

BIO for Mayor Jamie Mayo (revised July 2016)

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Mayor



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PRESS RELEASE

Biographical Information

Mayor James E. “Jamie” Mayo

33rd Mayor of the City of Monroe, Louisiana
 (2001 – Present)

PERSONAL LIFE

Mayor Jamie Mayo was born in Monroe, Louisiana. During his youth, he lived in Mer Rouge, Louisiana and was educated in the Morehouse Parish School System. Jamie attended and graduated from Bastrop High School. In addition to being a model student, he was a member of the school band and excelled in baseball, football and basketball. While there he earned a full basketball scholarship to Northeast Louisiana University (now the University of Louisiana at Monroe). At ULM he earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration.

Mayor Mayo has over 20 years of business experience working with companies such as State Farm Insurance, Allstate Insurance and Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp. He is married to the former Angela Washington and they have two children (Jared and Ashley), both graduates of Grambling State University, and one grandson (Tyler Williams). Mayor Mayo is a member of New Light Baptist Church (Rev. James B. Johnson, Pastor). He is also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

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POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

Elected Monroe City Councilman for District #5 (1995 – to fill unexpired term)

Re-elected Monroe City Councilman for District #5 (1996, 2000)

Appointed Interim-Mayor (June 2001)

Elected Mayor (October 2001 – to fill unexpired term)

Re-elected Mayor (2004, 2008, 2012, 2016)

FOCUS AREAS

Mayor Mayo's administration has six major focus areas: Economic Development, Public Safety, Partnerships in Education, Beautification, Housing & Growth, and Marketing Monroe. During his 2016 – 2020 term, his added focus will be a "60 for 60" project list. This includes city-wide efforts focusing on economic development, public safety, health, infrastructure, quality of life, education, and more. His goal is to create, continue or complete these projects by 2020.

FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Under the Mayo administration, the City of Monroe is enjoying its best fiscal position in history. Thanks to conservative fiscal management and sound business practices, Monroe enjoyed eleven consecutive years of having a fiscal year budget surplus, earned an A+ Bond Rating and now has an overall fund balance of more than \$15 million dollars. Mayor Mayo credits the hard work of his department heads and city personnel for their commitment to fortifying Monroe's fiscal affairs.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Monroe is a seven-time winner of the Louisiana Municipal Association Community Achievement Award. Four of which were for economic development. Since 2001, more than 2000 new small, medium, and large-sized businesses have opened up shop in Monroe, creating thousands of new jobs. Monroe is home of the corporate headquarters for the nations' 3rd largest telecommunications company Centurylink, currently ranked #168 on the Fortune 500 list. IBM, CenturyLink and

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the State of Louisiana partnered to create 400 jobs in Monroe over the next 10 years. IBM will establish an application development and innovation center in Monroe. It will be the anchor of a new 80+ acre lifestyle community development.

Monroe has also experienced major business growth and expansion through companies such as Vantage, Mid-South Extrusion, Gardner-Denver Thomas and more. During the Mayor administration, tremendous growth and development have or is taking place in Monroe's Air Industrial Park and the I-20, Tower-Armand, Downtown, and Southside economic development districts.

CURRENT AND PAST BOARD AFFILIATIONS

Governor John Bel Edwards Transition Team

LA Municipal Association Law Enforcement Body Camera Implementation Task Force

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Local Government Advisory Board

Black Bayou National Wildlife Refuge

The Salvation Army

The Ouachita Enterprise Corporation

Ouachita Council of Governments

Chairman of the Board for the Opportunities Industrialization Center of Ouachita

Advisory Board for ULM College of Business

Letterman Club Board of ULM

Monroe-West Monroe Public Trust Financing Authority

Bancorp South Advisory Council

President's Advisory Board for LAMP, Inc.

Past President of the Louisiana Chapter National Conference of Black Mayors

Past President for the Louisiana Conference of Mayors

Board of Directors for the National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc.

Advisory Board for Master of Public Administration Program of Grambling State University

Louisiana Retirement Development Commission

Louisiana Uniform Construction Code Council

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS and UPCOMING PROJECTS

Class 1 Fire Rating

NEW Monroe Regional Airport Terminal

New Comprehensive City Master Plan

Greater Ouachita Port Facility

Upgraded Vehicle Fleets and Equipment for Fire, Police, Public Works

\$10 per hour minimum wage for full-time workers

Created City Hall Annex South on Jackson Street

Created Entergy-City of Monroe Community Service College Scholarship – YTD (2016)

153 scholarship recipients who've attended Louisiana colleges/universities

Built City of Monroe Public Safety Center

OK Program of Monroe

Summer Youth Job Program

Passed dedicated sales tax for Fire & Police salary increases

Downtown Revitalization – Riverwalk, River Jam, Art Crawls, Restaurants, Housing

NEW Monroe Police Department Website (yourmpd.com) won Webby Award

I-20 and U.S. 165 Highway Lighting Projects

Kansas Lane Connector Project

I-20/Garrett Road Interchange Project

Zoo Entrance Boulevard Project

Had a speaking role in the 2015 Billy Gardell movie “Dancer and the Dame”

***Note – See More on the “60 for 60” Project List**

NOTABLE AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

ULM Golden Arrow Award (Highest honor for University of Louisiana at Monroe Alumni)

National Conference of Black Mayor's Valiant Award - Aftermath of Hurricane's Katrina and Rita

Louisiana Municipal Association Community Achievement Award

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Who's Who among Business Leaders?

Rupert F. Richardson Legacy Award

The National Society of Leadership and Success Honorary Member

LA Chapter of American Planning Association Award for Distinguished Leadership

Louisiana Transit "Extra Mile" Award for leadership in Public Transportation

Louisiana Head Start Association Award of Excellence

Martin Luther King Trailblazer Award - Ouachita Parish Martin Luther King Foundation

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