



# WILLIE J. LIGHTFOOT

## CITY COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT



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### Constituent Services

Willie Lightfoot is committed to ensuring that everyone's voice is heard, by making sure every phone call is answered and being accessible to the community.

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## Annual “Cut The Violence” Event

The annual “Cut The Violence” (CTV) event has been a success since 2006 when the first ever CTV event was held. With the help of the late Vinny Dotson, CTV has been providing free haircuts and toys for youth ages 10 - 17 for 13 years. Since 2006 Willie and his team have provided free of charge 2,500 hair cuts and handed out toys to the youth of Rochester. The next CTV event will be on **December 9th, 2019** at **ABC Head Start (640 Jefferson Ave)** from **4:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** A special thanks to the United Professional Barbers & Cosmetologists Association (UPBCA), Andre’s Barbershop, and Pirate’s Toy Foundation for their contributions to the cause.

# Vice President Lightfoot Attends National Black Caucus of Locally Elected Officials Summer Conference

This summer VP Lightfoot attended the NBC - LEO Conference in Jackson, Mississippi. It was a 3 day conference designed to help local leaders develop governance and leadership skills with a focus on interests of



the African American community. The conference featured seminars on policy issues, legislation, and information sharing among local officials. "How-to" presentations were provided on community

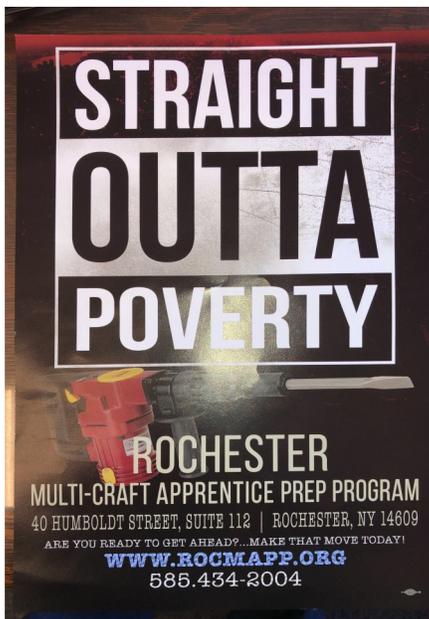


investment, tourism and economic development with notable national leaders. Council Vice President Lightfoot also had the pleasure of meeting the daughter and brother of civil rights icon Medgar Evers while visiting his historic home. Vice President Lightfoot is engaging with elected officials in Jackson, Mississippi to look at partnership opportunities.



## Free Pet Adoption Event.

Willie Lightfoot sponsored a free pet adoption event for City residents on August 24th, 2019, with the help of the Petco foundation. All told at the end of the event 31 pets were adopted and placed in safe and loving homes. Anyone interested in finding a pet for their family should check out the Rochester Animal Services shelter located at 184 Verona Street.



## JOBS! JOBS !JOBS!

With each newsletter, Willie Lightfoot wants to highlight a program or service that is available to the community. Starting off this issue by highlighting a program that focuses on careers in construction: **Project Phoenix**. Project Phoenix is a Multi-Craft Apprenticeship Preparation Program dedicated to offering historically disadvantaged populations information and access to the Building and Construction trades. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about a career in the construction trades you can email: [admin@rocmapp.org](mailto:admin@rocmapp.org) or call their office at 585-434-2004. It is widely known that a pathway out of poverty is a good paying, living wage job. Careers in construction offer many a chance to support their family and achieve their dreams.