

ANDREW P. TOY
BIOGRAPHY



Andrew (Andy) Toy is the Development and Communications Director for SEAMAAC (Southeast Asian Mutual Assistance Associations Coalition), a non-profit organization that serves the needs, advocates on behalf of and supports growing opportunities for refugees, immigrants and marginalized communities in Philadelphia. Andy has been leading SEAMAAC's successful work revitalizing the 7th Street Corridor as well as developing a unique food truck incubator for immigrant entrepreneurs. Previously, Andy was the Managing Director of the Eastern Tower/Chinatown Community Center project, a \$77 Million mixed-use community development. Before that, Andy worked at The Enterprise Center (TEC) as Senior Director of Business Development assisting local minority and other retailers grow by improving business practices, finding financial resources and improving their local commercial corridors. Andy is recognized as a thought leader and innovator when it comes to community and economic development, building a successful Commercial Corridor Initiative at the Local Initiatives Support Corporation and before that building the Brownfields Program while at the City's Commerce Department.

Andy completed an unsuccessful bid for an at-Large seat in the Democratic primary for Philadelphia's City Council in 2011, but garnered much support and raised important citywide issues around community and economic development, education and inclusion of voices often missing in discussions around policy and planning.

Andy is currently the Treasurer of The Merchants Fund, Treasurer of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association, Board Member of Culture Trust, and is a founder of the Philadelphia Public School Giving Circle as well as United Voices for Philadelphia and was an appointee on the Philadelphia Zoning Code Commission. In 2006 Andrew was selected as one of the top 101 Connectors in Philadelphia.

Andrew holds a B.A. in Economics and a Master's Degree in Public and Urban Policy, both from the University of Pennsylvania. In his spare time he likes to listen to and play music and eat and cook a variety of cuisines.