

# DR. HARDIE DAVIS JR.

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## EXECUTIVE PROFILE

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- Results-driven elected official with 14 years of experience in local & state government, public relations, economic development, and workforce development
- Proven to be a strategic thinker skilled at operations management, regulatory compliance, and conflict resolution
- Committed to collaborating with diverse stakeholders to ensure an equitable representation of constituents

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**2015-Current** **Mayor** **Augusta, GA**

*City of Augusta*

- Serve 203K residents as Chief Executive Officer and highest elected official in the City of Augusta
- Manage and maintain an operating budget of \$892MM
- Direct economic development and growth efforts to reduce the city's unemployment rate to under 4%
- Led effort to make the City of Augusta a What Works designated City in 2016
- Built the \$126MM Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center, in collaboration with the State of GA, City of Augusta, and Augusta University; 1 of 7 cities vying to become the cybersecurity capital of the world
- Led efforts to install 3MW municipal solar project in Augusta, the largest in the state
- Achieved highest bond rating in city history of Aa2 attained during 1<sup>st</sup> term of my administration
- Championed the Smart City initiatives that led to the transformative rollout of Open Augusta Data Access
- Collaborated with My Brother's Keeper and the Richmond County School System to serve youth in the community
- Launched the Augusta's Inaugural Summer Youth Work Program and the 2020 Census Teen Ambassador Program
- Oversaw work that led to being recognized as 1 of 100 US Cities to receive Insurance Services Office rating of 1-1X
- Appointed the City Emergency Management Director and serve as the Chairman of the governing authority
- Served as the appointing official for board members to the Augusta Housing Authority
- Hold accountability for the preparation and oversight of city financial plans, as well as expense and capital budgets
- Collaboratively work with city, state, and federal agencies to establish economic development and infrastructure

**2010-2015** **Senator, 22<sup>nd</sup> District** **Augusta, GA**

*Georgia Senate*

- Served as the chairman of the GA Senate's Interstate Cooperation Committee, while participating as an active member of the Economic Development, Ethics, Finance, and Higher Education State Senate Committees
- Contributed to developing and approving the \$21B State of Georgia budget
- Played pivotal role in passing 1,500+ pieces of legislation which now stands as Georgia law
- Acted as sponsor for HB500, the Employment Readiness Program for Georgia's Unemployed Act, which prevented 22K+ Georgians from losing unemployment benefits, totaling over \$176MM from the federal government

**2007-2010** **State Representative, 122<sup>nd</sup> District** **Augusta, GA**

*Georgia House of Representatives*

- Assumed full responsibility in representing 150K constituents
- Coordinated with law makers in creating new legislation aimed to address significant social and fiscal goals
- Identified economic opportunities throughout the district and guaranteed fairness for all citizens

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- Lead Process Control Engineer: Monsanto
  - Information Technology Lead: Monsanto
  - Systems Engineer: Science Applications International Corp.
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## EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

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- Doctor of Ministry: Christian Life School of Theology in Columbus, GA
- Master of Divinity and Theology: Christian Life School of Theology in Columbus, GA
- Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering: Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, GA
- Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative: Harvard University in Cambridge, MA
- Certificate in Health Policy: Georgia State University Andrew Young School of Policy Studies in Atlanta, GA

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- Board of Directors: National League of Cities
- Co-chair, Commission on Equity and Inclusion; Executive Committee Member; Board of Directors-at-Large Member: Georgia Municipal Association
- Founding Member; Past President; Board of Trustees: African American Mayor's Association
- External Advisory Board Council Member: Georgia Tech Research Institute
- Founding Mayor: When We All Vote Michelle Obama and Valerie Jarrett
- Co-chair: Dismantling Systemic Racism Task Force- United States Conference of Mayors
- Board of Trustees Executive Committee; Advisory Board Member; Technology and Innovation Task Force Co-chair: United States Conference of Mayors
- Board of Trustees: Georgia Conservancy
- Founder; Chief Executive Officer; Senior Pastor: Abundant Life Worship Center
- Panelist: Smart Cities New York- Mayors Building Sustainable and Resilient Cities
- Keynote Panelist Smart Cities Atlanta-The Face of Change: Leadership in America Today

## SELECTED HONORS & RECOGNITION

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- Smart Cities New York
- Smart Cities Atlanta
- Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education
- Georgia Trend Magazine: 100 Most Influential Georgians from 2015 to 2020
- 2010 Legislator of the Year: Georgia Bio
- Georgia Chamber: Business Champion in the January/February 2013 edition of *Profile*

## CORE COMPETENCIES

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| • Legal Research & Analysis | • Policy & Process Implementation |
| • Stakeholder Engagement    | • Regulatory Compliance           |
| • Public Relations          | • Operations Oversight            |
| • Community Involvement     | • Project Management              |
| • Governmental Affairs      | • Strategic Planner               |
| • Economic Development      | • Budget Administration           |
| • System Optimization       | • Cross-Functional Collaboration  |
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