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Department. 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 Prayer in Schools Legislation, the Braille Bill, 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 the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and is currently attending Grace Bible Institute and School of Theology with a goal toward receiving a master's degree in theology. 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 is Chairman of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus,

Vice President of West End Ministerial Fellowship of Chester and Vicinity, Sub Committee Chair of the House Basic Education Committee, 2nd Vice-Chair of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. Member of Health & Human Services Committee, Commerce Committee, Appropriations Committee, Urban Affairs Committee, and Education Committee in the House of Representatives. Also, Former Board of Trustee Member of Lincoln University. He is a graduate of the Widener University Leadership Academy; and a member of the Omega Psi Phi Inc.

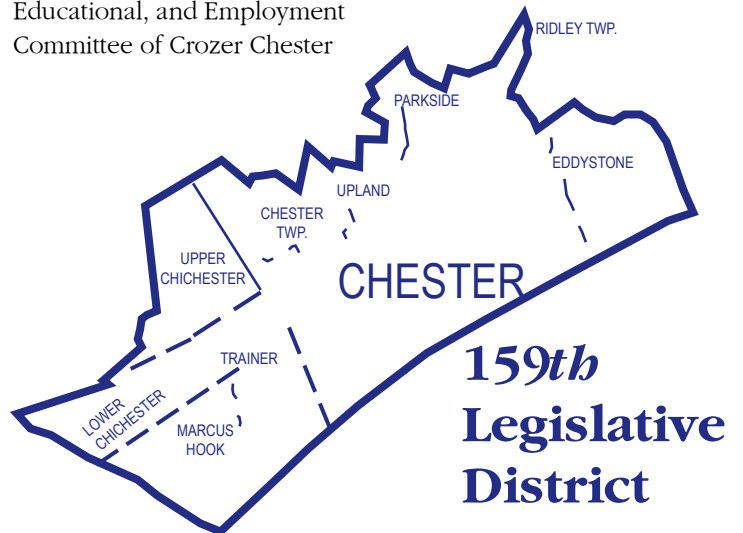
Kirkland's community activities are numerous. He has received numerous awards for his Leadership, Community Service, and Dedication from the West End Ministeriums Inc., The Chester Chapter of the National Political Congress of Black Women, The New Life Ministries, The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural, 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, Chester Branch NAACP, Project Prepare of Widener University, The Ranges Temple Usher Board and the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women, and the Blind Sight Center of Chester.

His staff persons consist of Executive Director, Mary White-Shaw; Michelle Lomax, Legislative Assistant to the Executive Director, Lori Smith, Legislative Assistant and Satyn Geary, Research Analyst, all stationed in the Harrisburg Office; and a Chief Administrator, Joan Neal; Sarai Cruz, Legislative Assistant; and Margaret Reed, Legislative Assistant, who are stationed in his district office in Chester, PA. Sharon Foster, Legislative Assistant and Brian Kirkland, Legislative Assistant, located in the Satellite Office in Marcus Hook, PA

Rep. Kirkland is a remarkable community activist who first burst into the public arena in the fight for improved education for the students of 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 Park Side. Rep. Kirkland is the associate pastor of Community Baptist Church and serves on the Youth



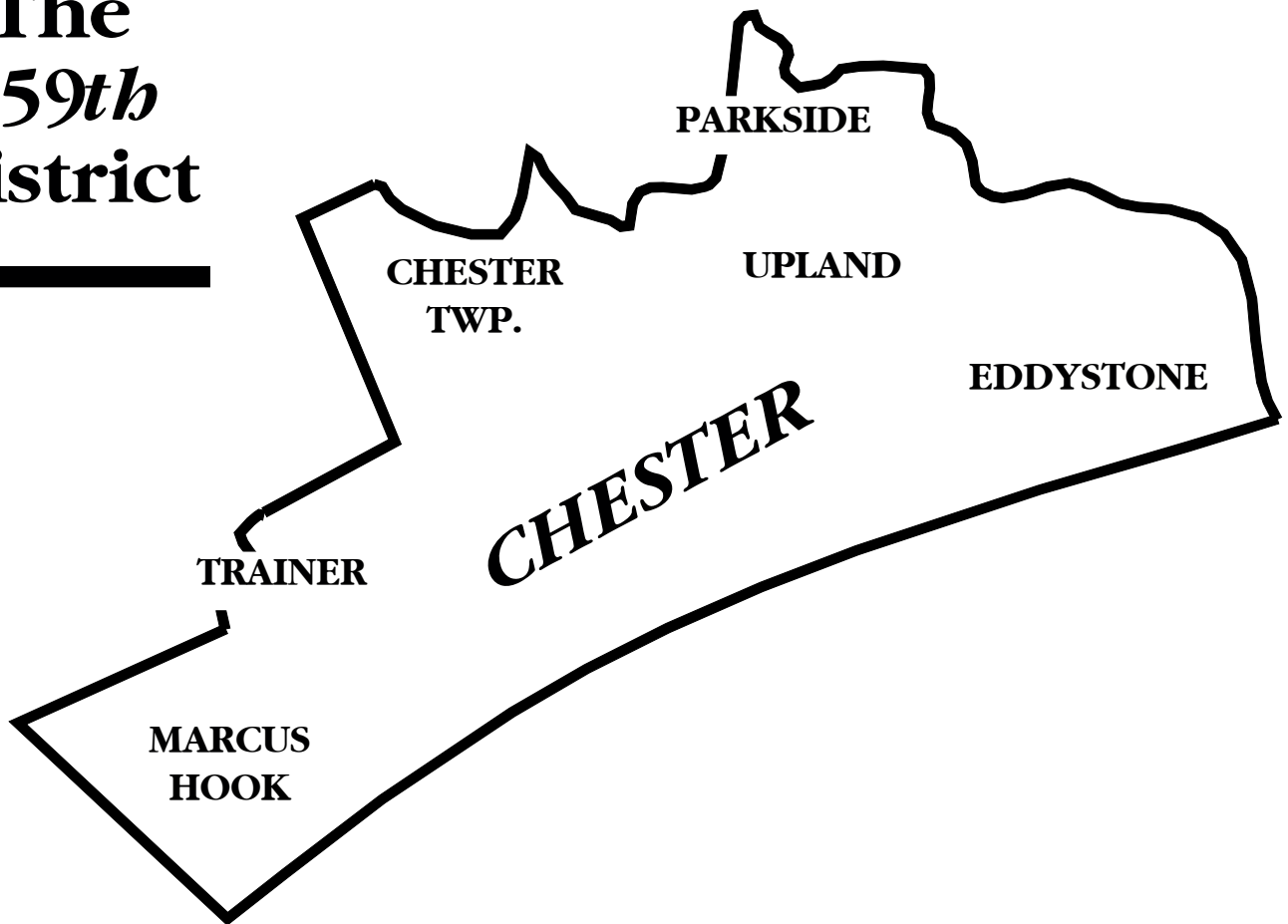
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