



Westchester County Board of Legislators
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CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

Monday, June 17, 2024 | 7PM

PROGRAM

Welcoming Remarks and Acknowledgements
Board Chair Vedat Gashi

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS



VICTORIA BAYARD TIPP
Presented by Board Chair Vedat Gashi



EFFIE PHILLIPS
Presented by Legislator Shanae Williams

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Vedat Gashi
Board Chair
Legislator, 4th District

Colin D. Smith
Legislator, 1st District

Erika L. Pierce
Legislator, 2nd District

Margaret A. Cunzio
Minority Leader
Legislator, 3rd District

Benjamin Boykin II
Legislator, 5th District

Nancy E. Barr
Legislator, 6th District

Catherine F. Parker
Legislator, 7th District

Jewel Williams Johnson
Legislator, 8th District

Emiljana Ulaj
Legislator, 9th District

Judah Holstein
Legislator, 10th District

Terry Clements
Majority Whip
Legislator, 11th District

David Imamura
Legislator, 12th District

Tyrae Woodson-Samuels
Majority Leader
Legislator, 13th District

David J. Tubiolo
Legislator, 14th District

James Nolan
Minority Whip
Legislator, 15th District

Shanae V. Williams
Legislator, 16th District

José I. Alvarado
Vice Chair
Legislator, 17th District





VICTORIA BAYARD TIPP was born in Port au Prince and immigrated to the United States in 1963 as a toddler during a time of extreme political unrest in Haiti. When she and her mother arrived in the U.S., they first lived in New York with her grandmother, an award-winning educational leader in Haiti who had fled the country earlier. They were later joined by her father who was an attorney. Ms. Tipp experienced the challenge of beginning her education as a French speaker in a school with no ESL program. Fortunately her mother took a job at the United Nations and she was enrolled in first grade at the United Nations International School, a multicultural school with students from over 100 countries. She then went on to earn degrees from Barnard College and Harvard Law

School. Following a successful law career, she decided to direct her efforts towards public service, particularly in the area of education equity. She served on the Chappaqua Board of Education as a member and past President, and on the Westchester/Putnam School Boards Association as Chair of the Advocacy Committee and President for three years. She also served on the steering committee for the Lower Hudson Education Coalition, an organization that does legislative advocacy.

In addition, Victoria has served on the Chappaqua PTA, League of Women Voters of New Castle, and on the Board of Directors for the Chappaqua Orchestra. The culmination of the experience she gained and leadership she evidenced led her to being appointed Deputy Supervisor of the Town of New Castle from 2021-2024, where she served as Liaison to the Committees on Race, Equity and Inclusion, LGBTQ+ and Conservation. Ms. Tipp was elected Supervisor of the Town of New Castle in November of 2023. She is the first person of color and Caribbean heritage to be elected and to serve on the New Castle Town Board. She has lived in Chappaqua with her husband Robert for 22 years, where they raised their four grown children.



EFFIE PHILLIPS is the proud daughter of a Jamaican mother and a Cuban father. Originally from the Bronx, she is a longtime resident of Yonkers with her husband of over 20 years. She attended Mercy College for Organizational Management and worked for over two decades in social services, providing housing for adults living with AIDS and mental disabilities, and as a life counselor to underserved parents and children living with autism. She has also worked at a domestic violence shelter and with a job readiness program. She has most recently been employed with Westhab, the Urban League of Westchester, the U.S. House of Representatives as a Staff Assistant in Constituent Services, and she currently serves at the Westchester County Board of Elections as an Election Inspector Coordinator.

Ms. Phillips has had the privilege of working and cultivating relationships with many community leaders who have guided her in her mission for positive change in the community. In addition to her employment, she is active with many organizations including but not limited to current President and a Life Member of the National Council of Negro Women-Hudson Valley Section, Board member of the Yonkers Youth Theatre Interactions and the Yonkers YWCA, member and Secretary of the Yonkers Mayor's African American Advisory Board, former Vice President and current member of the Westchester Black Women's Political Caucus-Yonkers Chapter, former Corresponding Secretary and current Board of Directors member of the Aquehung Women's Democratic Club, member of the Yonkers African American-Heritage Committee, Life Member of NAACP-Yonkers Branch, Shop Steward and Delegate with CSEA Unit 9200, and member of Sister to Sister International, the Hudson River Community Association of Northeast Yonkers and Women United of Westchester.

She spends her personal time cooking, watching sports, connecting with family, friends and neighbors, and working on a craft projects. She is an avid reader and have been part of a book club for over 30 years for which she is its National Vice President, responsible for 51 chapters, in 15 states with 500+ members.