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Professional Background:

For nine years Dale has been the Vice President of Development for the Hatch Development Group, creating successful and award-winning mixed income, affordable housing communities throughout Iowa. He also previously served the City of Cedar Rapids as Commissioner of Parks and Public Property from 1998-2002 becoming the only African American elected to city office and in 2018 he was re-elected to the City Council.

Education:

Mount Carmel High School, Chicago, Illinois; Coe College and Mount Mercy University, B.A. Criminal Justice and Political Science.

Community:

Dale has served on more than 45 Commissions, Boards, Planning Groups and Task Forces and has belonged to a host of service clubs and community organizations. Many of these focuses exclusively on improving the quality of life in our community. Today Dale continues his passion for urban planning, neighborhood development and recreation by championing innovative projects such as the revitalization of Cedar Lake and the development of housing, trails and public spaces throughout our city. He was one of the early leaders of the Wellington Heights Neighborhood Association in the late 90s and worked with neighborhood groups throughout the community to stabilize their neighborhoods and decrease crime. He is passionate about helping people with disabilities and serves on numerous state and national epilepsy-related boards and organizations and is a past chair of the Iowa Commission on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities.

A lifelong Democrat he has helped advance the careers of many potential Presidential candidates as they have campaigned in Iowa and participated in the Democratic caucuses.

Personal:

Dale and his wife Sara have one son, Adam, and his service dog Turbo.