



Rep. Alisha Morgan
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Biography

A courageous champion for justice, equality and empowering communities, Alisha Thomas Morgan made history at age 23 by becoming the first African-American to serve in the Georgia House of Representatives for Cobb County. Elected to her fifth term in July 2010, winning over 73% of the vote, at age 32 Morgan remains one of the youngest members of the entire Georgia General Assembly. A powerful political voice, inspirational speaker and empowering trainer, Morgan is one of today's trailblazing architects for change.

Morgan has become a statewide leader in the movement for education reform, forging a bipartisan coalition to pass HB 251 in 2009, a bill which empowers parents to access more options within the public school system. In February of 2010, Morgan was selected to participate in a national bi-partisan group of legislators to work under Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and with senior staff at the US Department of Education (DOE) on the reauthorization of "No Child Left Behind" (NCLB). Recently appointed to the National Board of Directors of the Black Alliance of Educational Options (BAEO), Morgan also serves as the national co-chair of the Parent's Advisory Council of the National Coalition of Public School Options (NCPSO).

A rising star on the national scene, Morgan is a sought-after speaker and trainer, with clients including the Harvard University Black Policy Conference, the Yale University Women's Campaign School, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and numerous other national agencies and organizations. Morgan has been named one of the Nation's 30 Leaders who are under 30 by Ebony Magazine, one of "America's Young Civil Rights Heroes" by AOL Black Voices, one of fifteen women of the "New Power Generation" by Essence Magazine, and one of Georgia's "Brightest 40 under 40" by both Georgia Trend Magazine and the Georgia Informer. Morgan has also been featured in the New York Times, The Washington Post, and on both CSPAN and BET.

An innovative entrepreneur with a passion for inspiring others to be their most authentic selves, in 2009 Morgan launched Morganics, a people services company that focuses on public speaking, leadership development, training and advocacy. Morgan also recently published her debut book "No Apologies: Powerful Lessons in Life, Love & Politics", a riveting, no holds barred tell-all offering life lessons through the transparent lens of one of the country's most promising political stars.

Morgan is a graduate of Spelman College in Atlanta, GA where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in both Sociology and Drama. She resides in Austell, GA with her family.