

# **Eric Patterson for Mayor of Leeds**

## Where We Are as a City:

City services reduced; taxes increased; debt load is tremendous; City Association dealt or traded away; zoning is improper or selectively enforced; no Creek Bank Festival; lowered civic pride; diminished reputation; fewer businesses; city full of warehouses and empty buildings; increased crime rates; condition of city and streets becoming worse; outside businesses reluctant to locate here; and failure to make the most of our location.

## Goals as Your Mayor:

Improve city services; manage debt and practice fiscal responsibility; attract new businesses; close down city to gangs and drug dealers; improve zoning and find good full-time inspector to enforce; restore our reputation and city pride; make this city the best it can be; return this city to the people and practice open government; be a leader that makes decisions for the good of all the people; ensure a positive future for all of us and our children; and make Leeds a city we all love and are proud of

Richard Eric Patterson

## Background History:

Born in Leeds Hospital in 1962; Attended Leeds schools until graduating from Leeds High School in 1980. Family has owned and operated a local business, Patterson Pharmacy, since 1966. Upon graduation from high school, he went on to UAB, where he earned a psychology degree. He then attended Auburn University for pre-pharmacy and continued to Samford, where he received his pharmacy degree. Finally, he attended the Birmingham School of Law. Has been a licensed pharmacist since 1992 and a lawyer since 2000. Currently works in each field about 25 to 30 hours in a given week. Lived in Leeds for 46 years and has been married to his wife, Nancy, for eleven years. Nancy was a second grade teacher in Pell City for eleven years. They have two children, Grace (6) and Holden (4).

## Community Service:

Served on Leeds 2000 Commission; One of 5 members of Finance Committee that drafted financial plan and feasibility for original school system; Served on Leeds Library Board; Public defender for the city for the last 6 years.

## Affiliations:

Member of Alabama Pharmacy Association; Member of Alabama Independent Drugstore Association; American Pharmaceutical Association; St. Clair County Bar Association; Birmingham Bar Association; Shelby County Bar Association; Greater Birmingham Criminal Defense Lawyers; Alabama Criminal Defense Lawyers Association; member of Birmingham Fraternal Council; Admitted to the Alabama Bar Association; Admitted to the District Court of United States- Northern District; Admitted to the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals; and Admitted to the United States Supreme Court.

Positive Attributes:

Understands business; understands Leeds; knows the Law; knows how to read, understand, and negotiate contracts; understands accounting, economics, marketing, and finance. Has taken numerous courses in the aforementioned subjects. Practices a hardworking and fiscally conservative lifestyle, which is an important attribute in a city leader. Due to being a lawyer and a businessman, he has developed a unique perspective on understanding and looking at both sides of an issue and seeing it from each participant's perspective.