



Jeanetta Williams

Jeanetta Williams is employed at Utah Transit Authority in the Public Relations and Marketing Department as the Community Relations Specialist. Prior to joining Utah Transit Authority, she worked at U S West Communications for twenty years.

Jeanetta is the founder of the Utah Conference of Minority Transportation Officials Chapter, which was created to provide a forum for senior minority professionals in the transportation industry.

Jeanetta was elected to the NAACP National Board of Directors and served for six years from 1996-2002. She served as President of the NAACP Tri-State Conference over Idaho, Nevada, and Utah from 1993-1997. She was elected again in this position, September 2007. Jeanetta was elected, President of the NAACP Salt Lake Branch in 1992 and is currently serving in that capacity. She serves on the West Valley Police Citizens Review Board and numerous other community Boards. Jeanetta is co-founder of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce Multi-Ethnic Business Committee.

Jeanetta initiated and led the successful effort to change Utah's Human Rights Day to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day during the 2000 Legislative session working with then NAACP Tri-State Conference President, Edward L. Lewis Jr., where the late Senator Pete Suazo and Representative Duane Bourdeaux were sponsors. Jeanetta successfully was able to get sponsors and lobbied for passage of the Utah Hate Crimes and the Victim Rights Bills. She assisted Legislatures in 2007 with the passage of Legislation to change Utah's Constitution start day of the Legislative session from the third Monday in January to the fourth Monday.

Jeanetta has served as a member of the Utah State Bar Ethics and Discipline Committee, investigating grievances toward Lawyers. She served as Co-Chair of the Pre-Adjudication Committee of the Utah Task Force on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Legal System.

Jeanetta's mission since the death of Rosa Parks; October 24, 2005 has been to work with different City Council's to name streets in Utah to honor Rosa Parks. Streets bearing Rosa Parks name are now located in West Jordan at their city offices, and Salt Lake City on 200 East. West Valley City has approved a street to be named Rosa Parks and Sandy City will name a pavilion with a monument to honor Rosa Parks. Jeanetta has been an advocate for low income/disadvantaged persons and Senior Citizens for public transportation and equal housing laws in Salt Lake. She has led efforts in class action lawsuits on zoning ordinances in Utah. Because of her efforts, she was featured in the March/April 2006 NAACP National Crisis magazine. She was one of 6 individuals to sign a petition to force Vouchers on the ballot, November 2007. She has been recognized locally and national for her efforts. January 2008, the Utah School Boards Association for her involvement with the anti-voucher movement awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award to Jeanetta.

Jeanetta has received numerous recognition awards for her work, some of which includes the Utah Women's Achievement Award from the Governor's Commission for Women and Families, March 1997 and recognized by the University of Utah, March 2001, as one of 25 Activist women in Utah. She received the Medgar Evers Distinguished Service Awards, the 1989 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Awards from the NAACP Pocatello, Idaho Branch and the 1993 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Award from the NAACP Salt Lake Branch. Jeanetta served as a member of the Utah Olympic Volunteer Committee and was asked by Mitt Romney, President of the Salt Lake City Olympic Organizing Committee to serve as Mayor for a Day at the Olympic Village during the 2002 Winter Olympics. All of this led to Jeanetta being asked to author a chapter in a book that was published, November 2003 and foreword by Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., Governor of Utah elected November 2004. The book title is "Utah in 2050." The NAACP Salt Lake Branch awarded Jeanetta with the 2006 Rosa Parks Award. She was the first recipient of the YWCA Racial Justice Award in 2006.

One of Jeanetta's fondest memories is when she was an invited guest to the White House by President Bill Clinton for the ceremonies of South African President Nelson Mandela where they all later had lunch together.

Jeanetta has a Bachelor of Arts in Management and a Masters of Management Degree, both from the University of Phoenix.