

Meet Department of Development Director Boyce Safford III

Development Director Boyce Safford III brings several years of development experience to the Columbus Department of Development.

Safford joined the City in 2001 and served as Deputy Chief of Staff to Mayor Michael B. Coleman. As Deputy, he advised the Mayor on strategic planning for neighborhood economic development and urban development issues. He also worked with all City Departments and managed their capital improvement projects.

Safford served as Vice President of the Land Acquisition and Planning Division for the Columbus Urban Growth Corporation, a private non-profit real estate development corporation organized for the purpose of promoting commercial and industrial development, investment and job creation in neighborhoods. As Vice President, he managed and coordinated more than \$100 million for Urban Growth through land assemblage, strategic planning, private and public financing, and community relations on commercial, residential and industrial projects.

Safford also served Vice President of Government and Media Relations for Bank One, Cleveland. He was responsible for the bank's legislative agenda with local, state, and federal offices in five county market areas using key contact programs designed to enhance effective communication with elected officials on bank issues. Additionally, Safford, provided leadership in grant making efforts, assisted in developing and implementing strategies for formulation of grant policies and responded to inquiries about the grant programs for the Columbus Foundation.

Safford graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration, with a major in Finance. Safford is married and has a son and daughter.