

“Imagine waking up every day knowing you have the choice to change the world.

And What if your neighbor...who was also your best friend, felt the same way? In East Point, many neighbors desire to make East Point a Better place to learn, live, work, and play. Together, we will thrive as we love your neighbor as our yourself.”

Councilmember Josette Bailey is a native of Georgia, growing up in Bowdon, Georgia. She has lived in Egan Park for four years and in South Fulton for 20 years. She has attended church in East Point for over 30 years. She graduated from Spelman College and Georgia State University, earning a doctorate in special education and leadership. She received training at Cornell University in diversity, equity, and inclusion. Her pronouns are she/her/hers.

Her motivation comes from her parents, who did not attend college but always expressed the importance of getting a good education. When her parents did not know how to guide her application process to attend college, her science teacher stepped in to give her the guidance she needed. Josette learned as a young student that it takes a village to raise a child. We need each other in our community to be successful. We are better when we work together.

She is the mother of two adult daughters, Camryn and Christen. Camryn attends Spelman College majoring in chemistry, and Christen is creative in arts and works for a fortune 500 company. She has a large extended family with twenty-three nieces and nephews, two sisters, fifteen aunts and uncles, several cousins, a mom (Josie Rodriguez), and a bonus dad. She believes that family is the building block of a strong community. Strong, thriving families fortify the community. She will work to ensure our residents have the quality services they need to survive and thrive.

Josette is currently a small business owner of a retail store, a college professor, and a former successful administrator in Georgia, having worked in one of the largest school districts in the country (Cobb County) and recently retiring from Atlanta Public Schools. Providing resources to families and helping students is a rewarding experience. Working in the role of the city council will allow her to utilize those skills and talents to help the residents of East Point. Her interests include reading about social justice topics, diversity, equity, and inclusion solutions, and traveling to culturally enriching places. Her hobbies are playing and watching sports, working out, dancing, and spending time with her family and friends. Councilmember Bailey is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, INC.