



Bio: Elise Partin, Mayor of the City of Cayce, SC

Elise Partin, Mayor of the City of Cayce, S.C., holds the distinction of being the first female to serve in the office of this 13,000-resident city, located just across the Congaree River from the state capital of Columbia, S.C. Voted in via special election in November 2008 to a two-year term and re-elected to a full four-year term in 2010 and again in 2014, she has been recognized for her focus on economic development, her strong representation of Cayce's diverse residents and her efforts to promote regionalism and ethics reform while protecting taxpayer dollars. Under her leadership Cayce has been recognized both in the top 10 most tax friendly places to retire in SC and as the number 1 city in SC for recent graduates and millennials.

Mayor Elise Partin serves on the Executive Board of the Municipal Association of South Carolina and on the Board of the Central Midlands Council of Government, where she serves on the Transportation Committee and formerly operated as Vice Chair of the Planning Committee. She also serves on the Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission of Lexington County, the Lexington County Development Corporation, and the River Alliance. She is a member of the Association of South Carolina Mayors, and is a past President of the Lexington County Municipal Association.

A Leadership Columbia graduate, Mayor Elise Partin is the only person to have served as president of both the Leadership Columbia Board and the Leadership Columbia Alumni Association Board. She is a 2015 graduate of Leadership South Carolina and was the first female president of the Columbia Museum of Art Contemporaries, the museum's membership organization for young professionals.

As her wide range of service demonstrates, Mayor Partin is not only keenly interested in growth and development within the City of Cayce but is fully committed to building the strong regional partnerships necessary to move the entire Midlands region forward. She believes so strongly in the need for all of us to get involved in elected office that she gave a resounding call in her 2015 TEDx Columbia, SC speech.

Outside of her mayoral duties, Elise Partin is an Adjunct Faculty in the School of Public Health of the University of South Carolina. She holds a Master of Public Health degree and is a member of the Delta Omega, Mu Chapter, honorary public health society. She is also Faculty at the world renowned [Buckley School of Public Speaking](#). She is married and has two children.

In recognition of her accomplishments and her many contributions, Mayor Partin was named as one of Columbia Business Monthly's Outstanding Women of Influence in 2011, nominated as a recipient of the Palmetto Center for Women's TWIN Award in 2012, and was Honored as a Woman of Distinction by Girl Scouts of South Carolina - Mountains to Midlands in 2013. In 2014 she was named as one of Southeast Small Business Magazine's "Top Women of Influence."