

Patrice Waterman has devoted her life to public service. She was born and raised in Campbell, Ohio. At an early age, she was taught the importance of family. Her mother, Wilma Douglas, had a passion for the government, worked with children before going to work for an automotive company in Lordstown, passionate about her daughter's pursuit for excellence. This mother-daughter bond was a major catalyst to the success she has achieved in life. At the age of 21, Councilperson Waterman relocated to the City of Pontiac and began working for the Law Firm of Waterman, Stanley & Spinks. William Waterman, Esq., her beloved 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, Councilwoman Waterman refocused her career to municipal 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, Councilwoman Waterman is a champion for change and believes strongly in serving her community. She has worked on various committees such as the Pontiac Community School Improvement Team, Administered an Honor Our Elders Celebration, worked diligently for the Passage of Youth Recreational Millage, and worked for the passage of Sinking Millage Fund. Councilwoman 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. Councilwoman Patrice Waterman was first elected to the Pontiac City Council representing District 1 on November 3, 2009. She is an active member of the Michigan Democratic Party, NAACP, Michigan Legacy Cause Marketing Board, Trustee on General Employees Retirement Board and Golden Opportunity Club. Councilwoman Waterman is a devoted member of Welcome Missionary Baptist Church and serves on the Greeters Ministry and her abiding faith is first and foremost in her daily life.

A firm believer in giving back, Patrice Waterman has served on the Pontiac City Council for the last 9 years. She is the past President and first female to serve as President of the Pontiac City Council for 4 years. She has spearheaded many

initiatives of the eighth and ninth council. Her leadership was on display during the lean years when the city was controlled by an emergency manager. Patrice Waterman stepped up and called on citizens to be engaged. She played a major role in the City's resurgence. Under her leadership, The Youth in Government Program and The Pride and Beautification program were restarted. Councilwoman Waterman has never been afraid to make tough decisions and has always been an advocate for the citizens of Pontiac.

To whom much is given, much is required and "Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced"