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MAYOR SKIP HENDERSON RECOMMENDS NEW HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL



Mayor Skip Henderson has selected Ola Terrell to fill the position of Human Resources Director for the City of Columbus. Mayor Henderson will go before the Columbus Council for approval of his appointment on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, during the next scheduled business meeting.

Terrell is a seasoned human resources executive with more than 18 years of progressive leadership experience in local government and the public sector. She brings extensive expertise in strategic workforce planning, employee and labor relations, organizational development, policy administration, compliance, and benefits administration.

Since 2023, Terrell has served as the Human Resources Director for the City of Americus, Georgia. Her prior leadership roles include Chief Human Resources Officer at Albany State University, Human Resources Director for the City of Germantown, Tennessee, and Human Resources Director for the Ware County, Georgia Board of Commissioners.

“With her people-centered leadership, ability to navigate sensitive employee matters with integrity, and dedication to fostering a culture of engagement, transparency, and service, I am confident Ola will serve employees and citizens well,” said Mayor Henderson.

Terrell holds a Master’s degree in Public Administration and is a Senior Certified Professional (PSHRA-SCP). She is a certified crisis coordinator and active member of numerous professional organizations. Her experience in coaching, mentoring, and conflict resolution underscores her commitment to professional excellence.

“I am grateful for this opportunity,” said Terrell. “I have been privileged to serve in the public sector for many years, and I look forward to serving the employees of the Columbus Consolidated Government and this vibrant community.”

Originally from Leesburg, GA, Terrell has two adult children and is fur mom to her two dogs, Bri and Buster.

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