



## **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **Chief of Staff to Mayor Davis Transitions from Augusta, Georgia Government**

**Augusta, GA** – Mayor Hardie Davis, Jr. announced that Chief of Staff Petula Burks has transitioned from Augusta, Georgia Government.

"Petula Burks has been and remains a trusted advisor. Her leadership and professionalism guided my team through a global pandemic and into an incredible year of economic growth and opportunity for Augusta. I am excited to see what her future holds," said Mayor Davis. "Upon joining the Mayor's Office, Petula promised us one year. During that time, her focus on elevating the story of Augusta, driving results, executing our vision for OneAugusta, and building a city of opportunity for everyone helped ensure the passage of key pieces of legislation that I had presented the Augusta Commission. She has fulfilled her promise one year later, and I will always be grateful for her service and friendship."

In her role as Chief of Staff, Petula worked directly with members of the Mayor's Office, the Augusta Commission, and the Administrator resulting in:

- The development and implementation of strategic priorities anchored in the Mayor's vision for an equitable and inclusive city.
- The passage of the historic non-discrimination ordinance ensures that all citizens have an equitable opportunity to live, learn, work, and raise their families in Augusta.
- The recruitment, hiring, and onboarding of best-in-class professionals to serve in the Mayor's Office.
- The unanimous passage of the City's FY2022 budget by the Augusta Commission.
- The passage of a living wage for all employees of the City of Augusta.

"It has been an honor to serve the 206,000 residents of Augusta," said Burks. "I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to work with Mayor Davis and the amazing professionals that make up the City of Augusta. From hiring an incredible team to execute the Mayor's vision to seeing Mayor Davis' compassionate leadership in action, Augusta will experience tremendous growth in 2022. I wish the city and its leaders the best moving forward."

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