



Councilmember Lisa Middleton was first elected to the Palm Springs City Council in November 2017. In November 2020, running unopposed, she was re-elected to the Palm Springs City Council. Her current term on City Council ends in December 2024. On December 9, 2021 she became the Mayor of Palm Springs. Palm Springs Council Members rotate annually the mayor's responsibility. Middleton is the third transgender person in U.S. history to serve as Mayor of an American city, the first transgender person to serve as mayor in the state of California.

In April 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom appointed Middleton to the Board of Administrators of the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS). CalPERS provides pensions to 1.9 million people and health benefits to over 1.5 million people. CalPERS is responsible for investment assets in excess of \$475 billion. Middleton serves as Chair of the CalPERS Risk & Audit Committee and Vice-Chair of the Governance Committee. She is a member of the Investment Committee, Finance & Administration Committee and the Performance, Compensation & Talent Committee.

Representing Palm Springs, Middleton serves on the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the Sunline Transit Board of Directors. For RCTC, she is a member of the Executive Committee, Budget & Implementation Committee, alternate to the Metrolink Board of Directors and appointee to the California Association of Councils of Government. For Sunline, she is the Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors. She also serves on the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) Homelessness Committee.

Middleton is a member of the League of California Cities (Cal Cities) Board of Directors, Member of the Audit Committee, President of the Cal Cities Riverside County Division and serves on the Cal Cities LGBTQ Caucus Executive Committee.

In 2019, she served on the California State Department of Transportation Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force.

Prior to her election Middleton served as a member of the Palm Springs Planning Commission and as Chairwoman of the Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs (ONE-PS). She is a member of the Boards of Directors of the Equality California Institute, The Candidate School at Yale University and the Desert LGBTQ Center. In 2014, she was the Center's Interim Executive Director.

Middleton retired after serving 36 years with the State Compensation Insurance Fund of the State of California. At her retirement, she was the Senior Vice President of Internal Affairs with executive responsibility for Internal Audit, Fraud Investigation, Public Records and Governance. She was a member of California's Fraud Assessment Commission. In 2010, she chaired the Commission.

Middleton is a graduate of UCLA and USC, receiving her Masters in Public Administration from USC. She has also completed the UCLA LGBT Leadership Institute.

Middleton has been recognized for her work with achievement and leadership awards from the California Workers Compensation Institute, Palm Springs Pride Association, Equality California, Democratic

Women of the Desert, SAGE/LGBT Senior Advocates, LGBTQ Center of the Desert and the California State Legislative LGBT Caucus.

Middleton is the first transgender person elected to a political office in the state of California. Together since 2000, she and her wife Cheryl were married in July 2013. Middleton is the proud parent of two accomplished educators.