

GETTING TO KNOW YOU



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What sparked your interest in local government?

Moore: I wanted to see change and decided to take action. For more than 40 years I've witnessed and experienced, whether intentional or unintentional, a system that divides the community economically, socially and culturally. These practices impeded growth for all citizens. I felt that it needed to be addressed by someone who had been impacted by this process. I thought I could shine a light on how divisiveness impacted the community

as a whole. I desired change, and decided that the best place to start was to serve the citizens - to cause an awakening that we all are responsible for, and should all be participants in, making the community flourish, thrive, and do well. Therefore at the end of the day, I decided to let it begin with me.

What has been the toughest lesson you have learned during your career in local government?

Moore: I've learned that my vision will take time. Maya Angelou once said "All great achievements require time." I've learned that as a citizen coming into the political arena as a novice, while I might have a vision that I would like to achieve, it cannot be achieved until I understand the process and the length of time it will take to bring the vision to fruition. The most important and vital need is to be patient, steadfast and unmovable which is the foundation to accomplishing any goal.

What advice would you offer to someone considering service as a local government official in their community?

Moore: To remember that politicians are elected citizens, and as an elected citizen you will be held to a higher standard. As an employee, you will need to be informed, knowledgeable and experienced when working with citizens.

In your opinion, what are the most important issues facing local government today?

Moore: Leaders with no integrity. Politicians that don't appear to have the best interest of their constituents and the lack of communication with the people who need them the most.

How would you describe your city to someone who has never visited?

Moore: The city of Cape Girardeau is still known to many as the "City of Roses on the Riverfront." We are the largest city between Memphis, Tennessee, and St. Louis, Missouri, on the I-55 corridor. We connect to Illinois via the Bill Emerson Bridge, one of the prettiest bridges in America. We have beautiful homes and we welcome the students of Southeast Missouri State University and its gorgeous River Campus. We have a growing and beautiful downtown with scenic views of the mighty Mississippi. Cape Girardeau is a multi-cultural mid-size town with lots of recreational activities and scenic parks including wonderful trails and the famous Trail of Tears State Park. You would enjoy your visit and maybe even make it the place you call home!

What are your interests outside of local government?

Moore: The rebuilding of families. I am a music producer and recording artist. I also enjoy crafting, motivational speaking and socializing.

Where would you most like to travel, and why?

Moore: Africa, because of my ancestors and the beautiful cultures that occupy the continent. 🌿



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