

Cheryl Lee, for Bastrop City Council Place 5, City of Bastrop, Texas

Cheryl Lee is a dedicated public servant and community activist, currently serving as a City Council Member for Place 1 in Bastrop, Texas. A lifelong resident and fourth generation Bastropian, Lee has deep roots in the Bastrop community, which has profoundly influenced her commitment to public service.

Lee's academic background includes a Bachelor of Science in Health Administration and a graduate degree in Business Administration from Prairie A&M University, the second-oldest historically black college in Texas. During her tenure as a City Council Member, she has been an active participant in the Texas Municipal League, achieving Certified Municipal Status for three consecutive years.

Professionally, Lee has a 25-year career at AT&T Corporation and is a proud member of Communication Workers of America (CWA-Union). Her involvement with various grassroots organizations reflects her deep commitment and dedication to helping others through efforts such as workers rights, fair labor, judicial reform, and social justice.

In 2019 under President Donald Trump, Lee was honored with the Gold Presidential Volunteer Service Award for completing over 400 community service hours, followed by a Silver Award in 2020 under President Joe Biden.

Her community involvement extends to roles such as Secretary for the Bastrop Juneteenth Committee, Commissioner on the City's Planning and Zoning Commission, Board Member of Bastrop's Economic Development Corporation, Board Member for the Texas Association of Black City Council Members, and Committee Member on the State of Texas Bar Association Ethics Committee. In 2024, Lee received an award for Outstanding Leadership in honor of her active and distinguished history in service to Bastrop from the NAACP. In her free time, she performs in stage plays at Bastrop's Historical Opera House.

In May 2022, Lee made history by becoming Bastrop's first African American female City Council member. She was instrumental in establishing Juneteenth as a City Holiday and spearheaded a community mural project in honor of Minerva Delgado located in Bastrop's Minerva Delgado Park. (2024).

She remains focused on creating policies that focus on job opportunities, income-based housing, sustainable infrastructure, fiscal responsibility, and smart growth development that preserve's the heritage and architecture of the City of Bastrop, while responsibly accommodating its fast-growing population.

She is firm in her belief that the residents deserve city council members who are focused on open government, transparency, and the greater good of the community – free of politics and above special interests, and she is committed to serving Bastrop in that capacity.