



DEDICATION OF THE

**FRANCES
HUNTLEY-COOPER
CITY OF FITCHBURG
COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

08 MARCH 2023 • 5PM • FITCHBURG CITY HALL
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FRANCES HUNTLEY-COOPER

ADVOCATE, SERVANT, LEADER

Frances Huntley-Cooper is the former mayor of Fitchburg, Wisconsin, and was the first African American mayor elected to office in the state of Wisconsin. She was elected on April 2, 1991.

Huntley-Cooper served as District 1 Alderwoman for four years beginning in 1987, during which time she chaired the finance and personnel committees. Huntley-Cooper's Common Council activity culminated in service as president of the Fitchburg Common Council in 1990. Huntley-Cooper served as Fitchburg mayor from 1991 to 1993, and is the first African American elected to lead a Wisconsin City.

Frances Huntley-Cooper was elected as a delegate to five Democratic National conventions. In 2020, Huntley-Cooper was elected as a Joe Biden delegate in the virtual Democratic National Convention (Milwaukee, Wisconsin). In 2008, Huntley-Cooper was elected as a Barack Obama delegate to the Democratic Convention (Denver, Colorado). In January 2009, she attended the inauguration of the US 44th President in Washington, D.C. Additionally, Huntley-Cooper was elected as a Barack Obama delegate to the National Democratic Convention which convened in Charlotte, North Carolina, September 3-6, 2012. Prior to these national conventions, Huntley-Cooper served as a Jesse Jackson delegate for the Democratic National (Atlanta, Georgia, 1998) and Bill Clinton delegate (New York, New York, 1992).

Frances Huntley-Cooper is a 1973 graduate from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Services. She then attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where in 1974, where she earned a Masters of Science Degree in Social Work. She returned to the LaFollette Institute and completed her Masters of Arts in Public Policy and Administration in August 1994.



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Attorney Shana Lewis, Renning Lewis & Lacy, s.c.
Dr. Leslie Petty, Madison College

SPEAKERS

Governor Tony Evers, State of Wisconsin
Honorable Jim Doyle, Former Wisconsin Governor
Alder Joe Maldonado, City of Fitchburg
The Honorable Judge Hamdy Ezalarab
Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive
President Stephanie Bradley Wilson, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Kappa Psi Omega
President Jack E. Daniels, Madison College
President Michelle Vetterkind, TEMPO Madison
Dr. Floyd Rose, 100 Black Men
Carola Gaines, Fitchburg Resident and Community Leader

HONOREE

The Honorable Frances Huntley-Cooper
First African American Mayor elected in the
State of Wisconsin
327th African American Mayor in the Nation





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