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As the first female City Manager for the City of Aurora, it is my honor and privilege to be a proactive facilitator for progress on behalf of the City of Aurora's future. One thing I've learned is that in order to move forward – you need to understand the past. As my family and I transition into this role, please feel free to stop by the City Building or email me at [gemery@aurora.in.us](mailto:gemery@aurora.in.us) to share your recollections of and vision for the City of Aurora.

As City Manager, under the direction of the Mayor and City Council, my priority focus will be the coordination of Code Enforcement, Downtown Strategic Revitalization Plan, Blight Elimination Program, Façade Improvement Program, Parks & Recreation, Aurora Recreation Community Center, Utilities and Infrastructure, Aurora Sewer Force Main Project, Aurora Riverfront Vision Plan, INDOT Sidewalk Replacement Program, City of Aurora Intern Program, Economic Development, as well as, analysis & review of administrative policies/procedures, seeking alternative revenue resources and determine cost savings strategies for the City of Aurora. As you can tell, our plate is full.

Aurora is known for its beautiful river vistas, welcoming spirit, volunteerism and historic heritage. A safe, vibrant, and prosperous community lends to actively engaged generations of regional progress. These priority goals are recognized by Aurora's Big 5 Ideas: Downtown Revitalization, Neighborhood Revitalization, Tourism/Outdoor Recreation, Ohio Riverfront Development, Quality of Life and Community Connections.

Renew your spirit for Aurora and rediscover why the City of Aurora has a place in your future. Stop by and support our local businesses today. I call them the "A Team" here in Aurora. Trust me the title is well deserved. All are encouraged to be a part of the Comprehensive Planning process for Aurora's future development and historic downtown revitalization. We're excited, energized and look forward to hearing from you soon.

I thank you again for your warm welcome and support.