



Irene Olive Cates native of St. Petersburg, Florida, community advocate and entrepreneur has served the Sunshine State in many capacities. Political consultant to small business liaison, Irene has helped to improve the economic vitality of black run businesses. Having served on boards such as Sustainable Urban Agriculture Coalition to St. Pete Business League irene has made a commitment to improve the quality of life for all in the state of Florida. From the State capitol Irene has fought for issues such as GMO regulations and sustainable healthcare. At a municipal level irene has fought for job opportunities for the youth along with career development. Irene now travels the world educating students and aspiring chefs on the essentials of becoming aware of agriculture and food distribution as well as perfecting their craft.