

The Contract with Black Georgia: A Vision for Justice and Equality

This Contract is made by and between the undersigned parties, collectively referred to as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize the historical and systemic challenges faced by the Black community in Georgia;

WHEREAS, the Parties are committed to championing the quality of life indicators for Black Georgians and working diligently to address, promote, pursue, adopt, provide, and do the necessary actions to address these issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Economic Index Commitments:

- a. **Income Inequality:** The Parties will work towards reducing the income gap, ensuring fair wages, and promoting economic opportunities for Black Georgians.
- b. **Unemployment Rate:** The Parties will strive to reduce unemployment rates, focusing on skill development and job creation.
- c. **Wealth Gap:** The Parties will promote policies and programs that address generational wealth disparities.
- d. **Access to Credit:** The Parties will ensure that Black Georgians have equal access to credit facilities.
- e. **Educational Attainment:** The Parties will promote educational opportunities and reduce barriers to higher education.
- f. **Government Contracting:** The Parties will ensure that Black Georgians have equal opportunities in government contracting processes.

2. Social Index Commitments:

- a. **Institutionalized Racism:** The Parties will work towards dismantling systemic racism in all its forms.
- b. **Voter Suppression:** The Parties will ensure that every Black Georgian has an equal right to vote without hindrance.
- c. **Mental Health Support:** The Parties will promote mental health awareness and ensure access to quality mental health care.
- d. **Incarceration Rates:** The Parties will work towards reducing disproportionate incarceration rates and promoting justice reform.
- e. **Reentry Initiatives:** The Parties will support initiatives that help reintegrate formerly incarcerated individuals into society.

3. Environmental Index Commitments:

- a. **Environmental Racism:** The Parties will address and rectify areas where environmental hazards disproportionately affect Black communities.
- b. **Access to Green Spaces:** The Parties will ensure that Black communities have equal access to parks and recreational areas.
- c. **Climate Change Impact:** The Parties will work towards policies that mitigate the effects of climate change on vulnerable communities.
- d. **Brownfield Cleanup:** The Parties will prioritize the cleanup and redevelopment of contaminated sites in Black communities.

4. Health Index Commitments:

- a. **Healthcare Access:** The Parties will ensure that Black Georgians have equal access to quality healthcare services.
- b. **Chronic Diseases:** The Parties will promote awareness and prevention of chronic diseases that disproportionately affect Black Georgians.
- c. **Infant Mortality Rates:** The Parties will work towards reducing infant mortality rates in Black communities.
- d. **Black Women's Health:** The Parties will address and prioritize the unique health challenges faced by Black women.
- e. **Black Men's Health:** The Parties will address and prioritize the unique health challenges faced by Black men.

5. Education Index Commitments:

- a. **Educational Attainment Gap:** The Parties will work towards closing the educational attainment gap for Black students.
- b. **Digital Divide:** The Parties will ensure that Black students have equal access to digital resources and technology.
- c. **School Underfunding:** The Parties will advocate for equitable funding for schools in Black communities.
- d. **Higher Education Access:** The Parties will promote and ensure access to higher education for Black students.
- e. **Early Childhood Education:** The Parties will prioritize and promote early childhood education opportunities for Black children.
- f. **HBCUs:** The Parties will support and promote Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

6. Infrastructure Index Commitments:

- a. **Health Service Deserts:** The Parties will work towards eliminating health service deserts in Black communities.
- b. **Food Deserts:** The Parties will ensure that Black communities have access to affordable and nutritious food.
- c. **Credit Deserts:** The Parties will work towards ensuring that Black communities have equal access to financial services.
- d. **Housing Deserts:** The Parties will address housing disparities and promote affordable housing solutions.
- e. **Digital and Broadband Deserts:** The Parties will ensure that Black communities have equal access to reliable broadband services.
- f. **Transportation Deserts:** The Parties will work towards improving transportation access in Black communities.

7. Governance Index Commitments:

- a. **Voter Suppression:** The Parties will work towards eliminating voter suppression tactics and ensuring that every Black Georgian can vote freely.
- b. **Gerrymandering:** The Parties will advocate for fair redistricting processes that do not dilute the Black vote.
- c. **Political Representation:** The Parties will promote and support Black representation in political offices.

8. General Provisions:

- a. **Amendments:** This Contract may be amended only in writing and signed by both Parties.
- b. **Governing Law:** This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the state of Georgia.
- c. **Entire Agreement:** This Contract contains the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings, and agreements between the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Contract as of the date first above written.