



Biography: Lonnie L. Feemster

Lonnie L. Feemster was born and raised in Reno, NV, the oldest male of ten brothers and sisters. He and his wife, Dr. Debra A Feemster raised three children in Northern Nevada. Lonnie is blessed with three grandchildren and serves as a part time babysitter.

In 1968, at 18, Lonnie began a long history of community service when his mother, Dolores woke him early on a Friday morning and announced "come on we are going to build a park." Over the next three days businesses and community volunteers built "Pat Baker Park" in Northeast Reno, known as "Instant Park" for many years, it was a show of community unity in the wake of the assassination of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A life commitment to community service, civil rights and equality have been expressed by his five terms as the Reno Sparks NAACP Branch President and service on a dozen non-profit boards over 45 years. Lonnie has served as the Nevada State Director for the NAACP National Voter Fund for 16 years. The NAACP Voter Fund work resulted in a successful lawsuit against the State of Nevada that resulted in an increase of over 20,000 additional low-income voters registered in the first year after the settlement.

Currently Lonnie serves on the Executive Committee of the Reno Sparks NAACP and is Community Liaison for the African American Clergy Council of Northern Nevada.

Lonnie was employed over 27 years at Sierra Pacific Power Company as a residential and commercial energy use consultant in California and Nevada. Lonnie also worked for Edison Research and the US Census Bureau.

Study in architectural drafting and design as well as investment real estate led Lonnie to the decision to build his own passive solar home. He drafted, engineered, and managed the construction of a 5,000+ square foot passive solar home.

Additionally, Lonnie is a Real Estate Broker/Property Manager and DBE Construction/Business owner. His affiliations have included; Reno/Sparks Association of Realtors; Truckee Meadows Community College Architecture Advisory Board; Professional Affiliate with the Northern Nevada Chapter of the American Institute of Architects; Northern NV. Apartment Owners Association; N. NV. Commercial Investment Real Estate Institute.