

Open Letter to the Democratic Party

Dear Democratic Party Leadership,

As the 2024 presidential elections draw near, we urge you to recognize the pivotal role that Georgia and its ten electoral votes will play in shaping our nation's future. This state, with its rich history, transformed into a beacon of change in the last election cycle, primarily due to our community, the African-Americans of Georgia.

We braved the scorching heat, the pouring rain, and countless challenges to cast our votes and turn Georgia purple. This wasn't just an act of civic duty but a testament to our faith in the Democratic Party's promise for a better future.

Yet, our dedication must not be mistaken for blind loyalty. The political dividends we've received in return for our unwavering support have been disappointingly meager. While various communities have reaped benefits from their political associations, the returns for African-Americans have been minimal. The belief that "what benefits all, benefits Blacks" is a misconception we no longer subscribe to. The notion that "a rising tide lifts all boats" doesn't reflect the reality we confront daily.

Our steadfast support for the Democratic Party seems to have inadvertently emboldened Republican-led states like Florida and Arkansas to attempt to diminish our historical contributions from their educational programs.

Our community has consistently rallied behind the Democratic Party. Now, we expect the Party to champion our causes not just in rhetoric but through actionable policies that recognize our immense contributions. We demand neither more nor less than what other groups have been afforded, especially considering our unwavering support.

Georgia will once again be pivotal in the upcoming elections. If the Democratic Party wishes to secure our backing, it must acknowledge our concerns and work diligently to address them. We stand united, ready to craft a brighter, more inclusive future. But, for that future to be realized, our dedication must be met with equal dedication from the Party we have long supported.

Yours in solidarity,

Georgia's Black Residents