

Natchez Mayor Dan M. Gibson was presented the 2023 Excellence in Local Government Award by the MS Personnel Board

Governor Reeves commends Mayor Gibson for the tremendous growth and economic renewal of the historical city of Natchez.

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EINPresswire.com/ -- Today, in a special ceremony at the Mississippi Governor's Office, Natchez Mayor Dan M. Gibson was presented the 2023 Excellence in Local Government Award by the MS Personnel Board and Governor Tate Reeves. Gibson was the only municipal official in the State of Mississippi to receive this honor.



Dang Gibson & Tate Reeves Shake hands while receiving his award

In presenting the award, Governor Reeves commended Gibson on his many years of public service, going back even to high school and college. He spoke of the many positive things happening in Natchez under Gibson's leadership, including tremendous economic growth, a renewal of city parks and playgrounds, and a return to prominence for such an important and historic city.

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Mayor Gibson exemplifies the best in public leadership, and I applaud the Personnel Board in making this selection,”

Governor, Tate Reeves

Upon receiving the recognition, Mayor Gibson thanked the Governor and the MS Personnel Board and spoke of his joy

in serving Natchez. "Growing up with the best of parents who believed in road trips to places all over Mississippi, I always loved Natchez. Never did I imagine then that I would have the opportunity to do what I am doing now. It is truly a blessing and an honor."

Having moved to Natchez in 2016, Gibson was elected mayor in 2020 with close to 64 percent of the vote and solid support from every demographic. Since then, the city has experienced record

growth and job creation, with over 1000 homes being purchased in Natchez-Adams County, close to 300 new businesses opened, and well over 1,000 new jobs created. The city has embarked upon several million dollars in infrastructure improvement to parks, buildings, streets, and drainage projects. As mayor, Gibson has also led the way for record raises for the city's police officers, firefighters, and public works employees, all while balancing the budget and not raising taxes.

The Excellence in Local Government Award was established by the Mississippi Legislature in 2012. Municipal leaders from all over the state are considered each year, and the State Personnel Board selects recipients each year to be honored. Gibson is the first municipal official from Natchez ever to receive the award. He is also the first Mississippi Mayor ever to be so honored.

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Dan Gibson giving his speech for his award given by MS Personnel



Dan Gibson's Excellence in Local and District Government Award



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