

Oath of Office for 2017 Onward

What I wanted to say on January 10, 2017

As you know, I missed our swearing in last week because of the passing of my mother. While I was in Texas, I had time to reflect on what is important to me, as a mother myself and as a City Councilor. City Recorder Moyo and I did the standard swearing in earlier tonight. I wrote my own oath that I want to share now that I swear to uphold to the best of my ability.

As human beings,

We are quicker to be critical than constructive. I will choose to be constructive.

We are quicker to attack persons than problems. I will choose to attack problems.

We are quicker to feel hateful than hopeful. I will choose to feel hopeful.

We are quicker to influence our community with fear and smear than with courage and compassion.

I will choose to influence with courage and compassion.

I promise to serve to set sound city policies.

I promise to strive to use resources wisely.

I promise to show respect and professionalism to our city staff, our volunteers, and our community members, especially when I disagree with them.

Most importantly, I promise to focus on the future, to leave a legacy of Beaverton being a better place for our children, our community and our world to come.

This is my oath, but I need your help.

As I am an aging human being, I think I am finally wise enough to overcome my mistakes, and old enough to know that I have limited time and energy left to share.

I BEG YOU, from the bottom of my heart:

PLEASE TELL ME if you think I misstep.

PLEASE TELL ME if you think there is a better path.

PLEASE TELL ME, so that if I concur, I can course correct,

so that I can honor this oath

to the best of my ability,

to the best of our ability.

Let's Love Beaverton!



Councilor Cate Arnold