



Vivian Wilhoite is a native of Gulfport, Mississippi, who came to Nashville to attend Tennessee State University (TSU), where she laid the foundation for a distinguished career in public service.

Following her graduation from TSU, Vivian began her professional career as a Real Estate Appraiser with the Tennessee Public Service Commission, now known as the Tennessee Public Utility Commission. In this role, she was responsible for appraising public utility properties for *ad valorem* tax purposes. Her leadership and expertise led to her promotion to Assistant Director and later to Chief of the Consumer Services Division. She ultimately served as the agency’s statewide representative for Consumer Education and Outreach, traveling across Tennessee to empower residents with the knowledge needed to make informed decisions about their utility services.

In 2003, Vivian was elected by the voters to represent District 29 on the Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County City Council (Metro Council). During her tenure, she founded the first Metropolitan Council Women’s Caucus, advancing issues impacting women and children. She also served as Vice President of the National League of Cities’ Information, Technology, and Communications Committee, where she played a key role in advancing Nashville’s Broadband Plan and Digital Transition initiatives.

After serving two four-year terms on the Metro Council, Vivian remained deeply engaged in community leadership. In 2016, driven by her commitment to equitable service and public empowerment, she was elected Assessor of Property for Davidson County. Under her leadership, the Assessor’s Office earned the prestigious Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration from the International Association of Assessing Officers, making Davidson County the only county in Tennessee to receive this distinction. Vivian was re-elected in 2020 and again in 2024, continuing her work to ensure fairness, equity, transparency, and innovation in property assessment.

Vivian views public service as a lifelong calling. Under her leadership, Vivian and her team—whom she proudly refers to as her “amazing staff”—have received numerous honors, including recognition as a Nashville Business Journal Best in Business Award Honoree (2022), the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber Legacy Honoree (2022), and the Three-Star Certification from the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers in both 2019 and 2024.

Above all, Vivian treasures time with her family, her husband, Larry, their two sons, Lelan and Pherius, her grandson, Pherius Jr., and their beloved dog, Bella. She lives by the guiding principle:

“Do all the good you can, in every way you can, for all the people you can, while you can.”