

Mayor Deana Holiday Ingraham

Term: January 2018 – December 2021

Deana Holiday Ingraham is a wife, mother, and advocate who is dedicated personally and professionally to public service. As the daughter of a father who was an entrepreneur and owned his own construction company and a mother who served over 35 years as a teacher and guidance counselor in the public-school system, Deana was reared to think outside the box, lead change to improve the lives of others and serve others; for to whom much is given, much is required.

The importance and value of education instilled in Deana guided her as she matriculated through the public-school system in Starke, Florida and graduated as valedictorian of Bradford High School in 1992. After graduating, Deana's thirst for knowledge led her to Florida A&M University (FAMU) and she graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Business Administration with a double minor in Criminal Justice and Psychology. With a firm commitment to continued growth and passion to excel, Deana Holiday Ingraham attended Howard University of Law (HUSL) and received a Juris Doctorate degree and later received a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice with a Specialty in Child Protection and Juvenile Justice from Nova Southeastern University. Holiday Ingraham completed courses to earn a Local Finance Officer Level I Certification through the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, and she completed a course of study in the Georgia Academy of Economic Development.

Upon becoming a member of Council, her colleagues selected her to serve as the 2014 Provisional Mayor Pro Tem, and she has served as the Budget Committee and Human Resources Committee since taking office.

Deana is committed to improving the lives of and quality of services for all East Point residents. She has a special interest and passion for providing opportunities for the economically disadvantaged and collaborating to extend learning to improve educational outcomes for children. During her first term in office, she has demonstrated this commitment by championing the formation of a Joint Learning Committee brings together school leaders, city department heads, and leaders from public, private, and non-profit sectors to extend learning in out-of-school time, increase parent and youth engagement and enhance workforce development.

Following her passion for youth, Holiday Ingraham was appointed to the National League of Cities (NLC) Youth Education and Families (YEF) Council in 2014 and currently serves as a Vice Chair of YEF. In 2016, Holiday Ingraham was tapped by NLC President Matt Zone to serve on the President's Economic Mobility and Opportunity Task Force. She also is a member of the NLC – National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, NLC's Women in Municipal Government and serves on the NLC's Community and Economic Development policy committee. Additionally, she serves on the Georgia Municipal Association Community Development and Public Safety policy committees, was the 2016-2017 President of Georgia Municipal Black Caucus and serves on the Aerotropolis Atlanta Education Collective.

Professionally, she is an attorney who has represented senior citizens, and advocated for the most vulnerable – children who have been abused, abandoned and/or neglected. She has also served as an instructor in post-secondary education, owned and managed her own law firm, served as an administrator in K-12 Education as a Director of Student Discipline and currently serves as a Director in the juvenile justice system.

Holiday Ingraham is an esteemed member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She and her husband, Willie Ingraham, Jr., are the proud parents of their daughter, Nia Ingraham. On December 5, 2017, resident of East Point elected Councilmember Deana Holiday Ingraham to serve as the 34th Mayor.