

## **MAYOR TOMMY BATTLE**

Mayor Tommy Battle was re-elected in August 2012 by an unprecedented 81 percent of the vote. Now in his second term, Mayor Battle continues his laser focus on fiscal responsibility. Through his leadership, Huntsville has earned AAA credit ratings for the past six years -a distinction held by a small percentage of municipalities in the U.S.

Dedicated to creating jobs and diversifying Huntsville's economic base, Mayor Battle is committed to his GEO, Cyber, Energy and Biotech initiatives, which aggressively work to unite the City's rich intellectual capital with new opportunities. The Mayor's goal is to make the best possible use of Huntsville's collective brainpower to ensure that the City becomes a global leader in research and development.

Mayor Battle believes Huntsville's continued success is a result of its ability to think long-term, and he has directed the City's planning department to enjoin the community in a comprehensive master plan that will map the city's future for decades to come. The BIG Picture is tackling planning and quality of life decisions regarding neighborhood revitalization, urban redevelopment, recreation, transportation, design standards, and code and zoning changes.

A champion of teamwork, Mayor Battle strives to work collaboratively with leadership and citizens. As a result, Huntsville is in an enviable position of stability and growth potential that has earned the City global attention. Most recently, Huntsville was named one of the top 30 fastest growing metros in the country, and as a top 10 most promising Tech Hub to Watch. USA Today also recognized Huntsville as one of 10 great places to be inspired by innovation; and Atlantic Cities named Huntsville as one of the nation's top 10 creative class metros.

Born in Birmingham in 1955, Mayor Battle moved to Huntsville in 1980 after receiving a business degree from The University of Alabama. Four years later, he was elected to the Huntsville City Council, where he served as Finance Chair. His successful career as an entrepreneur and businessman, along with nearly 30 years of community service, effectively prepared him for the demanding role as the City's chief executive officer, recruiter, and champion of Huntsville's future.

The Mayor is married to the former Eula Sammons, a retired kindergarten teacher. They have one son, Drew, daughter-in-law, Lauren, and new grandson, George.