

Mayor - Erica Gillum

Erica Gillum is a native of Hempstead and a proud graduate of Hempstead High School. She is a self-determined individual with a passion for helping the people in her community. She is fortunate to have the majority of her family here, so for her, Hempstead is home – a home that she is very passionate about!

Gillum states, “the time is right for unique perspectives that reflect our growing and diverse community.”

Gillum was fortunate to grow up watching her father unselfishly serve the community and often tagged along with him as he worked tirelessly for the people. Her father, former Mayor Leroy Singleton Sr., was Hempstead’s first African American Mayor. She accredits her father for planting a seed of civic service in her heart that has blossomed throughout her life. Gillum is an experienced problem solver and understands the importance of implementing strategies to create the best solution.

Gillum wants to be a part of the vision and implementation involved in growing Hempstead as the amazing community she knows and love. She believes Educational Leadership, Indigenous Leadership and Community Based Leadership is needed so city officials will have a broad spectrum of understanding how to ensure the decisions made at the council table, will be a reflection of the entire community. Gillum wants to be the voice of the community and serves on numerous boards, commissions and civic organizations. She also serves on the Board of Hempstead Economic Development and is also the Liaison for Planning and Zoning Commission. Gillum is well-known for being outspoken and not afraid to ask the tough questions when needed. She conducts herself with integrity and commitment.

Gillum’s goal as Mayor is to apply this approach to finding answers to the problems Hempstead has faced for many years. Her goal is to provide equal representation to all areas of Hempstead and to unify the entire community. She is passionately committed to fighting for equality for all citizens of Hempstead and improving community involvement, transparency of government, and servant leadership.

Gillum will be accessible to all citizens, attend community events, and host regular Town Hall meetings. Her leadership will be inclusive of all generations, ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds in representing our city that is vastly diverse. Gillum’s contribution to the community is further expressed through her faith and community volunteering projects, including Habit of Humanity Northwest Houston. She is committed to helping others embrace healthy lifestyles and make significant steps toward changing their lives for the better.

Gillum is a grandmother and the proud mother of Jerica, Acacia, Chase, Tori and Zoe. She’s a realtor and philanthropist. Gillum will serve as a mentor for youth aspiring to be entrepreneurs. She will lead the city’s effort to develop more youth initiatives and work to further the community’s commitment to the future of our tomorrow through development and empowerment of women and youth which touch her on a personal level.

“Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.” - Proverbs 15:22

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