

Honorable Michael Nutter

Mayor of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Honorable Michael A. Nutter, the 98th mayor of Philadelphia, has set a course for America's sixth largest city aimed at growing the regional economy in a sustainable manner, dramatically improving public safety and investing in education and workforce development.

With a pledge to make Philadelphia the greenest city in America, Mayor Nutter has launched an aggressive strategy, Greenworks Philadelphia that will reduce the city's carbon footprint and train Philadelphians for new green collar jobs, from weatherization to solar panel installation.

Long committed to careful planning of development, Mayor Nutter has reoriented city government, giving primacy to planning as the city prepares for future development along the Delaware River, the Navy Yard and Philadelphia International Airport. He has reorganized the city's Commerce Department to improve its assistance to small businesses and to foster minority- and women-owned business.

Within city government, Mayor Nutter has begun a reform drive that includes the creation of a 311 Call Center to serve better the service needs of city residents. And his administration has set bright line standards for ethical conduct, increased funding for the city's Inspector General's office and established the city's first ever Chief Integrity Officer.

In response to the deepest recession in generations, Mayor Nutter launched a nationally recognized mortgage foreclosure program that links at-risk homeowners with housing counseling and related services.

An academic scholarship recipient, he graduated from St. Joseph's Preparatory High School. In 1979, he graduated from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

Before pursuing his career in public service, Mayor Nutter was an investment manager at a minority-owned investment banking and brokerage firm.

After working in the gubernatorial campaign of Ed Rendell and the campaigns for City Council members John Anderson and Angel Ortiz, Michael Nutter won elections as a committee person in the 52nd ward in 1986, 52nd Democratic Ward Leader in 1990 and, in his second attempt, for City Council in 1991.

In a legislative career spanning almost 15 years, Mayor Nutter has authored successful reform legislation in the area of ethics and campaign finance, civilian review of the Police Department, tax reform and a smoking ban in public places.