



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CONFIRMATION HEARING  
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
AUGUST 31, 2017  
AGENDA  
1:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER BY THE VICE PRESIDENT**

- 1. ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF A MATCHING CONTRIBUTION OF \$15,000 TO FARISH STREET HERITAGE FESTIVAL OF JACKSON, INC. IN SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTION AND COORDINATION OF THE ARTS WITHIN THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE ORGANIZATION. (STOKES)**
- 2. ORDER APPOINTING DR. MUKESH KUMAR AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. (LUMUMBA)**
- 3. ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF LT. COLONEL LUCIUS WRIGHT TO THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD. (LUMUMBA)**
- 4. DISCUSSION: LITIGATION (PRIESTER)**

**REPORTS FROM MEMBERS, MAYOR, DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**



**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF A MATCHING CONTRIBUTION OF \$15,000 TO THE FARISH STREET HERITAGE FESTIVAL OF JACKSON, INC. IN SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTION AND COORDINATION OF THE ARTS WITHIN THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE ORGANIZATION.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 39-15-1 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, authorizes and empowers the governing authorities of any municipality, in their discretion, to expend monies from the general fund to match any other funds available for the purpose of supporting the development, promotion, and coordination of the arts within such municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Farish Street Heritage Festival of Jackson, Incorporated has requested that the City of Jackson, Mississippi support its efforts to promote and coordinate the arts by donating \$15,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Farish Street Heritage Festival of Jackson, Incorporated will feature several stages of live entertainment, present national, regional, and local artists and performers and provide festival patrons with an opportunity to enjoy arts and crafts exhibits featuring vendors from around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing authorities find that the \$15,000 donation to the Farish Street Heritage Festival will benefit the community through unique cultural activities and will support the development, promotion, and coordination of the arts within the City of Jackson; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City of Jackson to support the organization's efforts and award the funds sought.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that a donation of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to the Farish Street Heritage Festival of Jackson, Incorporated, is authorized to be taken from Account Number 1R-3550, the Municipal General Fund Unrestricted Fund Balance, for the purpose of supporting the musical entertainment of artists and performers, arts and crafts, and other cultural activities during the Farish Street Heritage Festival.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract agreement with Farish Street Heritage Festival of Jackson, Incorporated, to memorialize said donation.

**IT IS FINALLY ORDERED** that said expenditures be made on a reimbursement and matching fund basis.

AGENDA ITEM: 1  
DATE: 08-31-17  
BY: Kenneth I. Stokes

**ORDER APPOINTING DR. MUKESH KUMAR AS DIRECTOR OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, CITY OF  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.**

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY  
*M. K. K. K.*  
8/25/17

**WHEREAS**, on August 21, 2017, the Mayor nominated Dr. Mukesh Kumar as the Director of the Department of Planning and Development for the City of Jackson, Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, the nomination came before the City Council for confirmation as required by Section 21-8-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has considered the nomination, and a majority of the Council present and voting has determined that the nomination should be confirmed.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** by the City Council of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, that Dr. Mukesh Kumar as the Director of the Department of Planning and Development for the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

# MEMORANDUM

Office of the Mayor  
(601) 960-1084



TO: Honorable Members of the Jackson City Council

FROM: Chokwe A. Lumumba, Mayor

DATE: August 23, 2017

RE: **Appointment – Dr. Mukesh Kumar as Director of the Department of Planning and Development**

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Pursuant to Section 21-8-23 of the Mississippi Code Annotated (1972), as amended, I am requesting that the attached agenda item be placed on the agenda to confirm the August 21, 2017, nomination of Dr. Mukesh Kumar as Director of the Department of Planning and Development. Information reflecting Dr. Kumar's qualifications is attached.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of this request.

Attachment

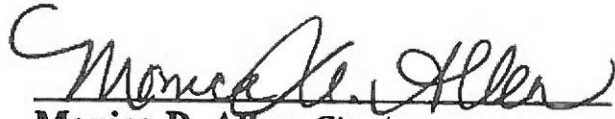
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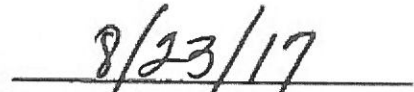
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This ORDER APPOINTING DR. MUKESH KUMAR AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI is legally sufficient for placement in NOVUS Agenda.

  
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Monica D. Allen, City Attorney

  
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DATE

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY  
MUKESH KUMAR  
8/23/17

# Mukesh Kumar

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## Employment:

- Fall 2009 – current      Tenured Associate Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Jackson State University
- Summer 2005 – spring 2006      Research Fellow in Planning and development, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
- Fall 2004 – spring 2009      Assistant Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Jackson State University

## Administrative Appointments:

- Fall 2016      Sabbatical
- Fall 2014 – summer 2016      Interim Chair, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Jackson State University
- Fall 2012 – spring 2014      Interim Program Director, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Jackson State University
- Fall 2006 – spring 2012      Program Coordinator, Master's Program in Urban and Regional planning, DURP, Jackson State University
- Fall 2004- spring 2006      Advisor for the Undergraduate Program in Urban Studies, DURP, Jackson State University

## Education:

- Summer 2004      Ph.D. in Urban Studies and Public Affairs  
(Specialization: Urban Economic Development)  
Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio
- Spring 1999      Master of Public Policy  
(Specialization: Economic Development)  
University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa
- June 1994      M.A. in Political Science  
Delhi University, Delhi, India
- June 1992      B.A. (Honors) in Political Science  
Hindu College, Delhi University, Delhi, India

# Mukesh Kumar

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## Recent Major Planning Projects:

Project Leader: Form Based Code District Plan for Byram Town Center, City of Byram, MS

Project Leader: Corridor Revitalization Plan for Vision 2022, City of Jackson, MS

Project Advisor: Campus Rainworks Plan (led by students from Jackson State University) for Lynch Creek Extension, Jackson, MS

Project Advisor: Town Creek Restoration Plan (led by students from Louisiana State University) for Revitalization of West Jackson and Downtown, Jackson, MS

## Research Interests:

Local Economic Development, Industry Clusters, Polycentric Models of Urban Spatial Structure, Optimization and Land Use Planning, Urban Simulations, Housing.

## Teaching Interests:

Theories of Urban and Regional Development, Local Economic Development Policy, Labor Market Analysis, Geographic Information System (GIS) and Spatial Analysis, Urban Spatial Structure, Quantitative Research Methods, History of Planning.

## Academic Publications:

Shahbazi, M., Kumar, M., & Mawson, A. (2017) Effectiveness of Community Health Workers in Healthcare Delivery: Evidence from the Field. *Journal of Health Disparities Research & Practice*. (Under Review)

Sen, S., Kumar, M., & Smith, S. (2016), Planning Education for Multiculturalism in the United States: A Selective Case Study of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). In M. Burayidi (Ed.), *Urban Planning in a Pluralist Society*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

Gilleylen, J. G., & Kumar, M. (2015), Integrated Approach to Health. In M. J. Azevedo (Ed.), *Health and Healthcare in Mississippi (89-110)*. Jackson, MS: University Press of Mississippi.

Kumar, M. (2011), A Tale of Uneven Comebacks: Community Planning and Neighborhood Design in Mississippi Gulf Coast. In A. Liu, R. V. Anglin, R. M. Mizelle Jr., & A. Plyer (Eds.) *Resiliency and Opportunity: Lessons from the U.S. Gulf Coast after Katrina and Rita (148-160)*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.

Kumar, M., Bowen, W. M., & Kaufman, M. (2007). Urban Spatial Structure as Self-Organizing System: An Empirical Evaluation of Firm Location Decisions in Cleveland-Akron PMSA, Ohio. *Annals of Regional Science*, Vol. 41, 297-314.



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Kumar, M. (2007). Geographical Scope of University Expansion and its Impact on Land and Housing Markets," Working Paper. Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.  
[http://www.lincolninst.edu/pubs/1198\\_Geographical-Scope-of-University-Expansion-and-its-Impact-on-Land-and-Housing-Markets-](http://www.lincolninst.edu/pubs/1198_Geographical-Scope-of-University-Expansion-and-its-Impact-on-Land-and-Housing-Markets-)

Kumar, M., Mangum, V., Price, G., & Watson, J. (2007). The Economic Impact of Jackson State University. *The MURC Digest*, Vol. 3, 1-7.

"Locating Capital Cities within an Economy: An Analysis of the Spatial Structure of Knowledge-Based and Other Government Related Industry," with William M. Bowen. *Asia Pacific Planning Review*, Vol. 3, 2004: 99-121.

## Externally Funded Projects:

1. Title of Project: Implicit Biases among Planning Professionals: Influence of Race & Gender on Decision Making  
Funding Agency: National Science Foundation  
Funding Year: 2017  
Amount: \$ 20,417.  
PI: Kumar, M.  
Co-PI: None.
2. Title of Project: Overcoming Barriers to Public Transportation in Mississippi – A Pilot Study for Jackson Metropolitan Statistical Area  
Funding Agency: Institute for Multimodal Transportation  
Funding Year: 2010  
Amount: \$ 30,000.  
PI: Kumar, M.  
Co-PI: Santos, E. C.
3. Title of Project: Integrating Asset Valuation and Management Techniques in Long-Range Transportation Plans for Urban Areas in Mississippi  
Funding Agency: Federal Highway Administration  
Funding Year: 2008  
Amount: \$ 137,222.  
PI: Kumar, M.  
Co-PI: None.
4. Title of Project: A Comprehensive Study of the Impact of State and Other Tax-Exempt Properties on Local Govt. Operations in the City of Jackson and Hinds County  
Funding Agency: Downtown Jackson Partners, Inc.  
Funding Year: 2008  
Amount: \$ 16,000  
PI: None.  
Co-PI: Kumar, M., Burton, O., Chowdhury, M., Allen, C., & Patrick, C.

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5. Title of Project: A Layout of Regional Logistics Plan for Greater New Orleans  
Funding Agency: Greater New Orleans Inc.  
Funding Year: 2007  
Amount: \$ 7,344.  
PI: Kumar, M.  
Co-PI: None.
6. Title of Project: Preliminary Statewide Assessment of Public Transit Services and Service Areas  
Funding Agency: Mississippi Department of Transportation  
Funding Year: 2006  
Amount: \$ 75,000  
PI: None  
Co-PI: Kumar, M., Burton, O., & Gilleylen, Jr. J.
7. Title of Project: The Economic Impact of Jackson State University  
Funding Agency: Office of Economic Development and Local Government Affairs, Jackson State University  
Funding Year: 2006  
Amount: \$ 25,420  
PI: Kumar, M. & Price, G.  
Co-PI: Mangum, V., & Watson, J.

### Other Publications:

#### Reports and Monographs

- Kumar, M. and Santos, E. C. (2012). Report: Overcoming Barriers to Public Transportation in Mississippi – A Pilot Study for Jackson Metropolitan Statistical Area,” (For Institute for Multimodal Transportation).
- Kumar, M. (2010). Report: Integrating Asset Valuation and Management Techniques in Long-Range Transportation Plans for Urban Areas in Mississippi. (For Federal Highway Administration)
- Burton, O., Kumar, M., Chowdhury, M., Allen, C., & Patrick, C. (2008). Report: A Comprehensive Study of the Impact of State and Other Tax-Exempt Properties on Local Govt. Operations in the City of Jackson and Hinds County. (For Downtown Jackson Partners, Inc.).
- Kumar, M. (2008). Report: A Layout of Regional Logistics Plan for Greater New Orleans, (For Greater New Orleans Inc.).
- Burton, O., Kumar, M., & Gilleylen, J. (2007). Report: Preliminary Statewide Assessment of Public and Specialized Transportation Services and Service Areas in Mississippi. (For Mississippi Department of Transportation)

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Kumar, M., Mangum, V., Price, G., & Watson, J. (2006). Report: The Economic Impact of Jackson State University. (For The Office of Economic Development and Local Governmental Affairs, Jackson State University)

### Newspaper & Blog

The Curious Case of Costco, Stadium, Museum, Baseball and Parks, Jackson Free Press, September 24, 2014.

<http://www.jacksonfreepress.com/news/2014/sep/24/curious-case-costco-stadium-museum-baseball-and-pa/>

Jackson Planning Map, Jackson Free press, September 18, 2013. with Pleas McNeel IV.

<http://www.jacksonfreepress.com/news/2013/sep/18/jackson-planning-map/>

Vacant and Abandoned Properties in Jackson, The Clarion Ledger, September 8, 2013.

<http://voices.clarionledger.com/mukeshkumar/2013/09/08/vacant-and-abandoned-properties-in-jackson/>

Does Detroit's Bankruptcy Raise Red Flags for Jackson? The Clarion Ledger, July 28, 2013.

<http://voices.clarionledger.com/mukeshkumar/2013/07/28/does-detroits-bankruptcy-raise-red-flags-for-jackson/>

Will Capitol Street Improvement Project Deliver? The Clarion Ledger, July 7, 2013.

<http://voices.clarionledger.com/mukeshkumar/2013/07/07/will-capitol-street-improvement-project-deliver/>

Progress in Death: Medgar Evers' Legacy, The Clarion Ledger, June 12, 2013.

<http://voices.clarionledger.com/mukeshkumar/2013/06/12/progress-in-death-medgar-evers-legacy/>

The Passion Curve and Voting with Feet, The Clarion Ledger, June 6, 2013.

<http://voices.clarionledger.com/mukeshkumar/2013/06/06/the-passion-curve-and-voting-with-feet/>

Harold Washington and Chokwe Lumumba: Unity for Change, The Clarion Ledger, May 29, 2013.

<http://voices.clarionledger.com/mukeshkumar/2013/05/29/harold-washington-and-chokwe-lumumba-unity-for-change/>

Choosing the L-Train, The Clarion Ledger, May 20, 2013.

<http://voices.clarionledger.com/mukeshkumar/2013/05/20/choosing-the-l-train/>

Festival Brings Buzz to Downtown Jackson: Supports Jackson Inner-City Gardeners, The Clarion Ledger, May 13, 2013.

<http://voices.clarionledger.com/mukeshkumar/2013/05/13/festival-brings-buzz-to-downtown-jackson-supports-jackson-inner-city-gardeners/>

Mr. Wilson: Joy of Tailoring, The Clarion Ledger, May 10, 2013.

<http://voices.clarionledger.com/mukeshkumar/2013/05/10/mr-wilson-joy-of-tailoring/>

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The Next Great Mayor of Jackson, The Clarion Ledger, May 5, 2013.

<http://voices.clarionledger.com/mukeshkumar/2013/05/05/the-next-great-mayor-of-jackson/>

Mayoral Hopefuls Propose Solutions to Wicked Problems, The Clarion Ledger, May 1, 2013.

<http://voices.clarionledger.com/mukeshkumar/2013/05/01/mayoral-hopefuls-propose-solutions-to-wicked-problems/>

Building and Paying it Forward, The Clarion Ledger, April 30, 2013.

<http://voices.clarionledger.com/mukeshkumar/2013/04/30/building-and-paying-it-forward/>

Reducing Commuting Distance Increases Property Values, The Clarion Ledger, April 22, 2013.

<http://voices.clarionledger.com/mukeshkumar/2013/04/22/reducing-commuting-distance-increases-property-values/>

Jackson's Daytime Population Swells, Puts Pressure on Services, The Clarion Ledger, March 8, 2013.

<http://voices.clarionledger.com/mukeshkumar/2013/03/08/jacksons-daytime-population-swells-puts-pressure-on-services-2/>

Let's think big to support Jackson, The Clarion Ledger, March 3, 2013.

<http://voices.clarionledger.com/mukeshkumar/2013/03/03/lets-think-big-to-support-jackson/>

Inner-city neighborhoods of Jackson, The Clarion Ledger, February 7, 2013.

<http://voices.clarionledger.com/mukeshkumar/2013/02/07/inner-city-neighborhoods-of-jackson/>

### **Dissertation Supervision (Committee Chair only):**

#### **In Progress with Approved Topics**

Bennetta Robinson

A Trans-boundary Spatial Analysis of the Impact of Land Use on Water Conditions within the Apalachicola Chattahoochee Flint River Basin

Siddig Fageir

Residential Segregation and the Constraint on Housing Choice in Urban Areas: An Analysis of Cuyahoga County, OH and Fulton County, GA

Fredrick Tate

Variations on Revitalizing Historic Districts: A Multiple Case Study of Sweet Auburn, Beale and Farish

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Jessica Davis

A comparative Analysis of Displacement and Gentrification: Roxbury-Dorchester and Centennial Hills

Christopher Davis

Economic Impact of public-funded Stadium

## Completed

Joan Blanton, Ph.D. Candidate, 2016

A Study of the Effectiveness of a Collaborative Planning Process: The Post Katrina Design Charrette.

Tanaucha Singleton-Lewis, Ph.D. Candidate, 2016

The Housing Consumption – Commute Costs Perspective: An Investigation of Urban Spatial Patterns in U.S. Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

Mae E. Blackmon-Henry, Ph.D. Candidate, 2016

Planning for Health: A Case Study of the Healthy Food Financing Initiative in Spartanburg, SC

Chuck Patrick, Ph.D. Candidate, 2014

Geospatial Decision Support System to Evaluate Energy Considerations for Regional Comprehensive Planning Practices

LaShunda D. Calvert, Ph.D. Candidate, 2013

An Examination of how Public Policies are Made for Hazardous Pollutants: A Closer Look at Indoor Hazardous Pollutants in the Nineteenth Century America

Kelvin Stamps, Ph.D. Candidate, 2013

The Evolution of Managing the Mississippi River Watershed in Southeast Louisiana

Jeanne N. Mogusu, Ph.D. Candidate, 2012

Evaluation of Transportation Asset Management: A Framework for Assessing Transportation Asset Management Benefits - A Four State Case Study Analysis

Sudha Yerramilli, Ph.D. Candidate, 2009

Potential impact of the climate changes on the inundation risk levels in a Dam break scenario – a case study on the impact of Hinds and Rankin county in a Ross Barnett Reservoir failure”,

Angela M. Gobar, Ph.D. Candidate. 2007.

Dissertation Title: The Impact of Human Capital Development on Achievement of Savings Goals in Individual Development Accounts: Arkansas and Mississippi Individual Development Account Programs.

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## Courses Taught:

**Doctoral Courses:** Advanced Statistical Methods  
Research Methodology  
Local & Regional Economic Development  
Historical Development of Cities

**Masters Courses:** Quantitative Analysis & Computers  
History of Planning  
Economic Development Planning  
Risk Analysis

**Undergraduate Courses:** Introduction to Quantitative Analysis  
Introduction to Urban Studies

## Invited Seminar and Conference Presentations:

Presentation on "Vacant, Abandoned, and Problem Properties: Ideas and Suggestions for Municipal Officials." Mukesh Kumar, July 3-5, 2017. 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Mississippi Municipal League, Biloxi, MS.

Presentation on "Implicit Biases among Planning Professionals: Influence of Race & Gender on Decision Making." Mukesh Kumar. March 22-23-2017. JSU Advance Think Tank, Jackson, MS

Presentation on "Vacant & Abandoned: Turning Liabilities into Assets." Mukesh Kumar, October 7, 2015. MS Municipal Environmental Education Workshop, Cleveland, MS.

Presentation on "Vacant & Abandoned Properties in Mississippi: What can Municipal Officials do?" Mukesh Kumar, June 22-24, 2015. 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Mississippi Municipal League, Biloxi, MS.

Presentation on "Smart Street Design." Mukesh Kumar, April 10, 2015. Mississippi Bikewalk Summit, Jackson, MS.

Presentation on "Efficacy Thresholds for Public Transit Systems: A Study of Population Density and Congestion." Mukesh Kumar & Joan Blanton, October 30 – November 2, 2014. 54<sup>th</sup> Annual ACSP Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Poster presentation on "Barriers to Public Transportation: A Pilot Study For Jackson Metropolitan Statistical Area." Mukesh Kumar, Evandro Santos, Catherine Lee, and Chuck Patrick, November 1-4, 2012. 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual ACSP Conference, Cincinnati, OH.

Presentation on "A Tale of Uneven Comebacks: Community Planning and Neighborhood Design on the Mississippi Gulf Coast." Mukesh Kumar, October 13-16, 2011. 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual ACSP Conference, Salt Lake City, UT.

Roundtable Discussion on "Planning Education at Historically Black Colleges and Universities: History, Problems, And Prospects." Mukesh Kumar, October 7-10, 2010. 51<sup>st</sup> Annual ACSP Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Presentation on "Budgetary Aspects of Urban Governance in a Capital City: A Case Study of Jackson, MS." Mukesh Kumar and Otha Burton, Jr., February 9-11, 2010. 39<sup>th</sup> Conference of COMPA-Conference of Minority Public Administrators. Jackson, MS.

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Invited Keynote Speech on "Cultural Aspects of Public Transportation." Mukesh Kumar, November 11, 2009. Annual Conference of Mississippi Chapter of American Public Transportation Association, Meridian, MS.

Presentation on "Regional Economic Development Planning: An Analysis of Industry Targeting and Cluster Approaches." Mukesh Kumar, October 1-4, 2009. 50<sup>th</sup> Annual ACSP Conference, Crystal City, VA.

Invited Presentation on "Integrating Climate Risk Assessment in Planning Support Systems: An Overview, Analysis, and Future Directions." Mukesh Kumar, July 30-31, 2009. Symposium on Advances in Atmospheric Modeling, Climate Change and Geospatial Visualization Technologies. Trent Lott Geospatial and Visualization Research Center, Jackson, MS.

Presentation on "The Impact of Human Capital Development on Achievement of Savings Goals in IDAs: Four Cases in Arkansas and Mississippi." Mukesh Kumar and Angela Gobar. April 25-28, 2007. 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Urban Affairs Association. Seattle, WA.

Presentation on "Toward Developing a Regional Plan for Rebuilding New Orleans." Mukesh Kumar. November 9-12, 2006. 47<sup>th</sup> Annual ACSP Conference, Fort Worth, TX.

Presentation on "Segregation and Freedom in Housing Choice: A Case Study of Cuyahoga County, Ohio." William Bowen and Mukesh Kumar. March 7-11, 2006. 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL.

Presentation on "Toward a Redevelopment Agenda for New Orleans." Mukesh Kumar. November 8, 2005. ACORN Community Forum on Rebuilding New Orleans, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA.

Presentation on "Spatial Analysis of the Geographical Scope of University and its Impact on Land and Housing Markets." Mukesh Kumar and William Bowen. Nov. 10-12, 2005. 52<sup>nd</sup> North American Regional Science Conference. Las Vegas, NV.

Presentation on "Geographical Scope of University Expansion and its Impact on Land and Housing Markets – A Method and its Demonstration with a Case Study of an Urban University." Mukesh Kumar. April 5-9, 2005. 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers, Denver, CO.

Session Chair of "Innovative Spatial Studies." April 5-9, 2005. 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers, Denver, CO.

Presentation on "Urban Spatial Structure as Complex Systems: An Empirical Evaluation." Mukesh Kumar, February 23-26, 2005, 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Western Regional Science Association. San Diego, CA.

Discussant on "Growth and Dispersion: Spatial Production Function and the Case of US Industry 1969-2000." Zouoquan Zhao. February 23-26, 2005, 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Western Regional Science Association. San Diego, CA.

Presentation on "Parameters Estimates for Sources of Agglomeration: A Complex Systems Approach." Mukesh Kumar, William M. Bowen, and Miron Kaufman. 2004. 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia, PA.

Seminar on "Employment Centers as Organized Complex Systems: Some Empirical Evidence" with William M. Bowen at The School of Public Policy, George Mason University. October 10, 2003.

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Presentation on "Assessing Residential Choice in Cleveland: The Effectiveness of Cuyahoga County's Fair Housing Program 1980 to 2000." William M. Bowen, Mukesh Kumar, and William Olson. 2003. 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of Urban Affairs Association. Cleveland, OH.

Presentation on "Location Patterns of Employment Centers as Self-organizing Complex System: An Empirical Evaluation." Mukesh Kumar, William M. Bowen, and Miron Kaufman. 2003. 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, LA.

Presentation on "Physical Science Models of Urban Employment Centers." Mukesh Kumar, William M. Bowen, and Miron Kaufman. 2002. 49<sup>th</sup> North American Regional Science Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

## **Affiliations:**

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning  
American Planning Association  
Regional Science Association International  
Western Regional Science Association

## **References:**

Available Upon Request





**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF LTC LUCIUS WRIGHT TO THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD**

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY  
MAYOR  
9/23/11

WHEREAS, the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority Board consists of five (5) members nominated by the Mayor for a term of five (5) years;

WHEREAS, Mr. Vernon Hartley's term has expired; thereby creating a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, LTC Lucius Wright, resident of Ward 3, after evaluation of his qualifications, has been nominated by the Mayor to fill said vacancy.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's nomination of LTC Lucius Wright to the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority Board be confirmed with said term to expire August 29, 2022.

# MEMORANDUM

Office of the Mayor  
(601) 960-1084



**TO:** Honorable Members of the Jackson City Council

**FROM:** Chokwe A. Lumumba, Mayor

**DATE:** August 23, 2017

**RE:** **Nomination – LTC Lucius Wright, Ward 3, Jackson Municipal Airport Authority Board**

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I am requesting that the attached agenda item be placed on the agenda to confirm the nomination of LTC Lucius Wright, Ward 3, to the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority Board. Information reflecting LTC Lucius Wright's qualifications is attached for your review.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of this request.

Attachment


Office of the City Attorney

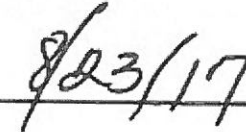
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## OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

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This ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF LTC LUCIUS WRIGHT TO THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD is legally sufficient for placement in NOVUS Agenda.

  
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Monica D. Allen, *City Attorney*

  
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DATE

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH



LTC (R) Lucius Wright is a native of Baltimore, Maryland. He was educated in the Baltimore Public School System, and received a B.S. Degree from Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia, where he was also commissioned as an Army Field Artillery Second Lieutenant in May 1965. Upon completion of an initial Field Artillery assignment at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he completed the Army's Aviation Course at Fort Stewart, Georgia and Fort Rucker, Alabama, enroute to the first of two Combat Aviation assignments in the Republic of Vietnam. LTC Wright has had duty assignments as the Assistant Professor of Military Science at Jackson State University, 1972-1975; overseas assignments as Intelligence Staff Officer with the 210<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Group, and Deputy Commander of the 70<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion (Aviation), 1975-1978; in the Federal Republic of Germany. Stateside assignments include serving as Commander of the Aviation Division at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, 1979-1983; and Director, Security and Intelligence Directorate, Communications and Electronics Command, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, 1983-1986. LTC Wright retired from active duty in 1986 and recently retired as the Director of Army Instruction (JROTC) for the Jackson Public School District, Jackson, Mississippi. He received his Master's Degree from Jackson State University and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Purple Heart, two (2) Bronze Stars, Air Medal with fourteen (14) Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, the Master Aviator's Badge, plus other awards and decorations. LTC Wright was recognized by President Bill Clinton in his 1996 State of the Union Address as a Star Citizen and as the first Olympic Torch Bearer selected in the

United States for the 1996 Olympic Games held in Atlanta, GA. LTC Wright is the father of two children, Nathaniel Wright of Baltimore Maryland and Michelle Joy Wright of Atlanta Georgia, two stepchildren, Daphne Clayton Grissom and Larry Clayton of Atlanta Georgia. He is currently married to Bonnie Lee Wright. LTC Wright is the son of the late Lee and the late Mary Wright of Varnville, South Carolina; he has a sister, Edith McCall and three brothers, Willie Nix (deceased), Earnest Nicks (deceased) and Robert Wright all residing in Baltimore, Maryland. LTC (R) Wright is currently the President and CEO of Total Business Development, Inc. of Jackson Mississippi.



**LTC LUCIUS WRIGHT, ED.D**

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**OBJECTIVE:**

An administrative management position with supervisory responsibilities within an organization where my planning, problem solving, and decision-making skills can be best utilized to satisfy both organizational and personal growth objectives, while providing service to the citizens of Mississippi.

**EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING:**

**Civilian:**

Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Ed.D. Educational Leadership, 1990

Jackson State University, Jackson Mississippi  
M.S., Guidance and Counseling, 1975

Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia  
B.S., Industrial Education, 1965

Carver Vocational/Technical HS  
Baltimore Md., Graduate, 1961

**Military:**

Graduate- U.S. Army Intelligence School, FT. Hans AZ, 1983

Graduate- U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, FT Leavenworth, KS, 1982

Graduate- U.S. Army Field Artillery Advanced Course, FT Sill, OK, 1971

Graduate- U.S. Army Field Artillery Basic Course, 1966

Master Army Aviator-Helicopter and Fixed-Wing Rated, 3000+ Flight Hours

**EMPLOYMENT**

July 2008 to  
Present  
Position:  
Duty:

TOTAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, Inc.  
Chief Executive Officer  
Overall management and supervision of TBD activities.

July 2004 to  
July 2008  
Position:  
Duty:

LOU WRIGHT ENTERPRISES, Inc  
President  
Overall management/development for Utah Street Housing Project

<p>March 1986 to July 2004 Position: Duty:</p>	<p>Jackson Public Schools, Jackson, MS</p> <p>Director of Army Instruction To insure, on behalf of the district and the Army, that the JROTC program is administered in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, policies and principles, monitor the performance of personnel assigned; conduct research evaluation and follow-up studies to emphasize areas of success and to determine areas in need of special attention. Monitor budgetary accounts totaling approximately 2 million dollars.</p>
<p>November 1983 to February 1986: Position: Duty:</p>	<p>Headquarters U.S. Army Communications and Electronics Command, Fort Monmouth, NJ</p> <p>Director, Security and Intelligence Directorate Supervised approximately 50 civilian personnel ranging in grades from GM/GS-14 through GS-03 in providing intelligence and security support for research and development projects, control of classified documents and sensitive databases. Also managed the Directorate's budget of approximately \$700,000.</p>
<p>November 1978 to November 1983: Position: Duty:</p>	<p>Headquarters, Dugway Proving Grounds, Dugway, Utah</p> <p>Chief Michael Army Airfield Managed the military's aviation assets in support of the command's test and evaluation of conventional and chemical munitions. Scheduled and participated as pilot-in-command of three utility helicopters and one fixed-wing aircraft. Commander-in-Charge of 23 military and civilian personnel and administrator of the airfield's budget and assets in excess of 2.5 million dollars.</p>
<p>July 1977 to November 1978: Position: Duty:</p>	<p>70<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion (Aviation Maintenance) Federal Republic of Germany, Duty Commander for Support Principal Staff Officer-Responsible for direct supervision and coordinator of General and Special Staff sections of an Aviation Maintenance Battalion providing logistic support to non-vision and Corps Aviation Maintenance units. Provided direct supervision over the busiest Army airfield in Europe.</p>
<p>August 1975 to June 1977: Position: Duty:</p>	<p>Headquarters 210<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Group, Federal Republic of Germany</p> <p>S-2 Intelligence Officer Primary Staff Officer for Intelligence Matters, Responsible for high visibility sensitive European defense system for seven large caliber field artillery battalions dispersed throughout West Germany.</p>
<p>September 1972 to July 1975: Duty:</p>	<p>Jackson State University ROTC Department, Jackson, Mississippi</p> <p>Associate Professor of Military Science Presented instruction on leadership and general military science subjects to first and third year military science students, also served as admissions officer for the program.</p>



## **COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

Recognized by President Bill Clinton, in the 1996 State of the Union Address for service to the youth of Mississippi. Acknowledged by the state, city and community leaders for civic and community contributions.

Member- Governor's Commission for the Martin Luther King Celebration

President- Society Against A Violent Environment (SAVE)

Founder/President- Youth and Police Together (YAPOT)

## **SPECIAL ASSETS:**

Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel, Twenty years active duty.

Two combat Aviation Tours in the Republic of Vietnam.

Held until retirement, AAAA Mississippi Teacher's Certificate in Administration, AA in Guidance and AA in Vocational Education (Masonry).

JROTC programs recognized as one of the best in the country.

Computer literate with thorough knowledge of many word processing, data based management, and spread sheet programs.

Commanded military troops in combat situations and civilian workers in high visibility, high stress operations.

Possesses good managerial and supervisory skills. Held Top Secret security clearance with Special Intelligence assesses.

Dual rated Army aviator qualified to serve as pilot in command for single rotor helicopter, single engine and multi-engine airplanes with over 3000 flight hours.

**REFERENCE:** Available upon request