



Kevin Brown | *Mayor of Buena Vista, GA (Marion County)*

Mayor Brown is a lifelong resident of Buena Vista, Marion County.

He is a graduate of Tri-County High School, Buena Vista, Georgia (Class of 1985). He furthered his education and is a graduate of Troy University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Works. Mayor Brown served his country and is a proud veteran of the United States Army (JAG Corps). Following his active-duty service, he served as a Veterans Representative and Job Specialist with the Georgia Department of Labor followed by an 18-year career as Director for Marion County Family Connections.

Mayor Brown is a former City Councilor for the City of Buena Vista and a former County Commissioner for Marion County, Georgia.

He is a member of Post 309 of the American Legion where he served as Adjutant. Mayor Brown is a life member of the illustrious fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi. Mayor Brown serves on numerous boards and committees.

Mayor Brown's faith and spirituality provides guidance, direction, and a drive to serve. He proudly served as the Chairman of the Deacon Board/Men's Ministry for his church. He is a true servant leader.

He is the husband of Jacqueline Brown and the father of nine. He is truly passionate about and loves his community. He is fervently seeking ways to improve the lives of the residents of the City of Buena Vista.



Robert Cooke | *Executive Director, Southwest Georgia United (based in Crisp County)*

Mr. Robert B. Cooke is the Executive Director of Southwest Georgia United, a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) and Community Development Corporation in Cordele, Georgia. Mr. Cooke has more than thirty-five years of experience in community development finance, housing, economic development, and human services.

He has written successful applications for more than \$20M in grant funds, Southwest Georgia United's successful application for CDFI status, and the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing applications for Cordele/Crisp County and the City of Vienna. He served as the chair of the Affordable Housing Advisory Council of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta in 2013 and is currently the President of the Georgia Micro Enterprise Network, the Treasurer of Georgia Advancing Communities Together, and a member of the Board of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Cooke has an undergraduate degree in religion/philosophy/accounting, and he received an MBA from University of Alabama at Birmingham. He has completed study and examinations as a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Public Housing Manager, and an Economic Development Finance Professional.