



**Rep. Valencia Stovall  
(D-74)**

### **Biography**

Rep. Valencia Stovall is a proud native of Southeast Atlanta and an entrepreneur who currently resides in Clayton County and represents the cities of Morrow, Lake City, Forest Park, College Park, and Riverdale in District 74. She has a passion for economic development and education reform coupled with a strong diverse background in finance, retail operations, business development, and now public policy.

Rep. Stovall is a member of House Committees on Education (Vice-Chair Sub-Committee on Early Learning & K-12), Medical Cannabis Working Group (Vice-Chair), Small Business Development & Job Creation, Economic Development & Tourism, Interstate Cooperation. She is a Commissioner on the Georgia Council for the Arts and Governor Deal's Education Reform Commission. She has served on the House Study Committees on Post Secondary Options for Individuals with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities and Fibroids Education & Awareness. She was appointed in 2017 by House Speaker David Ralston to serve on the National Conference of State Legislatures Education Committee. She is a 2015 Henry Toll Fellow Alumni, a nationally recognized states leadership program. In 2016, she made history again by being one of four inaugural recipients of Women In Politics Making A Difference Award by the Women's Legislative Network of NCSL. Her greatest accomplishments as a legislator are sponsoring during her 2<sup>nd</sup> term bi-partisan HB 614 Landon Dunson Act (video cameras in self-contained special needs classrooms), HB 807 Clayton County Community Improvement District (revision to allow partnership with adjoining CIDs), and hosting the Educate Georgia Summit at the State Capitol since 2016 (collaboration of educators, parents, students, policymakers, business & community leaders). She believes in "touching the people" by hosting annually a Career-Job Fair and Dance on the Bridge parent & community outreach events in her district. Each session Rep. Stovall enjoys recognizing Georgians who make the state great by sharing their time and talents. She considers it an honor to serve in the Georgia General Assembly as she works to ensure that House District 74, Metro Atlanta and the State of Georgia become thriving economic regions and amazing places to live.

As the Chief Financial Officer of a retail experience and operations firm, she oversaw finance, operations, and human resources for thousands of employees for projects including the logistical and retail operations of the 1996 Olympic Games, retail operations for two Superbowls, Georgia Dome retail development and management for events including NFL Atlanta Falcons, SEC Championship Games, Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl, Atlanta

Hawks, Motorsport Events, The Rolling Stones, and U2, The University of Georgia Stanford Stadium retail development and management, Coca Cola/Lakewood Amphitheater, Atlanta Fulton County Stadium, and promotional printing locations throughout Metro Atlanta.

Rep. Stovall's philanthropic work includes serving as the Board Chair of Scholars Academy Special State Charter School which she restructured the organization through strategic planning, real estate acquisition and development, directed financial and legal negotiations, implemented growth capital programs, personnel restructuring and development, reengineered business processes, instilled urgency for financial discipline, and capitalized on growth opportunities with local community partners. She also served as the Executive Board Member for the Atlanta Council of PTA's in which she oversaw the executive financial operation and development for 90 schools. For two years she served as the co-founder of the Morrow Community Fall Festival which drew over 5,000 attendees to this unity in the community event. She is a member of the Clayton State University Dean of Arts & Science Advisory Council, Utopian Academy for the Arts Charter School Advisory Board, and Morrow High School PTSA.

She is the proud mother of Lovett and Kristy and an alumni of Southside Comprehensive High School now Maynard Jackson High School, Fort Valley State University, and Georgia State University.