

MELANIE L. CAMPBELL

Melanie L. Campbell is the CEO and Executive Director of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation. Ms. Campbell has over 20 years of experience as a civic leader, public administrator, political strategist, civil rights and youth advocate.

Ms. Campbell is certified in non-profit management by the Georgetown University Public Policy Institute Executive Program. She is a nationally recognized expert in civic engagement, black voter participation, election reform, voting rights, census and coalition building. Ms. Campbell recently completed the inaugural class of the Progressive Women's Voices at the Women's Media Center in New York. She was a resident fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government's Institute of Politics at Harvard University in Spring 2003.

One of her most rewarding accomplishments at the National Coalition has been creating an innovative, youth-focused leadership development program, *Black Youth Vote! (BYV)*, for which she received the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Emerging Leaders Legacy Award in June 2003. Highly successful coalition projects enacted under Ms. Campbell's leadership include the Voices of the Electorate Election Reform Task Force in 2001, Unity Civic Engagement & Voter Empowerment Campaign; and most recently, the *ReBuild Hope NOW* coalition to assist survivors of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in rebuilding their lives in the Gulf Coast.

She is a contributing writer in the 2008 National Urban League State of Black America, *Election Reform: Protecting Our Vote from the Enemy Who Never Sleeps*; 2006 Harvard University Journal on African Americans in Public Policy, "A Nation Exposed: Rebuilding African American Communities", article on 'Right of Return Means Access to the Ballot, Access to Neighborhoods, and Access to Economic Opportunity'. She also contributed to the publication's 2004 edition, "Politics & Progress: A Presidential Platform for 2004." She was featured in the July 2003 Black Enterprise Magazine article on *Black Leadership: The Next Generation*.

Ms. Campbell serves on the board of the Black Leadership Forum, a confederation of the leaders of the 21 top African American civil rights and service organizations. She holds a B.A. in Business Administration and Finance from Clark Atlanta University. Ms. Campbell received outstanding leadership and civic service awards from the National Urban League, Women in the NAACP, SCLC W.O.M.E.N., National Voting Rights Museum & Institute, and State Farm Insurance. She is a charter member of FUTURE PAC, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, SCLC W.O.M.E.N., Northern Virginia Urban League, National Council of Negro Women, NAACP, Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and the National Association of Female Executives.

