



## HELEN BUTLER

### Bio

Helen serves as Executive Director of the Georgia Coalition for the Peoples' Agenda (GCPA) a twenty-five-year-old advocacy organization, founded by the late civil rights leader, the Rev, Dr. Joseph E. Lowery. The GCPA is comprised of diverse representatives from civil and human rights, environmental justice, faith-based, labor, women, youth and peace and justice communities throughout the state of Georgia. The GCPA has offices in Albany, Atlanta, Athens, Augusta, Columbus, Macon, and Savannah.

She serves as the Convener of the Black Women's Roundtable of Georgia as an affiliate of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation to promote health and wellness, economic security, education, and global empowerment of Black women. She served on the Morgan County Board of Elections from 2010 until June 2021 and served as a past member of the State of Georgia Help America Vote Act Advisory Committee (HAVA). She most recently provided testimony at the United States House Judiciary Subcommittee's Hearing on Voting Rights in June 2021 and at the United States Senate Rules Hearing on Voting Rights in July 2021.

Due to her work in mobilizing and increasing turnout of Georgians in the January Runoff Election that elected two US Senators, she was recognized in 2021 as one of Democracy's Defenders as Glamour Magazine's Women of the Year. At the beginning of 2022 she was awarded the City of Atlanta's highest honor by Mayor Keisha Bottoms and Atlanta City Council, the Phoenix Award, for her work for voting rights as one of Georgia's Goddesses of Democracy. Her most recent recognition came on July 16, 2022 from BlackPush with its inaugural John Lewis Legacy Award authorized by the John Lewis Foundation and presented by the John Lewis Family, On June 13, 2022 she was honored and recognized by When We All Vote in Los Angeles with former First Lady Michelle Obama for her grassroots organizing efforts.

As one of the first 50 African American students to attend the University of Georgia after the integration of the school by Charlene Hunter -Gault and Hamilton Holmes, she received a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Georgia with a major in accounting. She also studied and served as a Recruiter for the Master of Public Administration program at the University of Georgia,