

South Fulton, Georgia's Mayor khalid *Black. On Purpose.*



America's first [#BlackLivesMatter](#) organizer elected to public office, Mayor khalid (pronounced kuh-LEED) is leading a generation of young activists from protests to politics. This self-proclaimed *Elected Activist* has been featured by CBS, [The Nation](#), [Jacobin](#), [Governing Magazine](#) and other national media.

With a population that is [92 percent African-American](#), South Fulton, Georgia is now *the* blackest big city in America. khalid is a mission to make America's Blackest City *Black. On Purpose* — which means 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.

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 NPUs 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 \$1 million [Pedestrian Safety Fund](#) to install speed bumps in working-class neighborhoods, a [Blighted Property Fund](#) to demolish blighted & abandoned properties left standing for decades by county government, and create a full, paid [Election Day 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 sponsored legislation to secure \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for affordable housing; and 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](#) — Mayor khalid brings a unique blend of professionalism, passion and authenticity to government.

Full Bio available at: khalidCares.com/Bio