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Representative Thaddeus Kirkland

is a remarkable community activist who first burst into the public arena in the fight for improved education for the students in the City of Chester. In spite of his political adversaries, Kirkland continues the fight for educational fairness and equality within the Chester-Upland School District – a fight that he is committed to winning. He is not only a well-loved and vocal leader in his home city, but he is also respected and admired across Delaware County.

Elected in his first attempt for public office in 1992, Kirkland represents the 159th Legislative District, which includes the communities of Chester city, Chester Township, Eddystone, Marcus Hook, Trainer, Upland, Upper Chichester Township (WD 02 Dist 02), Lower Chichester Township, Ridley Township (WD 02 PCT 02), and Parkside. Kirkland is the pastor of Community

Baptist Church. Prior to his election to the General Assembly, Kirkland was a community service coordinator at Crozer Chester Medical Center, where he conducted outreach and educational programs for teenagers.

Kirkland has been a strong advocate for the elderly and

has fought to insure equal rights for both the visually impaired and the physically challenged. He is the prime sponsor of legislation relating to prayer in schools, Braille, video surveillance, absentee ballot, technical training, and Head Start.

A 1973 graduate of Chester High School, Kirkland holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from Cheyney University. He also attended classes at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been supported in his endeavors by his family, which includes his wife Susie, and their five daughters.

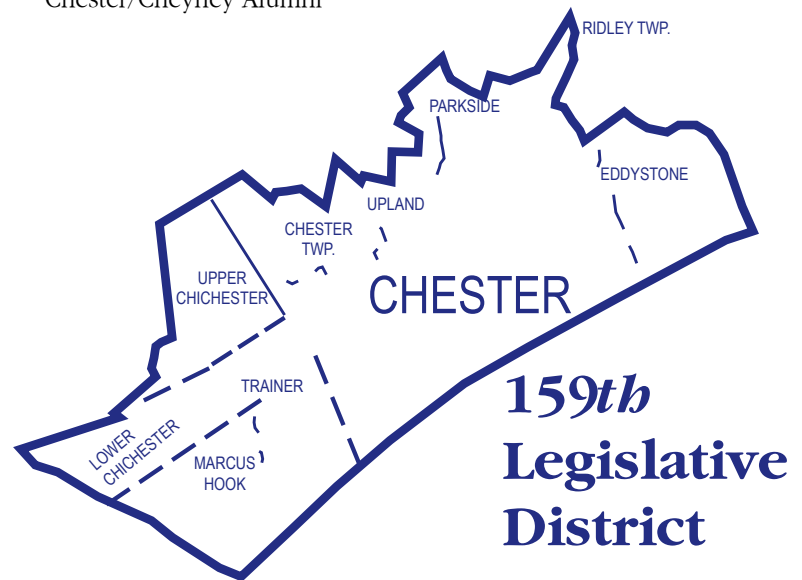
Kirkland, who has been described as tireless, concerned, and action-oriented, is involved in numerous community organizations and activities. He currently serves as Chairman of the House Tourism and Recreational Development Committee. Within the House of Representatives, he is a member of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus,

and the Policy Committee. Additionally, Kirkland is Vice President of West End Ministerial Fellowship of Chester and Vicinity, Vice Chairman of the National Black Caucus of State Legislatures, a former Board of Trustee Member of Lincoln University, a graduate of the Widener University Leadership Academy, and a member of Omega Psi Phi Incorporated.

Kirkland's community activities are numerous. He has received multiple awards for his leadership, community service, and dedication from the following organizations: West End Ministeriums Inc., The Chester Chapter of the National Political Congress of Black Women, New Life Ministries, The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural, Educational, and Employment Committee of Crozer Chester Medical Center, The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Epsilon Pi Chapter, The Mount Pleasant Drug Ministry, The Chester/Cheyney Alumni

Association, Franklin Lodge #158, The Delaware County Senior Center Network, The Chester Branch of the NAACP, Project Prepare of Widener University, The Ranges Temple Usher Board, The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women, and the Blind Sight Center of Chester.

His Harrisburg staff consists of Office Manager Mary Shaw; Executive Director Eric D. Bayne; Committee Secretary Lori Smith; and Research Analyst Stanley J. P. Mitchell. His constituent service office in Chester is staffed by Chief of Staff Joan Neal; Community Program Director Peter J. Rykard; and Legislative Assistants Sarai Cruz and Margaret Reed. In his satellite office, located in Marcus Hook, his Legislative Assistants are Brian Kirkland and Sharon Foster.



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