



DAVID TANDY

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"The reason why I got into public service was the belief that our mission in life is to try and make things better than when we started on this earth," Metro Council President and 4th District representative, David W. Tandy says of his work in the city of Louisville. He sees his role as an opportunity to leave his district better than he found it.

Tandy fights diligently for his district and the city. "For me it's always been about improving educational achievement and attainment, public safety and quality of life for the residents, and economic development."

He championed important legislation in Louisville such as the "Ban the Box" ordinance which gives employable individuals who have a tarnished police record the opportunity to interview and not be required to discuss their past unless it is job-specific. Tandy also led the way for the Minimum Wage ordinance, which passed in Winter 2014 and took effect July 1, 2015.

Tandy's wins are important. In his district, which includes Louisville neighborhoods from Russell, where he resides, to Irish Hill in the lower Highlands, they serve as a testament of his commitment to improving the quality of life. "If I were to view my career, I would view it as a success if I can look at from where my community was when we started to where we are when I finish and we've made progress in that time frame, and I can point to things along the way that I helped make that happen."

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Tandy grew up in Owensboro, KY, leaving after high school to attend Vanderbilt University and while there, studying and receiving a Bachelor of Science in Human and Organizational Development. Following his undergrad career, he attended the University of Kentucky's College of Law.

Tandy leads his own law firm, David W. Tandy and Associates, as its principal attorney. His firm specializes in corporate law, finance, and government relations. He's also worked as an attorney for Stoll Keenon Ogden, Sheffer-Hutchinson-Kinney and Woodward, Hobson, & Fulton in Kentucky. During his early career he spent time in the Washington, D.C. office of Kentucky Senator Wendell Ford.

Known as a great connector, community building is an important part of Tandy's life. He's forged strong relationships throughout the local community. Elected undisputed as the Metro Council's seventh and now tenth President, he serves on several advisory boards around the state. He's Secretary for the Board of Regents at Eastern Kentucky University and Chairman of Student Life, Discipline and Athletics. More locally, he sits on the boards of the Louisville Arena Authority, Greater Louisville Inc. (GLI), the Louisville Downtown Management District, the Louisville Downtown Development Corporation and New Directions Housing Corporation.

Outside of public life, Tandy is dedicated to another passion, his family. Together with wife, Carolyn Whitaker Tandy (District Director to U.S. Representative John Yarmuth), he enjoys time with his three children, Kennedy (11), Avery (7), and Solomon (6). When possible he attends the kids' games and recitals, encouraging them to participate in and enjoy life.

Tandy is a member of St. Stephen Baptist Church. When looking for inspiration, he turns to a quote he remembers hearing first from former Central High School principal, Dr. Harold Fenderson. "What he said was 'set your goals as high as the moon and if you shoot for it and miss, you'll still be among the stars.' It caused me to push myself to go beyond places that I otherwise [didn't] think I could. In that statement there is an acknowledgement that you may not be successful at everything but your failure is not in failing; your failure is not trying at all."

