

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with The Honorable Todd Stroger

PERSON

**Stroger, Todd Herman, 1963-**

**Alternative Names:** The Honorable Todd Stroger;

**Life Dates:** January 14, 1963-

**Place of Birth:** Chicago, Illinois, USA

**Residence:** Chicago, IL

**Occupations:** City Alderman; State Representative

## Biographical Note

Todd Herman Stroger was born on January 14, 1963, in Chicago, Illinois. The son of the late Cook County Board President John Stroger, Todd was introduced to politics at an early age. He attended St. Felicitous Elementary School and St. Ignatius College Preparatory. After graduating from St. Ignatius in 1981, Stroger spent a year at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and a semester at the Illinois Institute of Technology before transferring to his father's alma mater, Xavier University, in New Orleans. At Xavier, Stroger majored in history. It was here that he also met his future wife, the former Jeanine Baddoo. They have one son, Hans Eric, named after Stroger's late brother.

Upon graduation, Stroger returned to Chicago, working at the Water Reclamation District and the Circuit Court of Cook County before pursuing a career in investment banking. He was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1992. As a member of the Illinois General Assembly, Stroger served as Chairperson of the Labor & Commerce Committee. He also served on committees dealing with computer technology, insurance and the environment. Among the bills he sponsored was one that would allow college teaching assistants and graduate assistants to form unions.

In 2006 Stroger's father, John Stroger resigned from his post as Cook County Board president due to health reasons. The Cook County Democratic Central Committee chose Stroger to replace his father and run for board president. Stroger won the election against Tony Peraica on November 7, 2006.

## Related Entries

**St. Felicitas Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**University of Wisconsin-Madison** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Illinois Institute of Technology** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Xavier University of Louisiana** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**DePaul University** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**St. Ignatius College Prep** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Circuit Court of Cook County** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from ? to 1992]

**Statistician**

**Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1988 to ?]

**Illinois General Assembly** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 2001 to 2004]

**State Representative**

**City of Chicago** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1956 to 2006]

**Alderman of the 8th Ward**

**Cook County Board of Commissioners** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 2006 to 2010]

**Cook County Board President**

**United Negro College Fund (UNCF)** [MEMBEROF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Young Democrats** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 2000 to 2006]

**Chicago Boy Scouts** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1995 to 2001]

