



MARCELA HOWELL

Bio

Marcela Howell is the president & CEO of In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda, a national-state partnership with eight Black women's Reproductive Justice organizations with a goal of lifting up the voices of Black leaders on reproductive rights, health and justice.

An advocate and policy strategist, Marcela is recognized for her expertise in strategic communications, leadership development and policy forecasting. With over 40 years of experience advocating for reproductive justice and women's empowerment, she is devoted to enhancing the role of Black women in national policy debates on issues that impact their lives. Marcela has testified before Congress on abortion access, reproductive rights and justice and the empowerment of Black women and has been quoted in numerous publications, including Newsweek, Washington Post, Ms. Magazine, Blavity, and Essence Magazine.

Marcela is the author of *Walk in My Shoes: A Black Activist's Guide to Surviving the Women's Movement*, a collection of inspirational essays to help young Black women navigate the women's movement and empower them to become leaders in the fight for reproductive justice.