

## MAYOR – PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME

### *Biography*



Sharon Weston Broome is a firm believer in achieving progress through inclusion, innovation and information.

Since taking office, Mayor Broome has placed a heavy focus on improving the quality of life for citizens while building resiliency through infrastructure improvements. She has focused on addressing transportation, drainage, public safety, education, economic development and revitalizing neighborhoods.

Mayor Broome is the first female Mayor-President of the City of Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish. She previously served as a Baton Rouge Metro City Council Member, a Louisiana State Representative and a Louisiana State Senator.

While serving in the legislature, Broome became the first woman to hold the leadership positions of Speaker Pro Tempore in the House and President Pro Tempore in the Senate.

Mayor Broome has been recognized for her service and leadership by several organizations. She was selected for the inaugural class of the Bloomberg-Harvard City Leadership Initiative. Mayor Broome serves as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President of the National League of Cities (NLC) and serves on the NLC Board and Executive Committee. In addition, she is a Local Government Advisory Committee Member of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Vice-Chair of the Mayor's Alliance to End Childhood Hunger. She is the secretary and a member of the board of trustees of the African American Mayors Association, and sits on the US Conference of Mayors advisory board.

She has been recognized for her public service and leadership by a number of organizations including the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and received the Luminary Award from Links Incorporated LA Capitale Chapter, the Baton Rouge NAACP Lifetime Achievement Award, Girl Scouts Louisiana East 2017 Women of Distinction Award and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Lambda Kappa Kappa Chapter) 2017 Citizen of the Year Award - just to name a few.

Mayor Broome holds a B.A. in Mass Communication from the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse. She is a 2019 recipient of UW-L Alumni Association's Maurice O. Graff Distinguished Alumni Award. Mayor Broome received her M.A. in Communications from Regent University. The mayor has served as an adjunct instructor at the Manship School of Mass Communication at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge Community College and Southern University.

Faith and family are priorities for Mayor Broome. She is a member of United Christian Faith Ministries Church and is happily married to Marvin Broome. They are the proud parents of three children and have three grandchildren.