



## First Term Recap

District 1 has seen so much growth in Councilman Devyn Keith's first four years, but you don't have to take our word for it. Keith's accomplishments have been publicly documented by local news organizations, online resources, as well as through committee meeting minutes. Let's take a look!

### D1 Projects and Policies Initiated by Devyn Since November 2016

1. Johnson Legacy Center & Jaguar Hills Estates
  - a. AL.com: "[A North Huntsville revitalization? New School, Jobs and Homes Could Change Culture](#)"
    - i. Keith outlined his vision for North Huntsville, including the desire for new commercial and residential development at the largely unused 44-acre Johnson campus
    - ii. Former councilman Richard Showers publicly doubted developers' interest in North Huntsville construction, which hadn't seen new subdivision builds in decades
    - iii. Keith argued in favor of new housing developments, advocating for the project and believing its new residents and first-time property owners would add value to the community
  - b. WZDX: "[Johnson Legacy Center Officially Open to the Community with Grand Opening](#)"
    - i. Keith was one of the key leaders to spearhead the Johnson Legacy Center project, which opened to District 1 community members on August 15, 2020
    - ii. This is a four-year, \$5-million-dollar investment into District 1
2. Facebook Complex and Impact
  - a. AL.com: "[Facebook Bringing \\$750 Million Data Center to Huntsville](#)"
    - i. In March 2017, the City of Huntsville sent a proposal to Facebook's front company Cricket. Keith and the City Council approved the investment on May 24, 2018.
    - ii. On June 14, 2018, Facebook announced its expansion into District 1, bringing with it an estimated 100 jobs to the District and Huntsville at large
    - iii. On April 23, 2020, Facebook [pledged](#) \$100,000 in grant money to 25 Huntsville businesses affected by Coronavirus. Of that, \$50,000 was earmarked for veteran-, minority-, and woman-owned businesses.

3. Toyota Expansion
  - a. MadeInAlabama.com: "[Toyota to Add 450 Workers with \\$288M Alabama Engine Plan Expansion](#)"
    - i. This North Huntsville Industrial Park Expansion, announced March 14, 2019, will bring an estimated 450 jobs to District 1
    - ii. The facility, already one of Toyota's largest, will continue to lead the world in production from its home in North Huntsville
4. Aerojet Rocketdyne
  - a. AL.com: "[A north Huntsville revitalization? New school, jobs and homes could change culture](#)"
  - b. City Council, led by Keith, approved Aerojet Rocketdyne project Sept 28, 2017
  - c. The newly constructed facility will span 135,000 square feet on the District 1 Pulaski Corridor while creating an estimated 705 jobs with a minimum avg. salary of \$79,560
5. District 1 Black-Owned Businesses
  - a. AL.com: "[A north Huntsville revitalization? New school, jobs and homes could change culture](#)"
    - i. Through a 2016 3-2 council vote Keith spearheaded, \$15,000 for the North Huntsville Business Association was secured and has grown annually for District 1 minority business owners
    - ii. SpeakinOutWeeklyNews.net: "[Reginald McKenzie: North Huntsville Business Association is Ready](#)"
    - iii. [Keith speaking at the City Council](#) regarding deliberately increasing diversity and committing to connect minority community members to power and resources: "Diversity must be deliberate."
6. Keith Protected District 1 from Predatory Business that Endangered and Defrauded Residents
  - a. Huntsvilleal.gov: [Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a 'Termination of Wrecker Impoundment Services Agreement' with Reliable Investments d/b/a Reliable Towing](#)
    - i. A towing company was granted a City contract September 12, 2019
    - ii. Keith was responsible for the initial City contract of said business
    - iii. Upon investigation, it was discovered that the business had, over its first five months, committed 80+ contract violations, including 44 alleged felony criminal violations
    - iv. Numerous complaints by citizens, dispatch, and officers had been reported
    - v. It was found that the business would overcharge citizens after towing their cars
    - vi. Most egregious, employee of said company was discovered on video admitting he was instructed to commit Class-C felony forgery violations by company leadership
    - vii. In a 4-1 vote, Keith and City Council decided to terminate the City contract to protect citizens from being defrauded and endangered by this business
    - viii. Full council meeting [here](#) (violations from 1:06:30-2:12:00:05)

7. Community Policing Initiative

- a. Huntsvilleal.gov: "[Council Member Devyn Keith Talks Community Policing at Town Hall](#)"
  - i. At this March 22, 2017 townhall, Keith unveils his community policing initiative, including his "S.M.A.R.T." proposal for North Huntsville
- b. Huntsvilleal.gov: "[Huntsville Launches Neighborhood Resource Center Pilot Program](#)"
  - i. August 29, 2018 as part of Keith's community policing initiative, the City in partnership with Habitat for Humanity created a resource center staffed by Huntsville public safety officers, City employees, and community volunteers
  - ii. This will serve as a resource center for the surrounding neighbor to ensure residents have access to meet with the City on a variety of issues related to neighborhood stabilization and revitalization
- c. WZDX: "[Double-digit Drop in Crime in North Huntsville](#)"
  - i. On February 11, 2019, the City of Huntsville reported a double-digit drop in crime in North Huntsville from 2017 to 2018
  - ii. The decrease in breaking and entering vehicles by 23%, 15% decrease in all burglaries, and robberies are down 11%
- d. WAAYtv.com: "[Crime Down in Huntsville in 2019 Compared to 2018](#)"
  - i. Crime in Huntsville dropped yet again from 2018 to 2019
  - ii. Lt. Michael Johnson attributed the drop in crime to the new technology the department received in the last year which came from Keith's Community Policing Initiative

8. Property Value in District 1 Increased since 2016

- a. Zillow.com: [35810 Home Prices & Values](#)
  - i. Median Home Value Index has risen over \$20,000 since Keith has been in office

9. Two-Time City Council President – Youngest in Huntsville History

- a. AL.com: "[He's Just 29 and Now President of Huntsville City Council](#)"
  - i. On November 1, 2018 Keith became the youngest City Council President in Huntsville History
- b. WAAYtv.com: "[Devyn Keith Elected Again to Serve as Huntsville City Council President](#)"
  - i. Keith was elected for a second consecutive term as Huntsville City Council President

## Projects Inherited from Devyn's Predecessor That Devyn Brought to Completion

### 10. Historical Council High School

- a. August 25, 2016; AL.com: "[Take one last walk in pictures through Huntsville's Council High School](#)"
  - i. Council High demolition slated to begin the following week (approx. Sept. 1)
  - ii. While Keith's predecessor helped bring a plan to memorialize the school, it had only received partial funding
- b. November 16, 2017; WHNT.com: [Council Approves New Plans for Historic Huntsville Site](#)
  - i. With full support from William Hooper Council Alumni Association President Brenda Chunn, Keith, the City Council, and the Mayor's Office announced an ambitious new development plan to benefit the District, the former school's memory, and the city as a whole. "If there are any questions, we are in full support," Chunn said.
- c. November 7, 2019; WAFF.com: [Construction Set to Begin on Council High School Park](#)
  - i. City of Huntsville announces construction on a new park on the 2.5-acre former location of Council High School. Keith applauds the involvement of the William Hooper Council Alumni Association (WHCAA) for its contribution to the historical memorial for which they voted.

### 11. North Huntsville Library and Berachah Park

- a. HuntsvilleAL.gov: "[Construction on schedule for new North Huntsville Library and Berachah Park](#)"
  - i. The 19,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility, which is more than 11 times the size of the previous 40-year-old trailer, will provide critical computer and Internet access for District 1's 13,700 families. It is slated to open in November 2020.
  - ii. Keith helped fully fund this \$10.8-million-dollar District 1 project
  - iii. Keith on project: "[It's] amazing to have to have a chance to be part of this expansion and investment by the City and generous donors so that children will have a place that inspires and opens doors of opportunity."