



Since his inauguration on January 1, 2019, Mayor Frank Scott, Jr. has worked to unite Little Rock's diverse neighborhoods through expansion of our economy, creating new opportunities for educational growth for Little Rock's students, improving the safety of our neighborhoods, increased police accountability, and improving quality of life.

Through a pledge to be Little Rock's Chief Growth Officer, Mayor Scott has overseen the creation of more than 2,700 jobs to date, a greater than 100% increase over jobs created in 2018. Jobs growth and economic development will continue to play an integral role in ensuring that Little Rock residents have the kind of local economy our City deserves. New developments, such as Trader Joe's, CZ USA, and Amazon.com, highlight the momentum created because of his election.

The Frankly Reading Summer Series has helped numerous children improve their reading skills. And under the leadership of the city's first Chief Education Officer, a position created by Mayor Scott, Little Rock will initiate its first Community Schools Model in the 2020-2021 academic year. These schools will integrate individualized student support services, expand and enrich learning opportunities and operate as a neighborhood hub to provide other needed trainings and services for students' families.

Mayor Scott worked with the Little Rock Board of Directors to pass ordinances to purchase body-worn cameras and create a Citizens Review Board. This Board reviews police investigations and provides a process for complaints against LRPD policies and practices or its officers. In addition, Mayor Scott has called upon LRPD to create a duty to intervene in instances where police believe excessive force is used, to ban the use of chokeholds, and create a no-knock warrant policy and a threat matrix.

Mayor Scott has also prioritized quality of life and place and created the Revitalize. Reimagine. Reinvest. Little Rock Parks Task Force to make recommendations for long-range planning and funding sources for War Memorial and Hindman Parks. At his direction, the Department of Parks and Recreation has expanded residents' access to these parks through disc golf, outdoor yoga, and other activities.

Scott began his public-service career in the office of Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe where he served for five years, first as Deputy Policy Director and later as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. While on Beebe's staff, Scott continued his education, earning a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. That degree, with a concentration in finance, complimented Scott's undergraduate degree in Business Administration from the Fogelman College of Business at the University of Memphis.

Determined to put his finance training to work, Scott accepted a position as a community banker with First Security Bank, giving him insight into the issues facing small businesses across the City. At the same time, he continued to devote a significant amount of time to serving both his City and State as a member of the Port of Little Rock Board of Directors and as a member of the Arkansas Highway Commission – experiences which gave Scott an understanding of the critical infrastructure that forms the backbone of any city.

As an associate pastor, youth mentor, and professional, Frank lives out the values he learned growing up in Southwest Little Rock, the same area where he lives, today. He gives back to the City that invested in him and reminds young people regularly that values are the foundation of a purpose-filled life.