

PERSONAL BIO – KANDIE SMITH

Kandie Smith is a proven leader with a strong commitment on engaging and serving the community. As the current Mayor Pro Tem and a member of the Greenville City Council since 2009, Smith fights for fiscal responsibility while balancing the need to push for investment in infrastructure and public safety and recreational opportunities. Though elected post-recession, her administration focused on accelerated economic growth and job creation, which resulted in over 200 new jobs and \$200 million in development while reducing the tax burden on citizens.

Smith's City Council district is composed of both high-poverty and high-wealth areas. She has worked to ensure that underprivileged and underserved areas of the community received the same services and have access to the same facilities as the more affluent areas in the community.

Kandie gained an understanding of the importance of education and hard work from her mother who pushed her to excel in school. She attended public schools, was a track star, ran cross country, and played basketball. As an athlete, she knows the power of hard work, collaboration and commitment. As a person who attended public schools and works in the public school system, she knows the importance of having a solid, evidence-based curriculum, agile enough to accommodate the needs of students, balanced with employer and college admission expectations of graduates.

Smith obtained a Bachelor's degree from Charleston Southern University where she majored in Sociology and minored in Communications. She worked as a Mental Health professional for many years and is now a Training Consultant, providing staff development and instruction for businesses throughout the United States.

Kandie's civic involvements include being a member of the National Public Safety and Crime Prevention Committee, a North Carolina Assistant Regional Representative for the National Black Caucus of Elected Officials, Board Member of the Pitt County Reentry Council, she serves on the Economic Development Subcommittee, Taxi Cab Appeals Committee and she is the liaison for Greenville Utilities Commission, Greenville Housing Authority and the Historic Preservation Committee. She is also a very active member of Greenville NC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. as the immediate past president.