



Rich Fitzgerald
Allegheny County Chief Executive

Rich Fitzgerald is Allegheny County's third Chief Executive since the County moved to a Home Rule form of government on January 1, 2000. He is currently serving his second term, after having been elected as County Executive in 2011 and, again, in 2015.

Raised in Pittsburgh's Bloomfield-Garfield neighborhood, Rich earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering with a business minor from Carnegie Mellon University. Shortly after graduation, he started his own business which provided water treatment equipment and services for industry in the Western Pennsylvania region.

When his children went to school, Rich and his wife, Cathy, began to engage in issues related to the schools and zoning and quickly became interested and engaged in other local government matters. His interests led him to work on the campaign to change the form of government in Allegheny County and, in 1999, he ran for one of the district council seats on the newly-formed County Council. Rich was elected Council Member in District 11, a district that included suburban municipalities and city neighborhoods. He held the seat for twelve years and was elected as Council President four times before leaving to run for the office of County Executive.

As County Executive, Rich has stabilized County finances by making operational adjustments to make government more efficient, has held the line on property taxes and has made smart decisions in refinancing existing debt. Recognizing that investments must be made in public transportation and infrastructure in order for our region to grow, Rich worked on a local and state level to negotiate savings and stabilize funding of the Port Authority. He has led efforts to build on the current growth of the airport corridor by focusing on the needs of the business community for flights to and from Pittsburgh. The County Executive has also focused on ensuring that County government reflects the diverse population of our community within County employment, its boards and authorities, its leadership and its contractors. All of this work has only added to the County's strong economy. Our region continues to see the creation of jobs, particularly in hospitality, education, health and finance.

County Executive Fitzgerald is quick to point out that we have not done this on our own. We have always seen successes when we work together for the greater good of the County and Rich is continuing to use that model today. That collaboration is the key to our success, and one that Rich focuses on daily with those who share our goals so that we may continue moving the county forward.

Rich and Cathy, a pharmacist, live in Squirrel Hill. They have eight children.

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