

ABOUT SHEILA DIXON

For three decades in public service, Sheila Dixon has been a champion of Baltimore neighborhoods and a pioneer for women and minorities. When you can't find Sheila Dixon being an engaged mother, an advocate for our most vulnerable fellow citizens, or productive member of our community; you might see her fly by on her beloved bicycle.

FAMILY, FAITH AND SERVICE

Sheila Dixon is mother of two adult children, Jasmine Hampton Brooks and Joshua Hampton. Sheila lives in Southwest Baltimore. She is an active member Trustee of Bethel A.M.E. Church. She is grounded by her faith and continues to serve as a member of the Stewardess Board.

She began serving her West Baltimore neighbors on the City Council in 1987 before being elected City Council President in 1999, the first African-American woman to hold the citywide position. She became the 48th Mayor of the city of Baltimore in January 2007, succeeding Mayor Martin O'Malley.

Sheila Dixon is a graduate of the Baltimore City public school system and holds a bachelor's degree from Towson University and a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University. She is a former elementary school teacher and adult education instructor with the Head Start program. Currently Sheila Dixon works with the Maryland Minority Contractors Association utilizing her experience and knowledge to benefit minority and women owned businesses.

BUILDING A BETTER BALTIMORE

In public service, Sheila Dixon worked to create a cleaner, greener, healthier, and safer Baltimore. Her accomplishments include creating a gun offender registry, the single stream recycling program, improving birth outcomes and early childhood education, creating the popular Downtown Circulator as well as setting 30 year record lows in crime and record highs in miles of newly paved roads.

Mayor Dixon also created initiatives such as the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, Cleaner Greener Baltimore, Fit Baltimore, PEACE Baltimore, and the Neighborhood Ambassador program. She was an active member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Mayors Against Illegal Guns and a national leader on combating homelessness.

Sheila Dixon has been a strong advocate for many public health issues, including HIV/AIDS, breast cancer and lead poisoning in children. She is an avid athlete with a rigorous weekly fitness routine. Beyond her concern for her personal health and fitness, she is an advocate for programs that improve children's health through a more nutritional diet and exercise routine.