

Bio for Council Member Joyce M. Sheperd

District 12

Rising from experience as chair of her Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU X) and other community organizations, Atlanta City Councilmember Joyce Sheperd is in the full swing of her third term as council representative for District 12. She is a champion for community education, neighborhood safety, economic development, jobs and more. Sheperd is a listener, a community advocate, and friend.

Sheperd holds leadership positions and board appointments all over the City of Atlanta. Dedicated to service on City Council, Sheperd is the Chair of the Community Development and Human Resources committee, a member of the Committee on Council and the Public Safety committee. Sheperd holds membership on the Board of Directors for the Atlanta Development Authority (where she serves as Vice Chair with Mayor Kasim Reed), the Board of Directors for the Atlanta BeltLine Inc, the Board of Directors for the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, and the Board of Directors for the Fort McPherson Implementing Land Authority (where she serves as the founder and Chair of the Community Engagement Committee).

In addition to local appointments, Sheperd also serves her constituents on a state and national level. Locally, Sheperd is a member of the Georgia Municipal Association and serves on their Economic Development and Black Caucus committees. Sheperd is a proud and active member of the National League of Cities (NLC) where she serves on the board of Women in Municipal Government, the Community and Economic Development steering Committee, the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, the Large Cities Committee and more. Sheperd's state and national presence and involvement has brought great programs to the City of Atlanta including the launch of the NLC CVS/Caremark Prescription Discount Card program which helps reduce the cost of prescription for Atlanta residence and NLC Utility Service Partners Warranty program which offers residents options to reduce the high costs of home utility repair on water infrastructure.

Sheperd is also the recipient of numerous awards recognizing her dedication to the Atlanta community, including the National Common Cause Public Service Achievement Award, Atlanta City Council President Community Service Award, and the John C. Birdine Distinguished Leadership Award. She is also a graduate of the Regional Leadership Institute class of 2007.

Raised in the City of Atlanta, Joyce Sheperd is a graduate of Booker T. Washington, Atlanta Public School System, a fifty two year resident of the City of Atlanta, and a thirty two year resident of District 12. She is also a proud mother and grandmother. She has served as a voice in the Atlanta community for years and is dedicated to continuing to improve the quality of life in the City of Atlanta for years to come.