

BIO
DR. IMANI BROWN

Imani Brown is an urban policy and planning professional with more than twenty years experience in the areas of land use, government relations, health care advocacy and smart growth development. She is currently a Managing Partner at Granite Equities, LLC. Granite Equities is a sustainable urban property rehabilitation company.

Dr. Brown was formerly the Executive Director of External Partnerships of Government & Civic Engagement at USC. Associate Vice President of University & Government Relations at California State University Dominguez Hills, and served as Chief Deputy of Transportation, Housing & Small Business for the late Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald of the 37th Congressional District. She is passionate about sustainable urban smart growth policies and initiatives, as well as affordable health care accessibility.

Dr. Brown has served on numerous non-profit boards, and chaired board of directors for a federally qualified health center (FQHC) in Los Angeles. Dr. Brown's other volunteer activities include, advisor to the board of directors for the Ashley Morgan Spiller Cancer Foundation.

She has produced art events for international artist, and raised funding and awareness for local shelters for battered women and at-risk children. Dr. Brown has a keen interest in building smart growth urban communities, and promoting educational and mentor opportunities for urban youth.

Imani is an alumni of the University of Maryland and Cornell University. She earned her doctorate degree in 2009 from the University of Southern California, Sol Price School of Public Policy.