

Remarks: Jan. 2017 Re-org.

Councilman Lance Liverman

I would like to personally thank all of you for coming out today. I would like to thank my colleagues Mayor Liz Lempert, Council President Jenny Crumiller, Councilman Bernie Miller, Councilwoman Jo Butler, Councilwoman Heather Howard, Councilman Tim Quinn and Former Councilman Patrick Simon for putting Princeton "first" during the year 2016. It has been a challenging year but a very productive year. I am excited and on fire for 2017. This council has positioned Princeton in a very good direction. We have stayed the course on our debt plan. We have stayed the course on our hiring obligation. We have stayed the course on transparency to the public. We have stayed the course with Community Policing. We have stayed the course to responding to the public on the many complaints and concerns we hear on a weekly basis.

I am excited going into the year 2017. Princeton is still a desired and loveable town. We care for our babies, as well as, our Seniors. We emphasize and work with all groups of people in town. We truly believe we are a welcoming town to all. I have tried to tell residents that I love a town where that are not any Big "U's" and little "I's" . I love our town because we are inclusive. I love our town because we listen and always try to better the way we conduct business. No we are not perfect. Yes we have our faults. But we also have a spirit to overcome our mistakes or short comings. I call this desire to succeed the " Princeton Magic!"

You see the Princeton Magic is contagious and it spreads when folks see that you are trying.

That is why we have hundreds of terrific volunteers on our Boards and Commissions.

The Princeton Magic directs our path it does not accept " no " for the answer. The " Princeton Magic is what led to the Witherspoon Jackson Neighborhood becoming an Historic District.

The Princeton Magic is why we have more than two hot meal feeding places for our residents in need. One at the United Methodist Church on Wed nights and the other at First Baptist Church on Tuesday nights. Both of these feeding centers are through the generosity of the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen and committed volunteers. The Princeton Magic is why we lead many towns in our affordable housing numbers. The Princeton Magic is why we value everyone.

I am so happy this year we have re-established a working Civil Rights Commission. It is truly a terrific group of volunteers ready to work. I am happy that this past year we have established a Youth Advisory Commission. We will soon be hearing some of the terrific data gathering they

have been doing concerning Youth needs in Princeton. We continue to have one of the best youth leadership design programs in the country. These programs are operated through Corner House under the leadership of the Executive Director Gary DeBlasio. So many of our youth are struggling and their mental well being is our top priority. Corner House has stayed on point and on course in helping mitigate these concerns.

I am grateful to be able to represent the town of Princeton. I will be the liaison to the

Princeton Affordable Housing, Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance, Corner House,

Princeton Housing Authority and the Youth Advisory Board.

I will continue to serve on the Personnel and Public Safety Committees. I am also honored to serve as Princeton Fire Commissioner.

Lets all of us find a little Princeton Magic during 2017.