



Profiles in Service

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Executive Committee, NACo Board of Directors,
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Number of years active in NACo: 7

Years in public service: In public service generally, more than 20 years, 15 of which are in county government

Occupation: Full-time county commissioner

Education: B.S. and M.A. University of Alabama Tuscaloosa; J.D. Antioch School of Law, now D.C. School of Law

Three people (living or dead) I'd invite to dinner: Harriet Tubman, James Baldwin and Rutherford B. Hayes

A dream I have is to: visit Australia and Antarctica completing my goal of traveling to all seven continents.

The most adventurous thing I've ever done is: Traveling solo in east Africa, staying in camps and mission houses.

My favorite way to relax is: to get lost in a good book.

I'm most proud of: my election to the County Commission because it reflects my community's confidence in me.

Every morning I read: *Seize the Day* with Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

My pet peeve is: "kicking the can" down the road when tough decisions need to be made.

My motto is: To whom much is given much is required.


The last book I read was: *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson.

My favorite movie is: *Rabbit-proof Fence*.

My favorite music is: Gospel.

My favorite president is: Barack Obama because his election portends our possibilities as a nation.

My county is a NACo member because: Its legislative advocacy and the financial resources it makes available to counties.



The hardest thing I've ever done: Learn to play the piano at age 55+. It is a work in (slow) progress