Mrs. Larisa K. Sims, AICP

Mrs. Larisa Sims is the Assistant to the City Manager in the City of Newport, Kentucky. Previously she spent 8 years as the Assistant City Manager for Development in the City of Covington. Before that she worked as Regional Planning Manager at the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) in Cincinnati, Ohio and as Senior Planner at the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. Mrs. Sims has 20 years of planning experience at the local and regional government level, and has been with the City of Newport since 2016.

Mrs. Sims has an Economic Development Finance Professional Certification from the National Development Council and has been a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners since 2002. She is also an active member of the Northern Kentucky City and County Management Association. Mrs. Sims received a post graduate degree from the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, a Master's degree in Community Planning at the University of Cincinnati, and a Bachelor's degree in Geography at Western Kentucky University.

Mrs. Sims is currently a member of the NKY Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Northern Kentucky Class of 2018. She has served as the Kentucky Chapter of the American Planning Association's first woman President, as well as Professional Development Officer, At-Large Board member, and Program Committee Chair. She represented the organization as AICP's Young Planner representative on the National Planning Accreditation Board and currently also sits on the Kentucky League of Cities Board of Directors. She has served on various other professional and service organization boards and committees, including the Lincoln Grant Scholar House Advisory Council and the Junior Achievement Guns and Grapes Steering Committee.

Mrs. Sims lives with her husband and two children in Campbell County, Kentucky. She spends her free time marathon training and enjoying the outdoors with her family.