

Philadelphia Development Partnership Honors Councilman Goode
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Councilman W. Wilson Goode, Jr. was honored by the Philadelphia Development Partnership (PDP). The event, marked by an annual cooking competition featuring diverse cultural cuisines prepared by microentrepreneurs from PDP's peer lending program, Community Capital Works (CCW).

Councilman Goode, an ardent advocate for microenterprises development, has pushed recent legislation through City Council, all of which directly or indirectly affect neighborhood microenterprises. Resulted in three bills that were unanimously approved and signed by Mayor John F. Street.

Jeremiah J. White, Jr. former executive director of PDP and currently the chairman of Monarch Consulting Group, was also acknowledged last evening for this 10 years of service as PDP's visionary and leader. During that time, he organized and managed several private/public partnerships that resulted in small business and affordable housing opportunities for residents living in low-income neighborhoods of Philadelphia and Chester.

Though no longer with PDP full-time, Mr. White continues to be involved with the organization as a consultant.

Ms. Benoliel also presented gift certificates to the first and second place winners of the cooking competition. First place went to Patricia Giple, owner of Patty & Safula's Cuisine. The second place winner was Bridget of Bridget's Cake of Art.

Founded in 1989, the Philadelphia Development Partnership is a private nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote economic development in low and moderate-income neighborhoods of the Philadelphia metropolitan region. PDP provides small amounts of credit, business development services and networking opportunities to low-income entrepreneurs

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