

Derrick Boazman

Derrick Boazman, a native Atlantan, was born and reared on Atlanta's southside. In 1997, he was elected to the Atlanta City Council and was re-elected for his second term in 2001. Councilmember Boazman resigned his seat on the city council in April 2004.

Mr. Boazman is President and CEO of Facilitation Strategies, Inc., which specializes in strategic planning and group facilitation activities. He received his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Morris Brown College, where he began his political career as President of the Student Government Association. He serves as a certified trainer teaching community leadership and organizational development skills for Midwest Academy, an instruction entity that travels throughout the country, and at the Fanning Leadership Institute of the University of Georgia in Athens. He has also served as an instructor at the Community Development Institute at Clark Atlanta University.



Mr. Boazman contends that "education is an equalizer", and lives his life accordingly, by formally serving as a Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) officer at Price Middle School and currently as a member of the PTA at Perkerson Elementary School. He is currently very active with the United Youth-Adult Conference (UYAC).

In 2000 Mr. Boazman was the recipient of the Concerned Black Clergy of Metro Atlanta, Inc.'s "Award for Outstanding Contribution in Politics" and Morris Brown College's "Going the Distance - Career Achievement Award". He was the 1997 recipient of the "Human Service Award" from the Georgia Greater Metro chapter of the Association of Black Social Workers. He also received the 1996 Community Service Award from the Atlanta Project. Being selected as one of ten people to serve on the President's Summit for America's Future Committee, by former United States Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell, was one of his proudest moments.

Mr. Boazman was also selected to be a prestigious German Marshall Fund Fellow. In 2002, he traveled abroad throughout Europe studying state, local and national government issues. His travels took him to Bratislava, Slovakia, Berlin, Germany, Marseille, France, Copenhagen, Denmark, and Brussels, Belgium. Mr. Boazman was also selected by the American Council of Young Political Leaders. This organization is a bipartisan leadership development program that identifies promising younger leaders under the age of 40 and provides them with opportunity to travel abroad to examine the impact of U.S. foreign policy. He has also traveled to Egypt and Israel.

Councilmember Boazman is an outspoken advocate for the rights of minorities and has appeared on CNN's Talkback Live, Nightline, Court TV, dozens of nationally syndicated radio programs, as well as being interviewed by the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times and the New Yorker Magazine.

Mr. Boazman is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated and is very active with the Prince Hall Affiliated Masons where he has attained the 33rd degree. Mr. Boazman is a member of Mount Sinai Baptist Church.