



Councilman Daniel Lavelle was born and raised in the Hill District section of the City of Pittsburgh. He attended Pittsburgh Public Schools and graduated from Schenley High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Kent State University in 2000. In 2002, he completed the Leadership Pittsburgh program. In 2014 Councilman Lavelle was a Marshall Memorial Fellow with the German Marshall Fund.

His professional career until January 2010 included working as a Pittsburgh City Council Legislative Aide, Chief of Staff for State Representative Jake Wheatley, Jr. and working with Americans for Democratic Action (ADA).

Motivated by his grandfather's words: "If you recognize a problem and then can grasp the nature of the solution, you have an obligation to use your talents to help fix the problem." in 2009 Councilman Lavelle ran for Pittsburgh City Council. He was sworn into office in January of 2010. Councilman Lavelle is currently serving his fourth term on Council. Councilman Lavelle's district encompasses the core of the City of Pittsburgh, including historical neighborhoods, numerous universities, and downtown Pittsburgh.

While on Council, Councilman Lavelle has chaired the Land Use and Economic Development Committee, Public Safety Committee and Chaired the Finance and Law Committee. In January 2024 he was elected and sworn in as the President of City Council.

Councilman Lavelle has been a leader on economic and social justice issues. He has also been a champion for equitable development. He has written and gotten





Councilman Lavelle has received numerous awards and recognitions including Pittsburgh's 50 Finest, Pittsburgh's 40 Under 40, New Pittsburgh Courier's Men of Excellence. Women for Excellence Game Changers Award, the NAACP Bill Lynch Political Courage Award and was a 2018 BMe Genius recipient.

He is married to Rachel Riley-Lavelle and they are the proud parents of a daughter Saniya and son Elijah.