

## **Mick Cornett**

The world is taking notice of Oklahoma City's remarkable renaissance and its popular mayor, Mick Cornett.

His growing list of individual awards and honors include nods for urban design, health, sports and the arts. Newsweek named him one of the five most innovative Mayors in the United States. Governing Magazine named him the Public Official of the Year. And a London-based organization, which studies Mayors and their work, listed him as the second-best Mayor in the world, second only to the Mayor of Mexico City.

Cornett is only the fourth mayor in the City's history to be elected to three terms. He received a record 88 percent of the vote in his re-election bid and was elected to a third term in 2010. He earned a degree in journalism at the University of Oklahoma and an MBA from New York University.

Cornett has been a champion for infrastructure and health. Oklahoma City is rebuilding its streets, its schools, and its parks. In 2009, Cornett led the charge to pass MAPS 3, an \$800 million capital campaign that includes a 70-acre downtown park, a modern streetcar system, senior wellness centers, river improvements, sidewalks and jogging trails and other infrastructure projects that will dramatically reshape Oklahoma City and enhance the quality of life of its residents.

Mayor Cornett and the Oklahoma City City Council are committed to creating a pedestrian friendly, urban environment and they are succeeding on all fronts.

He is best known for helping Oklahoma City attract an NBA franchise and for famously putting Oklahoma City "On a Diet" to drive attention to wellness, but along the way he has helped create an incredible economy. Oklahoma City has the nation's lowest unemployment rate and is seeing population growth that is twice its traditional average.

Something is working. The Kauffman Foundation named Oklahoma City as the most entrepreneurial city in the country with the most start-ups per capita.