

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with The Honorable Michael Nutter

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## Overview of the Collection

<b>Repository:</b>	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
<b>Creator:</b>	Nutter, Michael A., 1957-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Michael Nutter,
<b>Dates:</b>	May 24, 2012
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2012
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 uncompressed MOV digital video files (1:19:39).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Mayor The Honorable Michael Nutter (1957 - ) was the third African American mayor of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Nutter was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on May 24, 2012, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2012_121
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Mayor Michael Nutter was born on June 29, 1957, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Mr. and Mrs. Basil Nutter. Nutter and his sister grew up in a row house on Larchwood Avenue in West Philadelphia, where he attended a mostly white Jesuit high school, St. Joseph's Preparatory School. Nutter received an academic scholarship to St. Joseph's Preparatory High School where he graduated from in 1975. Nutter then attended the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned his B.A. degree in business administration in 1979.

After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania, Nutter worked at the minority-owned investment firm of Pryor, Counts & Co., Inc. He began his political career in 1983 working for Philadelphia Councilman John Anderson until Anderson passed away in 1984. Nutter then joined Angel Ortiz's campaign for Philadelphia City Council. He was then elected to serve as the Democratic committee nominee for Philadelphia's 52nd ward in 1986 and in 1991, Nutter was elected Fourth District Councilman, unseating longtime Councilwoman Ann Land. During his fifteen year tenure as fourth district councilman, Nutter created an independent ethics board, restored library funding, and passed the Clean Indoor Air Worker Protection Law. Nutter has served as Chairman of the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority Board since 2003.

Nutter left the Philadelphia City Council in 2006 to run for Mayor of Philadelphia. In 2007, Nutter defeated Al Taubenberger by a record 4 - 1 margin to become the third African American Mayor for the country's fifth largest city. During his first term, Nutter established economic development initiatives that attracted a major clothing retailer and pharmaceutical company to Philadelphia, bringing jobs and millions of dollars in revenue. He also helped to spur housing and business development in the city's much maligned North Philadelphia neighborhood. Additionally, the core issues of his platform are matters such as crime reduction, environmental sustainability, zoning and planning and ethics reforms. Nutter was re-elected to a second term in 2011 and sworn into office January 2, 2012. Nutter lives in the Wynnefield neighborhood in West Philadelphia with his wife and daughter. His son, Christian, lives and works in New Jersey.

Michael Nutter was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on May 24, 2012.

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# Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with The Honorable Michael Nutter was conducted by Larry Crowe on May 24, 2012, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was recorded on 1 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Mayor The Honorable Michael Nutter (1957 - ) was the third African American mayor of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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# Restrictions

## Restrictions on Access

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# Related Material

Information about the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview, as well as correspondence with the interview subject is stored electronically both on The HistoryMakers® server and in two databases maintained by The HistoryMakers®, though this information is not included in this finding aid.

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# Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

## Persons:

Nutter, Michael A., 1957-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

## Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Nutter, Michael A., 1957- --Interviews

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# Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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## The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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Philadelphia (Pa.). City Council

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### Occupations:

Mayor

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### HistoryMakers® Category:

PoliticalMakers

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## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

### Preferred Citation

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### Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

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## Other Finding Aid

A Microsoft Access contact database and a FileMaker Pro tracking database, both maintained by The HistoryMakers®, keep track of the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Michael Nutter, Section A2012\_121\_001\_001, TRT: 1:19:39 ?

Michael Nutter was born on June 29, 1957 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Catalina Bargas Nutter and Basil Nutter, Jr. His paternal grandparents, Olga

Nutter and Basil Nutter, Sr., were native Philadelphians, and raised his father in the southern part of the city. Nutter's maternal grandmother, Edythe Bargas, was also born in Philadelphia, and married William Caruso, an Italian man who died when Nutter's mother was twelve years old. Nutter's mother was raised Catholic, and met his father at a dance at the historically black St. Peter Claver Church. Both Nutter's parents graduated from high school, although financial barriers prevented them from attending college. After marrying in 1956, they moved with Nutter's maternal grandmother to a white neighborhood in West Philadelphia. The area became a majority African American, middle class community, where the neighbors took pride in their homes. Nutter grew up there alongside his younger sister, Renee Nutter.