



**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.

In his first three years in office, Councilman khalid authored legislation to 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 led South Fulton to create a second, Paid City Holiday for [Juneteenth](#). He also 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 with a career in nonprofit management and experience in blue-collar jobs; a Southern, Black, Christian [Socialist](#) — Councilman khalid brings a unique blend of professionalism, passion and authenticity to government. His vision is to make South Fulton, America's Blackest City, *Black. On Purpose*. This means building a city that is not just unapologetic about its demographics but moving "on purpose" to be a laboratory for economic, housing and restorative justice policies aimed at improving the lives of African Americans, like the legendary African-American cities of [Greenwood \(Tulsa\), Oklahoma](#), [Hilton Head Island](#) or [Rosewood, Florida](#).