

ELECT **SONYA** **WILLIAMS** **BARNES** FOR **MAYOR**

Sonya Williams Barnes, a native of Gulfport, Mississippi, is dedicated to making a meaningful impact, particularly on young people and the disenfranchised. She graduated from Pass Christian High School and holds a B.S. in Political Science and English from Jackson State University.

Sonya Williams Barnes, owner and Vice President of Lockett-Williams Mortuary, Inc., brings a legacy of service and dedication to Gulfport. As a third-generation funeral service professional and leader of Lockett-Williams Mortuary—an established Gulfport business serving families with care and compassion since 1948—Sonya embodies a commitment to her community.

Her leadership extended to the floor of the Mississippi House of Representatives, where she championed funding for public and early education, ensuring resources for our children's future.

First elected in 2011, Sonya served with distinction as Vice Chair of Ports, Harbors, and Airports and as a member of the Education, Gaming, Marine Resources, and Tourism committees. She also made history as Chairperson of the Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus, the second-largest legislative black caucus in the nation.

Sonya's ability to work across the aisle delivered real results in a conservative-led legislature. During the debate on the Mississippi Lottery Bill, she successfully passed an amendment directing excess lottery funds to public education. This bipartisan effort is now law and a critical investment in Mississippi's schools.

Beyond politics, Sonya has dedicated decades to community service. She has served as coordinator for Saving Our Sisters (2008–present), charter president of Upsilon Chi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and lifetime member of the NAACP. Her leadership includes appointments to the Governor's Teen Pregnancy Task Force under former Governor Phil Bryant and support for the Boys & Girls Club of America.

Sonya believes leadership is about finding common ground, solving problems, and delivering results. With your support, she will continue fighting for stronger education, healthier communities, and a brighter future for all.

Sonya resides in Gulfport with her adult son.

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