

Jasmine A. Higgins Bio:

Jasmine Higgins was born and raised in the City of Albany and is a proud graduate of the Albany Public School system. Jasmine is the Policy Analyst & Special Advisor to Mayor Kathy Sheehan. Jasmine has held various positions in the Mayor's Office since 2017, including: Intern, Constituent Services Assistant, and Special Assistant to the Mayor. Jasmine attended Siena College and graduated in 2019 with a Bachelors in Philosophy, a minor in Political Science, and a Pre-Law certification. Jasmine currently attends Marist College where she is pursuing a Master of Public Administration. As Policy Analyst & Special Advisor to the Mayor, Jasmine has worked on a number of City-wide initiatives including, the 2020 Census, Document Translation, Albany Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD), Policing Reform, the City of Albany Conviction Sealing Clinic and Community Resource Fair, the West Hill Community Center Needs Assessment, and now Local Cannabis. Jasmine is bilingual and speaks Italian and English fluently and is proficient in Spanish. Jasmine is the great granddaughter of one of Albany's first Black attorneys, John W. Jennings, and the great-great granddaughter of local activist Ida J. Yarbrough, and draws much of her passion for social and racial equity from her family.