



The Honorable “Able” Mable Thomas

- Public Servant
- Economic Development Advocate
- Community Leader

The Honorable “Able” Mable Thomas has dedicated more than three decades to advancing economic opportunity, community development, and equitable public policy. A former Georgia state representative and Atlanta citywide councilmember, her work connects public investment with neighborhood preservation, workforce stability, and access to essential services.

During her four years representing Atlanta’s Post 1 At-Large district, Thomas used the city budget process to advocate for employee pay increases of up to 5%. She helped secure \$4.9 million for green space conservation. She championed efforts to address the effects of gentrification and played a significant role in community advocacy for the Historic Westside Revitalization Project.

As founder of the Greater Vine City Opportunities Program, Inc. (GVCOP), Thomas has supported youth and family enrichment, education, and neighborhood development. Through the nonprofit, she purchased the historic English Avenue School for \$1 million, demonstrating her commitment to preserving community assets. In the Georgia General Assembly, Thomas served on committees addressing economic development and tourism, science and technology, and natural resources and the environment. She chaired the study committee on Minority Participation, Diversity and Inclusion in Georgia’s film and television industry, working to expand access to jobs and business opportunities.

Her legislative work also addressed the economic burden of inadequate healthcare. She advocated for insurance coverage of preventive cancer screenings and, with legislative colleagues, worked in 2020 to expand postpartum Medicaid coverage and fund maternal health. This included allocating \$20 million in the budget, providing \$500,000 for Morehouse School of Medicine, and leveraging about \$60 million for research, training, and community development.

Thomas’s national leadership includes serving as a Jesse Jackson presidential delegate at the 1984 Democratic National Convention and convening the group of Black women who helped establish the reproductive justice framework in 1994.

Recognized by the Georgia General Assembly Women’s Caucus, Clark Atlanta University, the NAACP, and numerous community organizations, Thomas brings extensive experience in legislative advocacy, budget negotiations, and community partnerships. Her public service reflects a sustained commitment to directing resources toward investments that strengthen families, preserve neighborhoods, and broaden economic participation.

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