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MAYOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF KATHRYN ROOS DEPARTS TO ATTEND GRADUTE SCHOOL

Kathryn Roos, Mayor Pete Buttigieg's Chief of Staff, will leave the City of South Bend later this month to pursue a master's degree at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Mayor Buttigieg will announce her successor later this week.

Roos has served as Mayor Buttigieg's chief of staff for over two years.

"It has been a tremendous privilege and honor to work for Mayor Pete and the people of South Bend," Roos says. "I hope I have had a positive impact and helped move South Bend forward. South Bend will always be home and I look forward to following and seeing the continued success of this wonderful community."

Mayor Buttigieg commends Roos for her leadership, hard work, and friendship.

"Kathryn Roos has brought a truly exceptional mix of talent, insight, and work ethic to my administration," says Buttigieg. "South Bend is better off thanks to her tireless and dedicated service, and so am I. Kathryn leaves behind a record of great impact as she moves forward in her education and career."

A leading member of the mayor's senior team since he took office, Roos played a key role in managing many of the administration's most important efforts, including the Vacant and Abandoned Properties initiative, the Smart Streets program, and a successful partnership with Code for America.

Most recently, she guided the mayor's winning primary re-election strategy, and was central in planning and coordinating South Bend's 150th anniversary celebrations earlier this year.

She has served on a number of boards and commissions including the Board of Public Works, Susan G. Komen Northern Indiana, Downtown South Bend, and the Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Organization.



Roos was also an important link in the enhanced relationship between the city and the University of Notre Dame.

“Kathryn and I interacted on a regular basis, staying engaged on current projects and initiatives involving the community and the university,” says Timothy Sexton, associate vice president for public affairs at the University of Notre Dame. “At all times, she exhibited great professionalism and collaboration.”

Roos also led the mayor’s office with Deputy Mayor Mark Neal while Mayor Buttigieg was deployed to Afghanistan for seven months in 2014.

“Kathryn played a key role in moving the city forward during Mayor Pete’s deployment and I was thrilled to be part of the City team with her,” says Neal, now chief operating officer at Bradley Company. “She demonstrated great courage and conviction in managing the many challenges of leadership in government.”

Before serving as chief of staff, Roos served as the mayor’s deputy chief of staff from his inauguration until June 2013. Before 2012, Roos was the finance director on Mayor Buttigieg’s successful 2011 mayoral campaign.

Roos is a 2007 graduate of the University of Notre Dame School of Architecture and a South Bend native. After graduating from Notre Dame, she worked with the architecture firm Porphyrios Associates in London before returning to South Bend.

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