advocated and developed significant changes to the City's **tree** regulations and policies, for the betterment of Takoma Park, including an urban forest policy which embraces broader principles and longer-term goals beyond the permitting process; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Kovar proposed a way to ensure the City would have **budget flexibility** until the extent of the pandemic's fiscal impacts became clear, and championed food security, rental assistance, and direct cash payments for lower income residents; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Kovar worked with North Takoma residents to seek design changes to the Montgomery College **math-science building** and to mitigate neighborhood impacts during construction; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Kovar responded forcefully to a harmful FCC ruling on small cell towers/antennas through a city **small cell** ordinance, and efforts at other levels of government; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Kovar ably represented our city on the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee; and

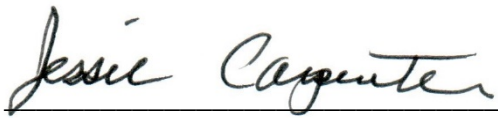
WHEREAS, Councilmember Kovar is moving on to pursue other activities; and

WHEREAS, the service of Councilmember Kovar has been of great benefit to the City and community of Takoma Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park hereby appreciates and salutes the service of Peter Kovar as Takoma Park Ward One Councilmember and wishes him well.

Adopted this 21st day of November, 2022.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jessie Carpenter", written over a horizontal line.

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk