

Kathy Keefe Jensen was first elected to serve District 1 on the Fayetteville City Council in November 2013 and has faithfully served since, including a recent term as Mayor Pro Tem.

A Fayetteville native, she graduated from Pine Forest High School in 1983 before studying business at East Carolina University and Methodist University. Following college, Kathy joined the family business focusing on the retail, property management and financial areas.

In 1993, Kathy married Lieutenant Colonel Jerry Jensen, and the couple embarked on their military service together. Kathy actively supported her husband and his units at a variety of assignments that took them from Fort Bragg to Germany and Newport, R.I. before returning to her hometown of Fayetteville. When deciding where their family would call home permanently, Kathy and Jerry knew they wanted to raise their children where she was born and raised. Thus, they returned to Fayetteville after their military service.

In 2005, Kathy's entrepreneurial intuition led her to open An Affair to Remember Prom, Pageant and Formal Wear located on Ramsey Street. She has turned her boutique store into a prominent retailer known throughout the region for designer bridal gowns as well as custom and couture formal wear.

During her nearly decade on the City Council, Kathy has served on a variety of boards and commissions with interests spanning from youth and recreation to business development. In September 2021, she was appointed by the Governor to the North Carolina Military Affairs Commission where she serves on the economic development subcommittee and as the liaison to Fort Bragg. Kathy was appointed by the Governor to be on the board of the North Carolina Youth Council and is very active in the Fayetteville-Cumberland Youth Council—a program she helped reactivate in 2015. Her additional appointments and involvement include Fayetteville-Cumberland Economic Development Commission, Core Value Awards, Gateways and Corridors, 911 Task Force Committee, Cumberland County Crown Coliseum, Fayetteville Police Foundation City liaison, PWC liaison, chair of the Boards and Commissions nominating committee, Corridors committee, policy review committee and Parks and Recreation Bond committee.

Council Member Jensen is deeply committed to her City and to strengthening her community. She is a member of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, the Junior League of Fayetteville, the Military Officers Wives Association, the Women's Giving Circle, the Women of Power Society of North Carolina and the Daughters of Penelope. Through her professional life and personal service, her care and commitment to her neighbors and residents of north Fayetteville are visible every day.

Together, Kathy and Jerry are loving parents to five children and two grandchildren. Two adult children, Jeremiah Jensen of Columbia, S.C. and Jillian Jensen Jez of Black Hawk, S.D., live outside of North Carolina while Jake, Josh, James and Dahkari live in Fayetteville.