

Nathan Gaskin

Former LaGrange City Councilman | Public Servant | Community Advocate | Housing & Neighborhood Champion

Nathan Gaskin is a longtime community advocate and former **LaGrange City Councilman who represented District 2 for eight years, from 2018 through 2025**. During his tenure, he served in leadership roles including **Mayor Pro Tem** and built a record centered on neighborhood improvement, housing, public safety, economic development, environmental stewardship, infrastructure, and connecting residents with resources.

Eight Years of Leadership & Public Service

Throughout his time on the LaGrange City Council, Gaskin invested heavily in municipal leadership and professional development through the **Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute**, a partnership between the Georgia Municipal Association and the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government.

- **2019 - Certificate of Recognition** - Municipal Training Institute
- **2020 - Certificate of Achievement** - Municipal Training Institute
- **2020 - Graduate, Robert E. Knox Jr. Municipal Leadership Institute**
- **2021 - Certificate of Excellence** - Municipal Training Institute
- **2022-2023 - Participant in the inaugural Municipal Leader Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Program cohort**
- **2023 - Certificate of Distinction** - Municipal Training Institute, recognizing completion of at least 204 hours of training
- **2025 - Certificate of Dedication** - Municipal Training Institute, recognizing completion of at least 276 hours of training and advanced leadership development. Gaskin was one of only seven Georgia city officials receiving the distinction that year.
- **2026 - Steve Reynolds Public Servant of the Year** - Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation, recognizing his public service, environmental stewardship, neighborhood beautification, community cleanup involvement, and commitment to improving LaGrange.

Gaskin progressed through the Municipal Training Institute from **Recognition to Achievement, Excellence, Distinction, and ultimately Dedication**, demonstrating a sustained commitment to strengthening his knowledge and effectiveness as a municipal leader.

Building Forward Housing Initiative

One of Gaskin's major community initiatives is the **Building Forward Housing Initiative**, launched in 2025 to address housing needs in LaGrange. The initiative was designed to expand opportunities for first-time homebuyers, connect homeowners with critical home-repair resources, support local contractors, improve rental housing, and connect affordable and workforce housing developers with financing and community partners.

What began as an initiative during Gaskin's time on City Council has continued to develop into the **Building Forward Housing Project**, working alongside Communities of Tomorrow and community, financial, housing, energy-efficiency, and development partners. The work now includes a focus on **attainable homeownership, net-zero and energy-efficient housing, critical home repairs, energy-efficiency improvements, and stronger neighborhoods**.

Environmental & Neighborhood Leadership

Gaskin has been actively involved with LaGrange's **Leaving LaGrange Better Than We Found It** initiative, supporting community cleanups, litter prevention, beautification, and neighborhood improvement. His commitment to this work led to his recognition as the **2026 Steve Reynolds Public Servant of the Year** by the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation.

Government & Community Leadership

During his public service, Gaskin also participated in boards and organizations connected to municipal and community operations, including service involving the **Solid Waste Management Authority** and the **Troup County FEMA Board**.

His professional background also includes service as a **Highway Emergency Response Operator (HERO)** with the **Georgia Department of Transportation**, giving him additional experience in public safety and emergency response.

A Legacy of Service

Nathan Gaskin's eight years on the LaGrange City Council represent more than elected service. His record includes hundreds of hours of advanced municipal leadership training, neighborhood advocacy, environmental stewardship, housing initiatives, community engagement, public safety, and efforts to expand economic and homeownership opportunities.

His work through **Building Forward** continues that commitment beyond elected office - connecting families with housing and home-repair opportunities and helping advance sustainable, attainable, and energy-efficient housing.

**Eight years of public service. More than 276 hours of municipal leadership training.
A commitment to neighborhoods, housing, and community. And a mission to keep Building
Forward.**