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The Honorable Randall Woodfin
Mayor
City of Birmingham, Alabama

Born and raised in Birmingham, AL, Mayor Randall Woodfin is a product of Birmingham City Schools (K-8), Shades Valley High School and Morehouse College. While at Morehouse College, he majored in political science and served as president of the Student Government Association. Mayor Woodfin then went on to earn his law degree from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University.

Upon graduating from law school, Mayor Woodfin served as a public servant by working with the City of Birmingham's Division of Youth Services, the Birmingham City Council and the Jefferson County Committee for Economic Opportunity (JCCEO). In 2009, Mayor Woodfin became an assistant city attorney for the City of Birmingham. During the same time frame, he ran for a seat on the Birmingham Board of Education.

His loss in his first run for public office taught him more about the needs of students and parents. It also shaped his vision for the needs of schools and the city. In 2013, Mayor Woodfin was not only successful in his second attempt to secure a seat on the school board, but he was also elected president, a role he served from 2013-2015.

In addition to serving the Birmingham Board of Education, Mayor Woodfin has served as a board member on other community-serving organizations such as the Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, Birmingham Botanical Gardens and the Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama. He is a former board member of the Birmingham Change Fund, American Red Cross, Birmingham Education Foundation, Birmingham Cultural Alliance, S.T.A.I.R., and past president of the Morehouse College Alumni Association, Birmingham chapter. Mayor Woodfin is a graduate of Leadership Birmingham Class of 2014 and Leadership Alabama Class of 2016. He was a featured speaker at TEDX Birmingham in 2017.

Mayor Woodfin was elected on Oct. 3, 2017. He took the office of mayor of Birmingham on Nov. 28, 2017.