



TINA AUGUSTUS

- FOUNDER/OWNER – ELEVATE SERVICES – MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS – WMBE/MBE CERTIFIED
- CO-FOUNDER / PRESIDENT/CEO – CHICAGO WEST SIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, COVERING NINE COMMUNITIES
- CO-HOST – THE WAKE UP SHOW: IL STATE BLACK CHAMBER – WVON AM 1690
- INSTRUCTOR – NONPROFIT UTOPIA – BUILDING CAPACITY WITH NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
- CO-CHAIR LAND 67 TASKFORCE – DEPARTMENT of CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

EDUCATE • ADVOCATE • EMPOWER

Chicago Peace Fellow – Graduate	2022
MBE/WMBE Certification – City of Chicago –	2021
Entrepreneur Business Certification Bethel New Life – Chicago	2014
Non-Profit Certifications, Donors Forum, AFP & Foundation Center, Chicago, IL	2004
Community Leadership & Organizing, Lugenia Burns Hope Center – Chicago, IL	2001
Bachelor of Arts – English Literature & Black Studies Roosevelt University – Chicago	2000

RECOGNITION & AWARDS

WEMADE - Women Making A Difference Everywhere	2023
West Side United Business Grant Awardee	2022/23
Women Making History, National Council of Negro Women – Midwest Chicago	2022

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Freelance Writer & Published Author: **God’s Holy Spirit: Maturing Believers for the Building of His Kingdom**, sold on Amazon and other outlets.

Tina Augustus is an accomplished and energetic individual who is a motivated self-starter. In 2009, Tina Augustus founded **Elevate Services Marketing & Communications**, located in the Austin community. This is after years of working in the non-profit sector and after realizing the entrepreneurial spirit that her father imparted in her through his legacy of owning and operating an electrical service company since before her birth.

Tina currently serves on the board directors for the **Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce** where she helps plan and coordinate the Chamber’s annual conventions, helps with scheduling matchmaking sessions of Chamber member businesses with fortune 500 companies, Illinois state universities, and other state and governmental agencies looking to form contracts with minority-owned certified businesses. She has helped nurture relationships with major stakeholders, such as Chicago Sky basketball team, worked with the Illinois State Treasurer, Michael Frerichs, as his department rolled out financial tools for businesses and conducted training sessions with Black business owners throughout the state. She serves on the economic development committee that meets regularly with Illinois State legislatures, the IL Department of Transportation, and key state departments to help secure more contracts for minority-owned businesses.

A **Community Housing Advocate**, Tina has collaborated with West Cook Housing to develop a coalition among west side community stakeholders as they work to create policy around affordable housing, fair housing, homelessness, gentrification, reducing barriers, build safe, healthy housing, and more.

In 2021 Tina became the Co-founder, President & CEO of the **Chicago West Side Chamber of Commerce (CWSCC)**, providing leadership and bringing much needed resources to businesses and non-profit organizations on the west side of Chicago. CWSCC serves nine communities through its monthly meetings, “**Coffee with the Chamber**,” both in-person and on ZOOM, free individual business counseling sessions, community business working groups, pop-up shops, workshops, and other member driven programs.

Tina, along with her team, was recently awarded \$1.5 Million toward upgrades and new installations in the **Park District’s Columbus Park** from Mayor Lori Lightfoot through the **Chicago Works Community Challenge**. This initiative included ideas from community residents and stakeholders.

For the past three years, Tina spearheaded the **South 29th Ward Participatory Budget** Team, leading residents in Austin as they decide on how to spend \$1 Million for new development and upgrades to the Ward’s streets, lights, structures, community gardens, schools, and other community areas.

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Tina is the former executive director of the **Austin Chamber of Commerce**, raising more than \$300K that provided jobs for Austin community and nearby residents, commissioned local artists, brought the Alfresco initiative to the Austin community, creating arts and cultural spaces that are anchored to restaurant, which enhanced the curb appeal and increased foot traffic along the business corridors. She is the creator of the **Chamber Check-in**, a monthly program held live on ZOOM and social media outlets that is gaining wide attention. Tina is also responsible for working through the Chamber to provide the **Austin Childcare Providers Network** various training workshops to members of the Network to satisfy their Illinois State licensing requirements.

Tina is the founder of the “**Westside Community Business Forum**.” For the past three years, she hosted the Business Forum, formerly Austin Community Business Forum, providing access to funding, resources to help businesses grow, and a panel discussion with prominent business owners and key government departments with program tools to aid business growth. Those who participated were the Austin Chamber of Commerce, Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce, Wintrust Bank, Accion, Illinois Department of Central Management Services, and successful business owners. These business events are supported by local businesses, departments both local and state.

She also founded the **Austin Adams Block Club Association** to help build community with residents who live along a 6-block radius (*12 blocks if you place Monroe back in*) and to help give a much stronger voice to the community. She is responsible for community build project that helped raise the awareness of the 2020 Census, the planting of rose bushes on every block, and Mayor Lori Lightfoot and her family touring the block club’s event and speaking to residents. This event is featured on ABC Channel 7 News.

Tina is the president of the **Austin Green Team**, a non-profit organization that has worked for more than 32 years to build, maintain, and support community gardens and community beautification in the Austin neighborhood. She is an **Austin Quality of Life Plan** contributor who is currently the project lead for the **Austin Forward Together Economic Development Taskforce**. Tina holds a B.A. degree in English Literature and Black Studies from Roosevelt University. She is married to Clifford Augustus and has four children, and five grandchildren.

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