

Clinton official receives recognitions



Dr. Ricki Garrett

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Dr. Ricki Garrett, Alderwoman-at-Large of Clinton, who also serves as the Mississippi representative for Sister Cities International, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Sister Cities International to represent all of the state representatives throughout the United States.

In this role, Garrett serves both on the Board of Directors, as well as the Executive Committee and other committees of the organization.

"It is an honor to represent the State of Mississippi, as well as the other State Representatives, on the Board of an organization whose mission is to promote citizen diplomacy around the world," said Garrett.

Founded by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1956, Sister Cities International works to create global relationships based on cultural, educational, information and trade exchanges. Second Lady Karen Pence currently serves as Honorary Board

Vice-Chairperson. Clinton currently has one Sister City International partnership with Zarafshan, Uzbekistan.

Garrett also recently graduated from the Basic Level of the Certified Municipal Official (CMO) program sponsored by the Mississippi Municipal League (MML). Under this program, local elected officials complete training and activities related to understanding and improving the management of local municipal issues.

Although the certification course is voluntary, receipt of the designation of "Certified Municipal Official" requires completion of four core courses: Municipal Organization, Municipal Law, Municipal Finance, and Municipal Land Use, in addition to 40 elective hours.

"The CMO program provides the participants training to help them become more effective leaders for their respective cities, and the Mississippi Municipal League is proud to offer this assistance," said MML Executive Director Shari Veazey.



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