



**Rep. Roberta Abdul-Salaam
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Biography

Roberta Abdul-Salaam, a native Georgian, is currently an active member on the Economic Development & Tourism, Judiciary Non-Civil and Transportation Committees. She also serves as Associate Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Foundation and Chair of the political action committee for the Clayton County NAACP.

She works as a paralegal with the firm Golden & Associates, and was recently sworn in by Juvenile Judge Steven Teske as a member of the F.A.S.T. Panel of the Clayton County Juvenile Court, which addresses the problem of juvenile delinquency through a program of "prevention rather than detention," providing community-building alternatives to troubled youth. Abdul-Salaam has long worked to educate and empower Georgia's voters.

She is the Founder and President of Grassroots Connection, Inc, and has conducted voter empowerment training for numerous organizations, including the National Conference of Black Mayors and the National SCLC Convention. In July 2003, she was appointed to the Clayton County Board of Elections, the first in the county's history, and served as the first Chair of the Board. Abdul-Salaam was the Region One Director of the Georgia Coalition for the Peoples' Agenda's Voter Empowerment Crusade, which registered over 40,000 voters in 2002, including 2000 high school seniors in metro Atlanta public schools. In recognition of her service, Abdul-Salaam has received many honors, including a Service Award from Mrs. Coretta Scott King, and a citation from former Secretary of State, George Schultz. Abdul-Salaam is the mother of four adult children and the proud grandparent of four. A resident of Clayton County, she is an active member of New Macedonia Baptist Church in Riverdale, where she serves on the Missionary Society and works with the Youth Ministry. District 74 includes a portion of Riverdale in North Clayton County and North Fayetteville in Fayette County.