

Lynnwood City Council Vice President Julieta Altamirano-Crosby resigns to serve as District 2 Snohomish County PUD Commissioner

To my fellow Lynnwood residents:

It has been an honor to serve you as your City Council Position 5 representative. It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that I hereby resign from that position effective January 6, 2025.

As you know, thanks to your overwhelming support in last November's election, I was honored to be chosen as your District 2 Commissioner for Snohomish County Public Utility District, beginning in January 2025. As part of previous legal consultation, I was advised that I could serve in both capacities. My decision to resign from my position on the Lynnwood City Council comes from a place of deep conviction rooted in professionalism, service, duty, and a commitment to responsibility. I have always said, I will leave on my terms and that day has now come. Resigning from my Council position is what is best for the voters who elected me to this City Council position, and to the position on the PUD.

Serving as your councilmember over the past five years has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Together, we've accomplished so much—guided by a shared commitment to dignity, compassion, and service. I am truly humbled by the trust you've placed in me, and the work we've done to move our city forward. Through our collective efforts, we secured \$2.5 million for much-needed residential street improvements, \$400,000 for the Lynnwood Food Bank, and critical funding for the Lynnwood Neighborhood Center which will serve as a vital resource for future generations. With your continued support, we moved forward with the Scriber Lake Boardwalk project, provided \$50,000 to the nonprofit Clothes For Kids ensuring hundreds of students have the clothing they need to succeed, awarded \$60,000 to C2 Education Test Prep to help youth become college-ready, and granted over \$100,000 to Access Project which empowers youth with the tools, resources, and support they need to overcome challenges and achieve their full potential.

Public safety has always been a top priority. We initiated "Let's Talk About Safety" forums to address rising crime, supported body cameras for the Lynnwood Police Department, and fully funded public safety initiatives in our City's budget. We also took steps to protect our community by voting to ban outdoor use of controlled substances and counterfeit drugs, and we supported the Crisis Care Center in the Community Justice Center to provide critical mental health resources.

Breaking barriers has been at the heart of our work. We elected our first female mayor, Tina Roberts-Martinez, whose leadership inspired me to run for office and become Lynnwood's first Latina City Council member. As part of our dedication to fostering a welcoming community, we

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officially recognize Cinco de Mayo in both Lynnwood and Snohomish County, and we've established a Friendship City relationship with Chilpancingo, Mexico.

When war devastated Ukraine, we stood in solidarity with our Ukrainian neighbors, organizing a "Peace for Ukraine Vigil" and partnering with local organizations like Refugee & Immigrant Services Northwest to assist in the relocation of Afghan refugees. Similarly, when disaster struck Lahaina, Hawaii, we came together as a community to pray with our Hawaiian residents, sharing in the grief of lost homes and loved ones in the wake of the devastating fires.

As I swear-in tomorrow for my position on the PUD to begin my new role with Snohomish County PUD, I am proud to carry forward the values of honesty, integrity, and transparency that have guided my work on the City Council. I am confident that much needed new leadership will emerge in Lynnwood through the election process, and I trust that the seat I am leaving behind will continue to be a true reflection of your voice, your needs, and your aspirations for the future of Lynnwood. The seat I am vacating is not just a position an elected official holds, —it belongs to you. It has been an honor to serve you, and I hope that whomever is selected to hold Position 5 will continue to serve as a channel for your hopes and dreams.

Thank you for trusting me with the privilege of representing you. I am incredibly proud of what we've accomplished together, and I look forward to seeing how Lynnwood will continue to grow, evolve, and thrive in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Julieta Altamirano-Crosby
Lynnwood City Council Vice President