



COUNCILPERSON PATRICE WATERMAN
CITY OF PONTIAC, MICHIGAN- DISTRICT ONE

Councilperson Patrice Waterman was born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio. After high school she attended community college focused on a career in the legal profession. Her mother, Wilma Douglas, was a substitute teacher and worked for the automotive company in Lordstown, passionate about her daughter's pursuit of excellence. This mother-daughter bond was a major catalyst to the success she has achieved in life.

At the age of 21, Councilperson Waterman re-located to the City of Pontiac and applied her skills and legal expertise in the law firm of Waterman, Stanley & Spinks. William Waterman, Esq. her cherished uncle and former Judge for the 50th District Court, served as a significant role model to Patrice as her career in law flourished for six years.

Following the appointment of William Waterman to the 50th District Court appointed by Governor Blanchard, Councilwoman Waterman re-focused her career direction to city government and in 1985 she accepted the position of Legal Assistant to Leo Bowman, Esq., the first Legislative Auditor to the Pontiac City Council. She remained in the City Council office following his election to Judge to the 50th District Court, and later accepted the position of Legislative Administrator to the Pontiac City Council. She retired from this position in November of 2006.

A proud community activist, Councilperson Waterman is a champion for change and believes strongly in serving her community. She worked with the Pontiac Community School Improvement Team, SKIP (Safe Kids Informed Parents) Program, co-chaired the Concerned Citizens Advisory Committee and in April 2009, joined with community volunteers to implement the Healthy Affairs Program, which served over 550 citizens from all walks of life.

Councilperson Waterman is one of the original founding members of the Greater Oakland County Congress of Political Black Women. In 2002, she organized the First Summit for Political Leaders in Oakland County, working cooperatively with Pontiac elected officials, the Pontiac School Board, L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Commissioners and Michigan State Representatives.

Councilperson Patrice Waterman was elected to the Pontiac City Council representing District One on November 3, 2009. She is an active member of the Michigan Democratic Party and N.A.A.C.P. and Golden Opportunity Club.

Councilperson Waterman is a devoted member of Welcome Baptist Church and her abiding faith is first and foremost in her daily life.