



Honorable Jack C. Sims

A Humanitarian With Indomitable Spirit, Leadership, Compassion And Passion; Driven With His One Goal To “*Improve the Quality of Life*”!

Honorable Jack C. Sims currently serves as Mayor, City of District Heights Maryland, He is the Vice President of the Maryland Black Mayors Association and the Founder of the Central Prince George’s Maryland Rotary Club. In 1997, Jack C. Sims was elected the first African-American Mayor of the City of District Heights, Maryland (USA). He is currently serving a third term as Mayor until 2018.

On February 11, 2014, Jack C. Sims made history again! At a City of District Heights Mayor & Commissioner workshop meeting, a motion was made unanimously to honor Commissioner Sims by naming the city’s 1.4-mile park and pathway exercise trail after this special man. On April 26, 2014 the Red Ribbon Naming Ceremonies took place: The Jack C. Sims Exercise Park / Trail.

Mayor Jack C Sims was recently appointed Official Southern Cherokee Nation and The Red Fire People (SCNRFP) Acting Emissary Representative and Advisor. He is a member of the Pan African Collective Board of Directors and the Historic Black Towns and Settlements Alliance, Inc. Board of Directors. Mayor Jack C. Sims served as Vice Mayor in 1994 and Police and Code Enforcement Commissioner from 1993 to 1995. He is a member of the Maryland Municipal League. He served on the National League of Cities-International Committee, Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations Steering Committee (FAIR) and he was recently appointed the First Vice President of the World Conference of Mayors by the Founder and CEO and Board of Directors for the WCM and is a member of the African American Mayors Association.

In October of 2013, Mayor Jack C. Sims became the first American and first African-American to become the recipient of the prestigious *2013 Mkiva Humanitarian Award* from the South Africa Mkiva Foundation of the XHOSA Nation. Past recipients of this award include Nelson Mandela, former President Fidel Castro and other world leaders. Mayor Sims was also crowned as Honorary Chief by several communities in the Republic of Nigeria and was gowned as an Honorary Paramount Chief of Bong County, Liberia. He is currently serving on the Maryland Sister States Program committee for Liberia.

Mayor Sims is active in national and international affairs. He has had business trips to Ivory Coast, South Africa, Equatorial Guinea, Senegal, The Gambia, Ghana, Nigeria, Haiti, Trinidad, Cyprus, Liberia, Vietnam, Sierra Leone, Virgin Islands, Nassau, and Gabon.

Honorable Sims has extensive training and experiences. He is a graduate of Leadership Prince George’s, Inc., a graduate of the University of Maryland College Park Fellow-Academy for Excellence in Local Government (2001); Executive Director, District Height Community Development Corporation (501-c3) and Former Chairman Prince George’s County Solid Waste Advisory Commission (2008-2010). He has served on the Board of Directors for the East Orange VAMC Credit Union and the Washington DC VAMC Credit Union; a member of the Fraternal Order of Police 2F-DC; Knights of Columbus; Honorary Naval Aviator and St. Mary’s Catholic Church Landover, MD. Mayor Sims is retired as Chief, Environmental Management Services from Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Washington, DC after 25 years of service.

In **August 2015**, the Honorable Mayor Jack C. Sims was also appointed to serve on the **NBC-LEO Foundation Board of Directors**.