

State Senator Dominic Pileggi

Majority Leader of the Pennsylvania Senate

Senator Dominic Pileggi was elected Majority Leader by his colleagues in November 2006, 2008 and again in 2010. He has represented the Ninth Senatorial District, which includes portions of Chester and Delaware Counties, since winning a special election in October 2002.

As Majority Leader, Senator Pileggi determines legislative priorities, manages the Senate calendar, builds consensus on legislation to be voted, and serves as one of the chief negotiators of the annual state budget. He chairs the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee and is a member of the Appropriations Committee and the Legislative Reapportionment Commission.

A staunch advocate of improving government accountability, Senator Pileggi led the effort to rewrite the state's 50-year-old Open Records Law, making most government records open to citizens. He was instrumental in reforming Senate Rules to make the process more transparent.

Senator Pileggi effectively led opposition to numerous tax increases advocated by the Rendell Administration and succeeded in securing badly needed control over state spending. He played a key role in shaping substantial environmental and public health legislation, including the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund, the Water and Sewer Assistance Act, the Alternative Energy Investment Fund and the Clean Indoor Air Act.

An involved community leader, Senator Pileggi continues to serve on a number of local boards and organizations, including the Saint Joseph's University Board of Trustees, the Advisory Committee of the Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith Foundation, the Chester Boys and Girls Club, the Delaware County Chester Waterfront Industrial Development Authority Board and the Lindsay Law Library Board of Directors.

Reflecting his commitment to public service, Senator Pileggi has received numerous honors and awards, including the 2011 Leadership Award from the Delaware Valley Healthcare Council of HAP; the Presidential Humanitarian Award from Neumann University, the Thorncroft Equestrian Center Award for his support of the center and open space preservation, the Chester County Historical Society's 2010 Founders Award, CareLink's Fountain Award for Excellence in Government, the Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades Award for Excellence in Community Service, the Pennsylvania Freedom of Information Coalition Award, the Benjamin Franklin Medal for Distinguished Achievement and the American Red Cross David Henderson Humanitarian Award for Community Service.

Prior to his election to the Senate, Senator Pileggi served as Mayor of the City of Chester from 1998 to 2002, where he was a strong, hands-on leader dedicated to attracting businesses and jobs while reducing personal and business taxes.

Senator Pileggi received a Presidential Scholarship to Saint Joseph's University, where he graduated with a B.A. in Economics in 1979. He went on to earn a Juris Doctorate degree from the Villanova School of Law in 1982. A lifelong resident of the City of Chester, Senator Pileggi is married to his wife Diana and has three children: Elisa, Gabrielle and Michael.