

Vice Mayor Joseph L. Kelley

In addition to being the Spiritual leader (Pastor) of Holy Temple Missionary Baptist Church since 1989, Joseph L. Kelley has found the need to give back to his community through public service. Since 2000, he has served as a Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioner. During his time in office, he has led the effort to improve the quality of life for all. Some of his accomplishments include:

- Established the SENIORS ON THE MOVE Program in 2001
- Sponsored initial legislation for the CITY WEBSITE
- Secured funding to bring the LIBRARY back to the City
- Established ongoing CLERGY ROUNDTABLE (faith-based initiative)
- Established YOUTH GOVERNMENT DAY (partnership with schools)
- Worked to SECURE 3 MILLION DOLLAR FUNDING for the GYM/POOL Project
- Worked to SECURE INITIAL FUNDING FOR THE HELEN MILLER/SEGAL PARK RECREATION CENTER
- SECURED FUNDING FOR HAITI & LATIN AMERICAN RELIEF
- Secured funding for more PARK & GREEN SPACE AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN PROGRAMS
- Created the FIRST AND ONLY CITY JOBS PROGRAM
- Created a BUSINESS FORUM to help City businesses GROW AND STAY VIABLE
- Worked to SECURE FUNDING FOR THE FREE CITY BUS SERVICE
- Worked to restart the Opa-locka CRIMEWATCH Program
- Supported efforts to start a CITY NEWSPAPER
- Secured funding for the current LIFT STATIONS to improve infrastructure
- Secured funding for NEW POLICE CARS, EQUIPMENT, and to HIRE NEW OFFICERS
- Sponsored initial legislation to start MAGNOLIA AREA IMPROVEMENTS
- Worked to secure funding for PARKS AND GREEN SPACE
- Supported Legislation for a NEW SENIORS BUS
- Supported funding to INSTALL NEW SIDEWALKS
- Supported funding creating YEARLY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR Graduating Seniors
- Pushed Legislation for PSA'S for our Police Department

In addition to this, Vice-Mayor Kelley spearheaded the effort through legislation to address the ongoing unemployment in the city. Through this legislation, which was unanimously passed by the Commission, the city hired city residents to fix sidewalks and now requires any contractor to hire city residents through an MOU agreement with the South Florida Workforce, now Career Source. After terming out in 2020, Vice Mayor Kelley was reelected in 2022 running unopposed for a commission seat to fill an expired term. Because of his valued commitment to the community, in 2024 he was reelected by voters with the highest number of votes (1,719) to a new 4-year term, currently serving as Vice Mayor. Vice Mayor Kelley is a staunch advocate for community engagement and addressing community needs while focusing on economic stability and community diversity. This is evident by his city-wide signature event, "Meet Me Monday". Vice Mayor Kelley continues to work toward making our city safer, more Parks and Recreation, senior programs, as well as smart growth

and a better quality of life for all. Along with being a Husband, Father, and Pastor, he is also a member of several religious and civic organizations and has received numerous awards and recognitions. His involvements include:

Miami Dade League of Cities

- Member, African American Council of Christian Clergy
- MDCPS 5000 Role Models
- Florida League of Cities
- Florida General Baptist State Convention
- Opa-locka ClergyNetwork

Former Involvements

- Member, "Just Say No" Campaign
- South Florida Regional Planning Council
- Florida League of Cities Finance & Taxation Committee
- Disaster and Relief Committee
- North Dade Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Miami-Dade BeaconCouncil
- Opa-locka RotaryClub
- Member, Opa-locka Crime Watch
- Member, Opa-locka Planning Council
- Member, Opa-locka Housing Initiative

Recognitions

- Opa-locka Hurricanes Support Award
- Helen L. Miller Service Award
- Miami-Dade League of Cities President's Award
- Florida League Recognition Award
- 5000 Role Model Recognition
- Human Services Recognition Award
- FLC LEADERSHIP COMPLETION

Vice Mayor Joseph L. Kelley believes in the philosophy, "God has not blessed you for you to sit down but rather to be a blessing to someone else." " I am in the Community, for the Community

Vice Mayor Kelley is a native of Opa-locka. He is the son of the late Commissioner Ollie B. Kelley and the late Eddie Kelley. Since 1989, he has been married to Tangel Renee' Mitchell. They are the proud parents of one daughter (Jaliesa, deceased) and one son, Joseph Isaiah, who is currently a senior at Bethune Cookman University. He attended Nathan B. Young Elementary, Westview Middle, North Miami Senior, as well as Miami Dade College and Florida International University. He is also a graduate of the FLC EIMO Institute (ALL LEVELS). He also has a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Counseling from Revelation Bible College and a Master's from Jacksonville Theological Seminary.