

Bilal Abdul Qayyum

Mr. Bilal Abdul Qayyum is currently Economic Development Administrator for the Department of Commerce for the City of Philadelphia. Prior to assuming this position, he was CEO, North Philadelphia Plan and Assistant Director, Office of Housing and Community Development for the City of Philadelphia.

Mr. Qayyum joined city government in 1979 as the Director of Community and Youth Employment Programs, Office of Housing and Community Development. After working at the Office of Housing, Mr. Qayyum worked as Executive Assistant at Philadelphia Citywide Development Corporation. Prior to joining the city, he was the Director of Haddington Leadership Organization, Inc.; a community based multi-purpose organization in West Philadelphia.

Mr. Qayyum has had extensive service in the public and private sectors in housing, youth job development, economic development and social service programs. He has served on many community advisory committees for various non-profits and government agencies. He currently serves as the President of the Father's Day Rally Committee, Inc., Co- Chair, Men United for a Better Philadelphia and is a founding member of the African American Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Qayyum has over the last twenty -five years organized many neighborhood organizations and was the founding member of West/Southwest Community Action Council, Carroll Park Community Council, and Philadelphia Council of Neighborhood Organizations, Youth Employment Coalition, to name a few.

He has been active in politics in the city and ran unsuccessfully twice for City Council at Large.

Mr. Qayyum has lectured extensively and presented seminars on various minority business issues and co-organized the first Minority Enterprise Development Week celebration in the city.

Mr. Qayyum attended Tennessee State University where he majored in Business and Sociology. Mr. Qayyum is married to Tamara Jefferies and they have two sons, three daughters and seven granddaughters, and three grandsons.

Some of Mr. Qayyum Affiliations, Awards, Achievements, Recognition:

Operation Push, Appreciation Award

House of Umoja Community Service Award

The Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor

Mayor's Green Summer Youth Employment Proclamation

OIC Philadelphia Appreciation Award

KYW-3 Making a Difference

PCDC Award of Excellence

City of Philadelphia MED Week Chairman

Tribune 2005 and 2006 , 2007 Philadelphia's Most Influential African Americans Leaders