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Phenix City, Alabama, Councilmember District Two, Vickey C. Johnson, has earned the professional designation of **Certified Municipal Official** after completing 40 credit hours of training conducted or endorsed by the Alabama League of Municipalities. Councilmember Johnson is a member of the 26th graduating class of Certified Municipal Officials and was recognized for her accomplishments during graduation ceremonies held in Montgomery, Alabama, on November 3, 2021.

The training program for elected municipal officials was created in 1994 by the Alabama League of Municipalities, under the direction of its Executive Committee, to complete the cycle of training for municipal officials and employees. Until that time, no formal training had been offered for elected officials. The Executive Committee instituted a series of one-day continuing education programs designed for mayors and councilmembers who voluntarily wish to receive formal training in municipal government.

Because of her attendance at statewide and regional educational conferences, Councilmember Johnson has received formal classroom training in subjects such as council meeting procedures, parliamentary procedure, the Open Meetings Act, public records, ordinance drafting, conflicts of interest, the State Ethics Law, duties of the mayor and council, tort liability, the competitive bid law, zoning and planning, annexation, municipal regulatory powers, municipal revenues and expenditures, personnel actions and leadership development.

“Alabama’s municipalities are the foundation of our state’s economy,” said ALM Executive Director Greg Cochran. “Vibrant communities depend on knowledgeable, engaged leadership – which is exactly what the CMO program encourages through training on the finer points of municipal government. Earning the Certified Municipal Official designation further showcases the commitment of community leaders to better informed, more effective municipal officials.”

The Alabama League of Municipalities was organized in 1935 and has since served as the recognized voice of the cities and towns in Alabama. Through the years, the organization has steadily grown and now serves more than 440 municipalities. This voluntary membership program brings officials of cities and towns together in fellowship of public service – which strengthens and guides local government in a progressive, responsible fashion. The primary purpose of the League is to promote understanding of municipal government and administration in Alabama and thereby advance the welfare of the people of this state.

Councilmember Johnson is a member of the National League of Cities (NLC); a member of Women in Municipal Government (WIMG) - serving as the At-Large Board Member; and she is



also a member of the NBC – LEO - National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials. Councilmember Johnson feels that these programs provide an opportunity for networking, sharing ideas, and developing leadership experience. She advised that our Mayor and Council Team Members help make it possible to explore solutions and contribute to the success of our community. Councilmember Johnson feels she could not have made it this far without a great team and a great community.



Pictured above is Opelika Mayor Gary Fuller, ALM President, and Phenix City Councilmember District Two Vickey C. Johnson.