





# BIOGRAPHY

A mother, educator, and council member at-large who is focused on strengthening Nashville's hard-working families.

Erica Gilmore has spent her entire career fighting for traditionally marginalized and middle-class communities. She has served as a Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County At-Large Council Member, Speaker Pro Tempore, Minority Caucus President, and District 19 city council member -- earning a reputation as strong, pragmatic legislator who champions bold, and progressive solutions to remedy Nashville's toughest challenges.

She serves as the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County At-Large Council Member, representing the entire city of Nashville with some 680,000 constituents. Erica is the Chair of the Metropolitan Council of Health, Hospitals, and Social Services Committee. She is also a member of the following Metropolitan Council Committees: Budget and Finance, Ad Hoc Affordable Housing, Public Safety-Beer and Regulated Beverages Committees and past president of the Metropolitan Council Minority Caucus. Nationally, Erica has served as the Assistant to the President, National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, Vice-Chair, National Association of Young Black Elected Officials, and Vice-Chair, Universities Council, National League of Cities.

Erica was first elected to the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County Council in 2007 where she served as the 19th District Councilmember, which had 17,000 to 19,000 constituents and was a mix of the downtown urban core as well as a variety of neighborhoods, and universities. In 2008, she was elected by the council body to the Speaker Pro Tem position, the highest-ranking position in the city.

She currently serves as the Assistant Dean of Student Conduct at Tennessee State University. Erica is a frequent speaker and commentator on issues related to women and children, racial justice, public health, civic engagement, and service.

She served on the Central Business District Improvement Board as well as the Gulch Business Improvement Board. Additionally, she served as the past Chair of the Government Awareness Committee for the Hope Gardens Neighborhood Association, past Chair of Women in the NAACP, member of Top Ladies of Distinction.

Erica is a member of a wide array of civic organizations National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, National League of Cities, Nashville Emerging Leaders, and Young Leaders Council. In addition, she is the Founder of the Gilmore Youth Leadership Institute an initiative for young girls ages 12-18 to become more civically and politically engaged. This initiative was housed at Fisk and Vanderbilt University.

She is a proud alumna of Tennessee State University, earning a Master of Arts in English. Erica studied at The John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She obtained a B.A. degree in English from Howard University, and completed coursework abroad at the American University of Beirut.

Erica is a third generation Nashvillian and the proud parent of Anyah Gilmore - Jones, a graduate of Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet High School. She comes from a strong family tradition of public service. Erica is the daughter of Harry Gilmore and State Senator-elect Brenda Gilmore who serves in the Tennessee General Assembly.

# Honors and Recognitions

- 2018 Nashville Business Journal's People to Watch
- 2015 National League of Cities Legislator of the Year
- 2014 40 Under 40 for Blacks in Nashville
- 2013 Nashville Chamber of Commerce Finalist for Nashville Emerging Leader Award
- 2012 Edward Mullins Legacy Award
- 2012 Forty Under 40 Nashville Business Journal
- 2011 National League of Cities: National Black Caucus Fellow of Local Elected Officials
- 2011 Women in History
- 2009 Women Who Make A Difference
- 2008 NAACP's Under 45 Leadership Award

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