

Jasmine Gore
Local Government Advisory Committee
Chair



November 2012, Jasmine Gore made history within the City of Hopewell and Commonwealth of Virginia during the municipal elections. Just two years after obtaining dual bachelor's degrees in Biology and Political Science from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Ms. Gore became the second 26-year-old to sit on Hopewell's City Council

Since being elected, Ms. Gore has served in various local, state, and national leadership positions. Most notably, Ms. Gore served as a Board of Directors Member for the National League of Cities and At-Large Board Member with the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials. She also served as the only elected official on the Virginia Board of Medicine and is currently serving in her second term on the Local Government Advisory Committee for the Executive Council of the Chesapeake Bay. Ms. Gore's love for science is a cornerstone for her advocacy as she also served on VCU's College of Humanities and Sciences Advisory Board.

Ms. Gore has over ten years of government experience beginning as a city-appointed volunteer, intern for the Virginia General Assembly, and now local elected official. November 2020, Ms. Gore had the honor of being appointed to serve as Mayor for the City of Hopewell. In this capacity, she served as the youngest African-American and female Mayor within the Commonwealth of Virginia. During her tenure, Mayor Gore received municipal grants designed to address social determinates of health, access to opportunity, and social/economic factors. She advocated for the City's participation in the Governor's Health Equity Initiative during Covid-19, lead the charge to provide residents with free PPE, programs, and tax relief during the pandemic. Additional accomplishments include the establishment of a youth workforce program, addressing the digital divide, establishing an early childhood task force, championing open government access/software, and spearheading a new Citywide Strategic plan.

Ms. Gore was noted to be the "Next Generation of Government" by the national elected official organization and selected as the Emerging Leader of the Year for a state party within Virginia. She has proven to be both diligent and innovative about addressing the

needs of the City of Hopewell. Ms. Gore promotes, advocates, and creates programs and legislation that reflect the citizen-driven goals to move the City of Hopewell forward. Her single greatest achievement in office to date is the successful reinstatement of the City of Hopewell's Office on Youth and Youth Commission.