

Councilman khalid
Black. On Purpose.



America's first [#BlackLivesMatter](#) organizer elected to public office, Councilman khalid (pronounced kuh-LEED) is leading a generation of young activists from protests to politics. This "Elected Activist" is now running to become Mayor of his hometown — South Fulton, Georgia — the Blackest City in America.

Before being elected to City Council in 2017, khalid worked as a labor and community organizer. He helped organized MARTA transit workers in ATU Local 732 in their fight against outsourcing and organized the Atlanta chapter of [#BlackLivesMatter](#). He was also active in Atlanta NPU's V and P.

In his first term in office, Councilman khalid fought to increase funding for the city's Parks & Cultural Affairs Department, authored legislation to create a [Blighted Property Fund](#), and make [Election Day a full, paid Holiday](#) — making South Fulton the first city in the South, and one of the first in the nation to do so. He created an annual, companion event called the [Electoral College](#) to teach citizens how local & state government works. He then wrote resolutions, passed unanimously by Council, to declare racism a public health crisis and make [Juneteenth](#) a paid, city holiday. He co-sponsored and supported legislation to raise the city's minimum wage to \$15/hr., decriminalize marijuana for less than an ounce, "ban the box" asking applicants for city jobs about their previous criminal history and eliminate Columbus Day in favor of Indigenous People's Day.

A college-educated, community activist and Southern, Black, Christian [Socialist](#) — Councilman khalid brings a unique blend of professionalism, passion and authenticity to government.

Full Bio available at: khalidCares.com/Bio