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Derrick Miller, Chief Administrative Officer
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Biographical Profile

Derrick started his political career in Washington, D.C. with Congresswoman Carolyn C. Kilpatrick in the United States House of Representatives. Derrick was assigned by the Honorable Carolyn C. Kilpatrick to serve as the Transportation and Land Use Specialist within her administration. Derrick was responsible for drafting key legislation, promoting and consulting on all transportation related activities, and managed the strategic business plan for the Congresswoman's local district in Detroit, Michigan.

In 2001 Derrick was appointed to Deputy Chief of Staff under the first African -American Democratic Leader in the State of Michigan House of Representatives, Kwame M. Kilpatrick. While serving as the Deputy Chief of Staff, Derrick was responsible for the development of the Democratic Caucus Agenda and he worked closely with members of each branch of government to coordinate effective transition regarding matters of public policy. Derrick was also assigned by the Democratic Leader to oversee the functions of three major departments. He was responsible for the 56 employees located within the Communications, Constituent Relations and Policy Departments.

In 2002, Democratic Leader Kwame M. Kilpatrick was elected as the youngest Mayor in the City of Detroit, Michigan. Mayor Kilpatrick appointed Derrick to the position of the City's Chief Administrative Officer.

Serving as the Chief Administrative Officer, Derrick oversees local, state and federal government issues, serves as the senior advisor to the Mayor, provides strategic oversight of key large-scale initiatives and coordinates the enterprise wide processes for the City of Detroit. Derrick also represents the City of Detroit as a co-chair for the Detroit East Riverfront Development Conservancy, as vice-chair for the Wayne State University Research and Tech Park Board, co-chair for the Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority and serves on the boards of the Detroit 300, Detroit Economic Development Corporation, Greater Downtown Partnership Committee and Next Energy.