

Commissioner Ted Terry's Bio

In 2020, Commissioner Terry was elected to serve as the Super District 6 Commissioner of DeKalb County, after former Commissioner Kathie Gannon announced her retirement. His district includes half of the County with portions of South, Central and North DeKalb, totaling approximately 350,000 residents.

Committed to his platform, Commissioner Terry's motto of "Together, We Can Move DeKalb Forward," focuses on affordable housing, transit equity, DeKalb Green New Deals, DeKalb voting rights, and criminal reform.

After elected, Ted was appointed by the Presiding Officer of the Board of Commission to serve as Chair of the Operations (OPS) and a member of the Public Works and Infrastructure (PWI). He will also serve as a member of the Resilience Advisory Board and Large Urban County Caucus with the National Association of County Commissioners (NACo).

In addition to his other service, he currently serves as the First Vice-Chair for the Democratic Party of Georgia, on the advisory board for the Global Village Project and as a member of the Dekalb County Board of Health.

Prior to this election, Ted Terry served as the Mayor of the most ethnically diverse square mile in America: Clarkston, Georgia from January 2014 – March 2020. Ted is the youngest Mayor in Clarkston's 135-year history.

As mayor of Clarkston, Ted successfully oversaw the implementation of a bold, progressive agenda including a \$15 minimum wage for city employees, the decriminalization of simple marijuana possession, an expansion of after school programs, and a commitment for Clarkston to utilize 100 percent clean energy by 2050. Ted also represented Clarkston at a United Nations meeting on refugee resettlement and at the German Marshall Fund's Young Policy Network Conference on Migration.

With more than 17 years of experience in public service, his broad-minded leadership style helped transition Clarkston's vision to become a more welcoming and compassionate community. While serving as the Mayor of Clarkston, Ted worked as the Campaign Director for the Georgia AFL-CIO and as the Director of the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club.