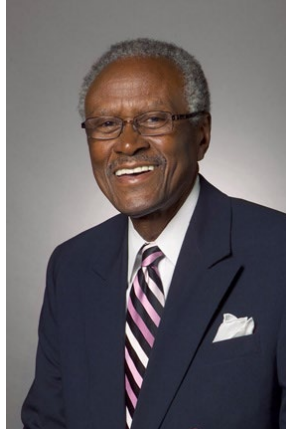


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Alvin Brooks was elected to serve as the Sixth District at-large councilman in 1999 and re-elected in February 2003. After his first election, Brooks was appointed as mayor pro tem by Mayor Kay Barnes. In addition to serving as mayor pro tem, Brooks chaired the Public Safety Committee, the Police Capital Improvements Oversight Committee, and the Police Site Selection Committee; and served as vice chair of the Aviation Committee and the Finance and Audit Committee.

In 1991, Brooks was selected as president of the AdHoc Group Against Crime, a broad-based grassroots community organization he founded in Kansas City, Missouri, in November 1977.

#### <A>Education

- Lincoln Junior College: September 1952 to May 1954, AA degree
- University of Missouri—Kansas City: September 1956 to May 1959, Bachelor of Arts Degree, History and Government
- University of Missouri—Kansas City: May 1973, Master of Arts Degree, Sociology

Brooks holds a State of Missouri Lifetime Teacher's Certificate. He has been a reserve teacher and a visiting instructor at University of Missouri—Kansas City, Penn Valley Community College, and Pioneer Community College.

## <A>Employment

- Police officer and detective (Kansas City, Missouri)
- Home school coordinator, Kansas City School District
- Director of neighborhood youth corp (NYC) Kansas City—St. Joseph Diocese
- Director of school, parents, community relations, Kansas City School District
- Director of human relations department (Kansas City, Missouri)
- Assistant city manager (Kansas City, Missouri)
- Founder, AdHoc Group Against Crime
- Move UP (a merger of the AdHoc Group Against Crime and Project Neighborhood)

Brooks has been a consultant to many business executives in the area of diversity minority and women matters. He has also been a motivational speaker and lecturer for governmental agencies and the private sector. He has conducted hundreds of lectures, seminars, and workshops on the subjects of cultural/racial diversity, religious tolerance, civil rights, crime and violence prevention, community involvement and police community relations, and understanding the criminal justice system. He has also been a motivational speaker at numerous colleges, universities, and high school commencements.

Brooks has served on numerous boards and committees, some of which include:

- Board of Governors, Avila University
- Board of Directors, Midwest Center for Holocaust Education, Inc.
- Charter Board Member, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)
- Board of Visitors, Park University
- Advisory Committee, Supreme Court of Missouri
- Board of Regents, Central Missouri State University
- National Conference of Christians and Jews
- Board member, National Youth Information Network
- Board member, National Conference for Community and Justice
- Board member, Prime Health Foundation
- Mid-America Regional Council
- Board of Missouri Commission on Human Rights
- Board of Kansas City Police Commissioner, President 2 years
- Board of Directors Hickman Mills C1 School District

## <A>Awards and Honors

- Honorary Doctor of Law, Rockhurst University
- Honorary Doctor of Law, Park University
- Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, University of Central Missouri
- Honorary Doctor of Humanities, Western Baptist Theological Seminary
- Honorary Doctor of Philosophy, University of Missouri—Kansas City
- Annual Peach Award, Crescent Peace Society
- Bodhisattva Award, Rime Buddhist Center and Monastery
- William Booth Award for spiritual dedication and service to others, the Salvation Army
- Kansas City Globe's 100 Most Influential Black Kansas Citians
- National Conference of Christians and Jews Outstanding Citizens Award
- The William F. Yates Medallion for Distinguished Service, William Jewell College
- Peace Man Award, the African American Student Union, University of Missouri—Kansas City
- Cincinnatus Award, the University Club
- Kansas Citian of the Year, Kansas City Press Club
- Centurion Leadership Award
- Spirit Award
- Alumni of the Year Award, University of Missouri—Kansas City
- Distinguished Alumnus Award, Kansas City Tomorrow
- Alumni Achievement Award, University of Missouri—Kansas City
- Distinguished Alumnus, Missouri Community Colleges
- Whitney Young, Jr. Service Award, Boy Scouts of America
- Diversity Exemplary Practices Award, American Public Works Association
- Alumni Hall of Fame Metropolitan Community Colleges, Penn Valley Community College
- Humanitarian Award, Heartland Muslim Council
- Award of Excellence, Nigeria Women Association of Greater KC
- Honorary Member, Organization of Kenyans of Greater KC
- Humanitarian Award, American Red Cross
- Mid-American Education Hall of Fame
- Distinguished Alumni Award, Metropolitan Community Colleges Foundation
- Midwest Innocent Project lifetime Achievement
- ACLU 50 Years Liberty Award
- Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America (CADCA) 20 Years Dedicated Service
- 2016 Harry S. Truman Public Service Award\*
- 2019 Kansas Citian of the Year, Greater Kansas City Chamber of Congress
- CRES Award, Center for Religious Experience and Study
- The Crescent Peace Society Annual Peace Award for Outstanding Community Service

- Honorable Recipient of the James B. Nutter Community Enhancement Award
- AJC presents 2021 Henry Bloch Human Relations Award

Brooks was honored by President George Bush in November 1989 for his work with AdHoc Group Against Crime. His efforts brought President Bush to Kansas City, Missouri, in January 1990. Brooks was named by President Bush as one of America's Thousand Points of Light. He was also appointed by President Bush to a three-year term (1989–1992) on the President's National Drug Advisory Council. Former drug czar William Bennett recognized Brooks as being one of the nation's "front-line soldiers in our war against drugs."

\*The Harry S. Truman Award for Public Service is the highest honor bestowed by the City of Independence. The award is presented annually to an outstanding American citizen who best exemplifies and possesses the qualities of dedication, industry, ability, honesty, and integrity that distinguished President Harry S. Truman. Brooks is the forty-second recipient of this national honor and joins an elite list of honorees including former presidents Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford, and Bill Clinton. Throughout his life, Brooks has served as a volunteer, leader, and consultant to numerous community groups, organizations, and causes.

Rockhurst University will honor Alvin Brooks, longtime Kansas City leader in social justice and civil rights, with the establishment of the Alvin Brooks Center for Faith-Justice on campus. The center will house many of the university's faith-justice related efforts, including a chapel, mission and ministry programs, and diversity, equity, and inclusion programs. The groundbreaking ceremony took place in December 2022.

Award-Winning Filmmaker Presents Kansas City and Alvin Brooks -Kansas City and one of its living legends is the subject of a new film undertaken by Academy Award Winning Filmmaker Kevin Willmott. Kansas City's Alvin Brooks -- police officer, detective, Mayor Pro-Tem, and founder of the AdHoc Group against crime, and a staunch community activist, now 91 years old -- has shaped our history as people from many ethnic and religious backgrounds. His story is a leading part of a community where individuals and groups have worked with -- and sometimes against -- each other in building a major American city. The story of Al Brooks not only illumines the struggles, setbacks, and progress of the past, but suggests fruitful ways forward for a diverse community -- and the nation. This film will add to the stories already in the Brooks memoir, *Binding Us Together: A Civil Rights Activist Reflects on a Lifetime of Community and Public Service* (2021). Premiering this spring, the film will be preserved in the Black Archives of Mid-America.