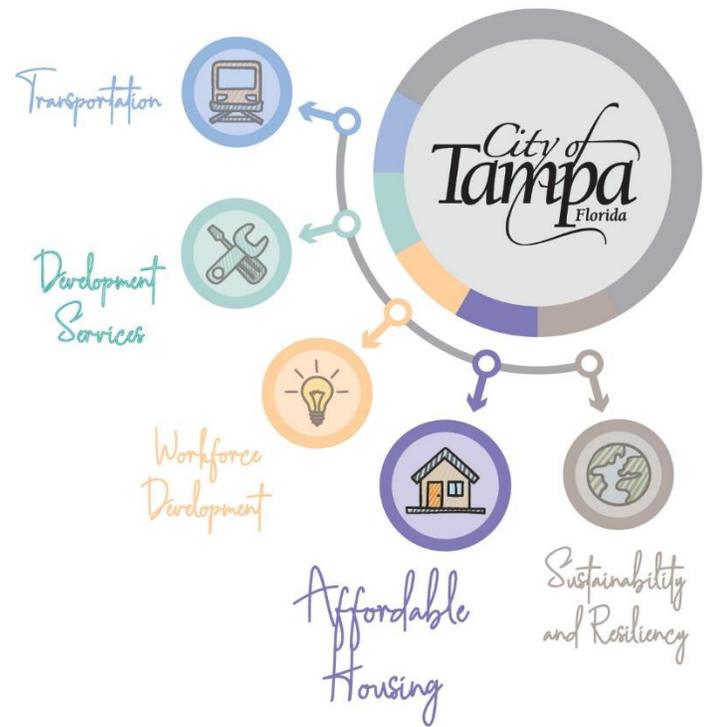


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### Mayor Castor Announces Chairs and Members of the Affordable Housing Advisory Team as part of her Transforming Tampa's Tomorrow Effort

Tampa, Fla. (**August 19, 2019**) -- Today Tampa Mayor Jane Castor announced the fourth of her five-part 'Transforming Tampa's Tomorrow' transition advisory teams by naming Bemetra Simmons, Florida Managing Director of Mutual of Omaha Bank, Rev. Dr. Tom Scott, former County Commissioner, and Tyler Hudson, attorney at Garner Brewer Martinez-Monfort co-chairs of her affordable housing advisory team.

"Home ownership is part of the American dream and access to that is one of the top priorities of my administration," said **Mayor Jane Castor**. "This advisory team will serve as a compass to ensure that dream becomes a reality for past and future Tampa residents."

The Affordable Housing Advisory Team will complement the three other teams that have been launched to focus on Workforce Development, Transportation and Development Services, respectively. The Advisory Teams are vital to helping guide the Mayor's strategic visioning for key City priorities and are planned to each engage for approximately 90 days.

## TEAM MEMBERS:

### Co-Chairs

- Tyler Hudson
- Bemetra Simmons
- Rev. Tom Scott

### Advisory Team

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- Ernest Coney
- Marianne Edmonds
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The Affordable Housing Advisory Team will kick-off on Wednesday, August 21 at a meeting located at 101 E. Kennedy Blvd, Suite 2800.

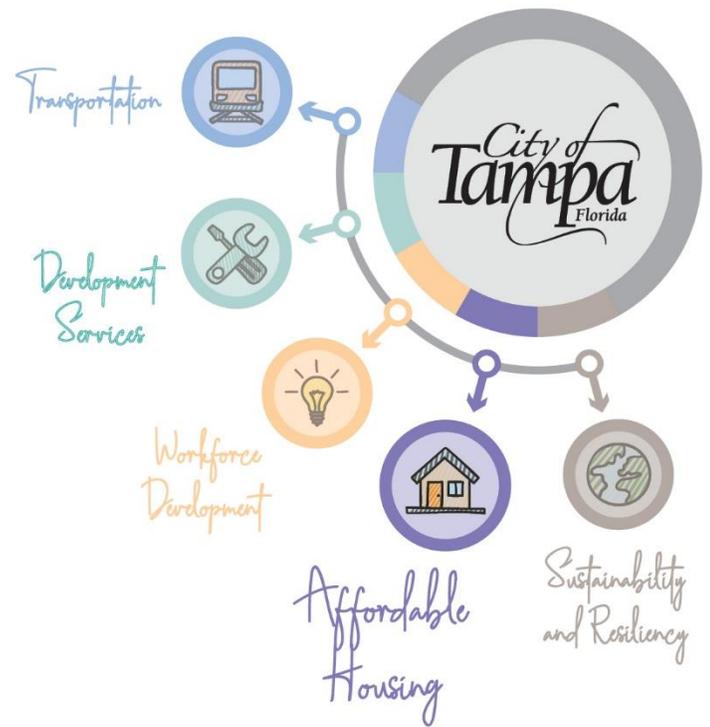
### Affordable Housing Advisory Team Members

**Bemetra Simmons:** *Bemetra Simmons is currently the Florida Managing Director at Mutual of Omaha Bank. Ms. Simmons began her professional career in 1997 as an Account Manager with WorldCom and served as a Global Account Manager for AT&T Global Services and has worked in financial services for over 14 years.*

**Rev. Dr. Tom Scott:** *Former County Commissioner and City Council member. Past member of the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority, Hillsborough County Hospital Authority, Hillsborough County Port Authority, The Tampa Sports Authority, Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority, Florida State Fair Authority, Metropolitan Planning Organization, Tampa Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau, Public Transportation Commission, Emergency Policy Board and many more boards and agencies.*

**Tyler Hudson:** *Attorney at Gardner Brewer Martinez-Monfort. Former chair, All for Transportation. Board of Directors Tampa Downtown Partnership, Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, and Tampa Heights Civic Association. Leader's Council, Tampa Bay Chapter Urban Land Institute.*

**Bret Azzarelli:** *Vice President, Elements Architecture Firm. The National Trust for Historic Preservation, U.S. Green Building Council (2006-Present), Leadership Tampa (1996), and University of Tampa (2002-Present).*



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**Leroy Moore:** Leroy Moore has worked in the real estate development arena since 1984 and currently holds the position of Senior Vice-President/Chief Operating Officer with the Tampa Housing Authority. He

has held Director level positions in a number of housing authorities including Memphis, Peoria, Oakland, and Atlanta.

**Debra Reyes:** President and CEO at Neighborhood Lending Partners, Inc.

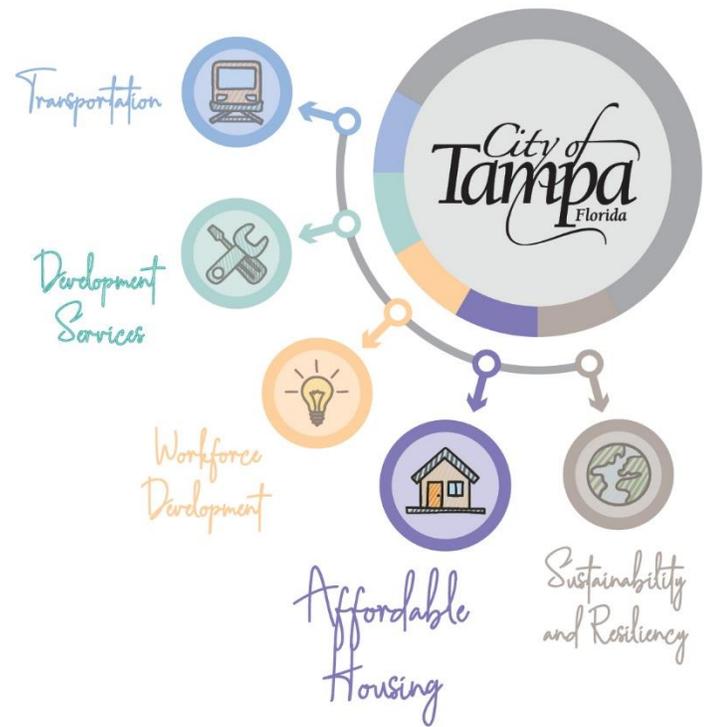
**Sul Hemani:** Vice President & Senior Branch Sales Leader at BankUnited. Past treasurer of the [Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#), vice president of the board of [The Centre for Women](#), trustee on the board of the Drug Abuse Comprehensive Coordinating Office (DACCO), and chairman of the [USF School of Nursing](#) Advisory Board.

**Rebecca Snyder:** Senior Vice President, Strategic Property Partners. Insight Property Group (Partner), Archstone (Development Manager), McWilliams|Ballard (Sales Manager), Delta Associates (Senior Associate).

**Ernest Coney:** CEO of the Corporation to Develop Communities of Tampa. Attended USF.

**Harry Hedges:** Managing Director, H&R Properties.

**Peter Leach:** Senior Vice President, Southport Financial Services, Inc.



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**Yvette Lewis:** *President, NAACP Hillsborough Branch. NAACP Political Action Chair.*

**Jim Weiss:** *Tampa City President for Fifth Third Bank. He serves on the Tampa Hillsborough EDC's Board of Directors, the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Tampa Downtown Partnership Board of Directors, and the National Lender's Advisory*

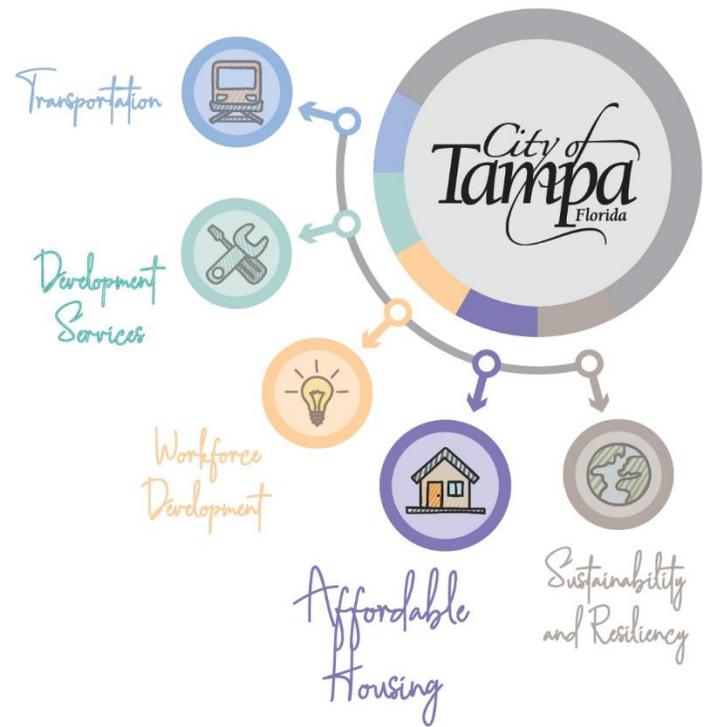
*Council for the National Association of Economic Development Companies(NADCO).*

**Antoinette Triplet:** *Antoinette D. Hayes-Triplett joined the Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative (THHI) as the Chief Executive Officer and chairperson of the Tampa Hillsborough Continuum of Care (CoC) in August 2014. Previously, Antoinette served as a City Planning Executive in the City of St. Louis for 13 years.*

**Marianne Edmunds:** *Senior Managing Director at Public Resources Advisory Group. Prior to founding her firm, she worked as an investment banker and financial advisor to governmental issuers in Florida, beginning in 1982, at William R. Hough & Co. and Smith Barney, Inc.*

**Pete Edwards:** *Retired drug court counselor. He served on the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and Children's Board of Hillsborough County.*

**Darrell Robertson:** *Chief Relationships Officer for New York Life's Tampa operations.*



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