



Our Mayors Lead

African American Mayors Association
2023 Membership Overview





AAMA was founded to provide mayors with a national network of leaders dedicated to developing equitable and inclusive solutions to local challenges.

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Welcome from AAMA President

Dear Prospective Member Mayor,

I am honored and grateful to serve as the new President of the African American Mayors Association, and I want to express my deepest appreciation to all of you for trusting me with this responsibility. I also want to extend my thanks to Frank, AMMA staff and the entire leadership team for their stewardship and service to AAMA over the last year.

As we stand on the precipice of the 10th anniversary of AAMA during one of the most significant presidential election cycles in recent memory, it is crucial to highlight AAMA's mission and purpose. AAMA mayors represent a diverse range of communities, from our nation's largest cities to our smallest towns and villages. However, we all share a common goal – to use our collective platforms to amplify, advocate, and agitate for equitable policies and resources that our communities deserve.

Under my leadership, my vision for AAMA is to leverage our collective strength to deliver real impact for historically underserved and marginalized communities. I will be a strong voice for all Black Mayors, regardless of the size of their platforms, and will focus on developing strategic partnerships with nationally allied organizations and leaders.

As we move forward, AAMA's policy priorities will be anchored around key areas that are critical to the well-being of our communities. We will prioritize public safety, address the affordability crisis, improve healthcare access, and build and reinforce 21st century cities through investments in transportation and infrastructure and let's not forget environmental justice.

I am excited and committed to working with all of you to advance these priorities and create positive change for our communities. Together, we can make a meaningful difference and continue to be a powerful force for progress.

Thank you again for the honor of serving as your leader.

I look forward to working with you.

Most Sincerely,

Shawn Patterson-Howard
Mayor, Mount Vernon, NY
President, AAMA



The African American Mayors Association
boasts a geographically diverse
membership that tackles the nations most
pressing issues in our cities.

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About AAMA

MISSION STATEMENT



The African American Mayors Association (AAMA), founded in May 2014, is the only organization dedicated to representing African-American mayors in the United States. AAMA exists to empower local leaders for the benefit of their citizens. The African American Mayors Association serves its member mayors by taking positions on public policies that impact the vitality and sustainability of cities; providing mayors with leadership and management tools; and creating a forum for member mayors to share best practices related to municipal management.

OUR WORK

AAMA engages member mayors through signature events and ongoing policy and programming support. Each year, the Association hosts an Annual Conference, policy webinars, policy fellowships, and other signature events that connect our member mayors with White House officials, Congressional leaders, Cabinet agencies, business leaders, educators, and other dignitaries. Our leadership continues to prioritize ongoing resources to our member mayors including monthly calls and newsletters, recommendations for local leaders based on our in-house research projects, and in-depth training around policy and wealth creation through our Economic Mobility Leadership Institute. AAMA also invests in the future of local leadership by offering fully paid internship and fellowship opportunities to undergraduate and graduate students across the country.

OUR REACH

The Association remains committed to elevating the voices of African American mayors nationwide. For instance, AAMA collaborated with ESSENCE magazine to highlight a historic incoming class of Black Women Mayors. Over the years, AAMA has generated extensive national and local media coverage on platforms such as The New York Times, The Washington Post, NPR, U.S. News & World Report, Politico, Blavity and more.

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Why Join?

BEST PRACTICES

Throughout the year, AAMA member mayors have the opportunity to participate in conferences, roundtables, briefings, and other opportunities to share and learn best practices. The AAMA Annual Conference, among other events, connects mayors from across the country with federal officials, industry leaders, and subject matter experts to develop solutions to the most complex issues in our communities. The 10th Anniversary Annual Conference, hosted by Mayor Andre Dickens, will be held April 24-27, 2024 in Atlanta, Georgia, at The Omni Atlanta CNN Center. Registration will open early 2024.

EQUITY DRIVEN ADVOCACY

AAMA advocates for policies that are equitable and inclusive through our quarterly resolutions process, letter and social media campaigns, and stakeholder meetings with federal and state officials and industry leaders. AAMA policy positions reflect the diverse perspectives of our member mayors and our shared vision for all members of our communities to partake equally in the future of our cities.

INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

AAMA benefits from the thought leadership and resources provided by our Business Council led by the Council Chair and the First Vice President of AAMA. The Business Council is comprised of Fortune 500 companies from technology, telecommunications, energy, banking, and retail industries, as well as prominent foundations. AAMA members work closely with our partners to develop innovative, cost-saving solutions to local challenges.



Join Us.

CONNECTIVITY

AAMA members enjoy ongoing opportunities to engage with mayors of all city sizes, members of the AAMA Business Council, and a rich network of former mayors. AAMA members also engage regularly with AAMA through social media (@OurMayors) and stay up to date with the latest local events through our monthly newsletter.


STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

AAMA combines in-house expertise with the assistance of a premier communications firm to amplify the great work of our members. Through our cutting-edge communications strategy, AAMA member mayors have been featured in several national print and television media pieces. In addition, AAMA works closely with diverse media outlets and influencers to ensure the voices of our member mayors are shared with underserved audiences.

DEDICATED TEAM

Located in Washington, D.C. our diverse, dedicated, and responsive team of professionals brings an informed perspective to member city needs. Calling upon years of experience in a variety of private and public sector roles, the AAMA team is always on hand to answer your questions, hear your concerns, and direct members to critical resources.

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Building upon the rich legacy of historic mayors such as Maynard Jackson, Jr. (Atlanta, GA), Richard Hatcher (Gary, IN), and Wellington Webb (Denver, CO), AAMA continues to empower today's mayors across the country for the benefit of their communities.



Membership Overview

AAMA is a non-partisan, 501c(3), organization run by mayors and for mayors, which means we understand the gravity of the issues cities face. Our vast network of dedicated partners allows us to tackle these issues from various angles as we collaborate with research partners to gain in-depth insights, work with businesses to create tech-forward solutions, and provide a space for cultivating and sharing best practices.

MEMBER BENEFITS

BENEFITS	NON-MEMBERS	MEMBERS
Attend meetings open to all mayors	✓	✓
Sign official group letters regarding pressing issues	✓	✓
Discounted registration for meetings (Spring Annual Conference & Fall Leadership Summit)		✓
Use of available office space at AAMA D.C. headquarters		✓
Strategic communications assistance and training		✓
Submit and/or co-sponsor policy resolutions for consideration		✓
Vote on resolutions at Annual Conference		✓
Access to members only portal with policy and other resources		✓

MEMBERSHIP DUES

FEE	POPULATION RANGE
\$500	0-5,000
\$1,000	5,001-30,000
\$2,000	30,001-50,000
\$5,000	50,001-100,000
\$10,000	100,001-250,000
\$15,000	250,001-400,000
\$20,000	400,001-750,000
\$25,000	750,001-5,000,000

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Across the Aisle,

Across the Country.



Policy Pillars

CLIMATE CHANGE

The pervasive impact of climate change on local government's roles and responsibilities underscores the importance of establishing a national policy agenda and reinforces the need for taking a whole of systems approach in responding to climate change.

HEALTH

The health and wellness of America's neighborhoods is a constant factor for local government officials. Our mayors are working on innovative and wide-reaching health and wellness programs to empower their communities.

INFRASTRUCTURE

From highway roads and transportation systems to water and waste transport, to broadband, to the power grid, infrastructure enables the economy to properly function. Time and time again, analyses quantifying the effects of this kind of public investment show that they support economic growth. Cities, states, and metropolitan areas throughout America face an unprecedented economic, demographic, fiscal and environmental challenges that make it imperative for the public and private sectors to rethink the way they do business. These new forces are incredibly diverse, but they share an underlying need for modern, efficient, and reliable infrastructure.

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

When it comes to defining public safety, it involves protecting the public from crimes, disasters, and other threats they may encounter in their everyday lives. These local public safety professionals may be police officers, security agents, emergency response teams, and firefighters, among many more. Regarding public safety, there is an inherent need for authorities to help keep our public safe. The lives of people depend on public safety professionals and their ability to respond to situations quickly, effectively, and accurately.

VOTING RIGHTS AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Following decades of historic progress and fight for civil rights, the mandate for fair and equitable voting practices across the country are more important now than it has been in previous generations. Voting is the language of American democracy. The ability to participate in civic life – to have a voice in choosing the elected officials whose decisions impact our lives, families, and communities – is at the core of what it means to be an American.

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for the benefit of
their citizens.**

**Together we can
effect change.**

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