



**Kevin Johnson** was elected as the 55th mayor of the City of Sacramento in November 2008 and re-elected to a second term in June 2012. He is the first native Sacramentan, and the first African American to be elected to the office. His vision is for Sacramento to become “a city that works for everyone.” Since taking office, Mayor Johnson has embarked on an ambitious plan to reshape how city government serves the citizens of Sacramento. His top priorities include improving public safety, creating jobs and economic development, reforming public education, promoting good government. and enhancing the quality of life for all Sacramentans.

Read more about the Mayor's accomplishments and action plan.

Beyond his policy goals for Sacramento, Mayor Johnson is committed to elevating Sacramento's profile as the capital city of California - the 8th largest economy in the world. To that end, the Mayor has taken on a range of national leadership positions, including his current roles as Second Vice President of the US Conference of Mayors, Vice President of the National Conference of Black Mayors, and Chair of US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan's Education Reform Task Force.

?Before taking public office, Kevin led a diverse career as a professional athlete, entrepreneur and nonprofit executive. Kevin served as Chief Executive Officer of St. HOPE (Helping Others Pursue Excellence), a nonprofit organization he founded in 1989 and led until January 2008. Originally focused around providing afterschool programs to at-risk youth in Kevin's native Oak Park neighborhood, St. HOPE expanded to pursue a broader program of urban revitalization through public education, civic leadership, economic development, and the arts. Today St. HOPE cons...

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