

Native American Caucus, *Vice Chair* State Redistricting, *Vice Chair* MAP Future Caucus, *Co-Chair*

Local Committees:

- State-Tribal Relations
- Agriculture & Rural Development
- Public Health
- Appropriations & Budget
 - Human Services
 - Transportation



State Representative

House District 99

National Committees: National Caucus of State of Native American State Legislators, *Co-Chair*

Professional Biography

House District 99 is home to one of the youngest state-elected officials in Oklahoma. Representative Ajay Pittman won re-election to serve a second term in the 2020 primary election. She is a sixth-generation Oklahoman, who is an American political leader and community activist. Pittman is the first female millennial elected to serve in the Oklahoma 57th State Legislature. She is also the first statewide second-generation female legacy member to serve in House District 99. Senator Anastasia A. Pittman, her mother, held the office for eight years.

She is a proud seventh-generation Native American, with dual citizenship in the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. She is the third-elected Seminole to serve in the Oklahoma State Legislature. In 2019, House Speaker Charles McCall appointed her to serve on the joint committee on State-Tribal Relations, and in 2020 to serve as Vice-chair of the state-wide Redistricting committee for Oklahoma County. Pittman has also been appointed as the Vice-Chair of the Native American Caucus for the 58th Legislature. She currently serves on the Agriculture & Rural Development, Public Health, Appropriations & Budget for Human Services, and Transportation committees, in addition to the Agriculture Caucus, Oklahoma Legislative Black Caucus and Native American Legislative Caucus. Pittman is also co-chair of the House of Representative Millennial Action Project Future Caucus, a statewide millennial bi-partisan caucus.

Pittman received national appointments to serve as co-chair of the health committee for the National Caucus of Native American State Legislators, member of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, Criminal Justice Reform Advisory Member for Millennial Action Project, Defense Innovation Council Member in partnership with National Security Innovation Network, and department of Entrepreneurship & Innovation for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, a facilitator and community organizer for the Coalition for Civic Leadership of Greater Oklahoma City, member of Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma Leadership Class that speaks to fight hunger in the state of Oklahoma, board member of the National Women in Agriculture Association (Oklahoma Chapter), board member of KIPP Reach College Preparatory Public School, member of National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women (N.O.B.E.L.), National Federation of Women Legislators, and the State Innovation Exchange of Progressive Legislators.

She serves as one of the leading legislators through the COVID 19 Pandemic, a member of the 2020 Community Health Needs Assessment External OUHSC Advisory Committee, supports healthcare workers, advocates for first responders to receive the proper healthcare personal protective equipment with OU Medicine, participates in COVID-19 calls with the Governor, and Oklahoma House of Representatives. Pittman has initiated legislation to fight hunger, require minority teacher recruitment, basic life skills in the classroom and maternal Health Issues. She is a champion for Healthcare, Social Justice and serves as a featured speaker for millennials on public panels and workshops across the Nation.

Pittman was featured on CNN, MSNBC, KOCO-News Channel 5, KWTV-News 9, selected as a 2021 New Leaders Council fellowship, 2020 Oklahoma City Friday Top 100 Most Powerful Women, 2020 Teacher Appreciation Foundation Dignitary of Supreme Excellence Award, 2020 Infant Mortality Alliance Trailblazer Award, Young Elected Officials (Y.E.O.) Network's Class of 2020, the "35 Under 35" Top Young Elected Officials in the Nation Award, 2019 Oklahoma Sovereign Arts Foundation Ambassador of HOPE Award, 2019 Langston University Black Caucus Recognition Award, and serves as a national surrogate and member of League 46 Coalition of Young Elected Officials for Vice President Joe Biden, 2020 Democratic President-Elect.

She is a 2nd Century Leader who advocates for healthy foods, access to healthcare, affordable housing, quality education, criminal justice reform, and promotes entrepreneurship opportunities through the Pittman Community Apprenticeship Program. Her leadership of HOPE is a shining example to emerging young leaders, as she inspires diverse youth to become authentic servant leaders.

Her career experience is in corrections at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Department and Health & Wellness as coordinator for OU Physicians in Corporate Health. She also worked as the assistant to the Director of the OU Henderson Scholars program. Pittman attended the University of Oklahoma as a Scholar in the President's Leadership Class, and Scholar on the Dean's Honor roll at Langston University. She is a graduate of the Oklahoma Policy Institute, and alumni of the Leadership Exchange Academy of Oklahoma. She is a member of the Church of Christ, the great great-granddaughter of 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre Survivor Abner Burnett, and great-granddaughter of educator and Jazz Hall of Fame Musician C.E. Pittman.

Pittman is the founder of Global Millennial Project, served as a voice for childhood obesity with the Oklahoma Child Advocacy Institute Fit Kids Coalition, YWCA "Empower Me" Community Youth Forum, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the Oklahoma City NAACP Youth Council president for over 10 years. She believes "Service is the price that you pay for the space you occupy." This quote embodies the belief that she and her family share. Pittman is committed to the legacy of service established by the strong women elected in House District 99, and many leaders in the State of Oklahoma.

House District 99 is one of Oklahoma's few progressive minority districts in the state. The highlights of District 99 include: Oklahoma State Capitol, Deep Deuce, Bricktown, the Boathouse District, Oklahoma History Museum, Governor's Mansion, ranging from Eastern Oklahoma City to Northwest Oklahoma City residents and progressive economic development and businesses in Chisholm Creek.

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