



Rep. Erick Allen
District 40

Biography

State Representative Erick Allen learned from his parents that faith without good deeds falls short. Erick's father, a retired C.M.E. pastor, volunteered as a poll worker and worked to register people of color to vote. His mother was a beloved public school teacher for more than 30 years, shaping the hearts and minds of countless young people. On weekends, Erick would join his grandmother as a volunteer at the Red Cross and continue learning about the value of public service. After graduating high school in 1994, Erick attended Volunteer State College in Gallatin, Tennessee, where he received his associate's degree in secondary education. Erick went on to receive a bachelor's degree in human and organizational development from Belmont University, as well as a master's degree in business administration from Kennesaw State University.

Since then, Erick has built and grown his own consulting firm, which focused on workforce performance and development. As a result, Erick has worked side-by-side with small and medium-sized companies and nonprofits to help steer them through the recent economic recession. Erick has also served in leadership with the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, where he helped establish programs and services designed to serve the most vulnerable citizens in the state. And, it is because of these experiences that Erick began to look more closely at the policies and missed opportunities that have kept Georgia from not just recovering, but thriving once again.

In 2018, Cobb County voters sent Erick to the State Capitol to continue his advocacy on behalf of small business owners and working families and to increase health care access. In addition to health care, Representative Allen has been an advocate for environmental justice and stopping Republican attempts to make voting more difficult for people of color. He formed the bipartisan Legislative Working Group on Addiction and Recovery to reduce the stigma of mental health and substance abuse. At the time of its formation, this working group was the second legislative group of its kind in the country. Rep. Allen then went on to represent Cobb County as the chair of the Cobb County Legislative Delegation.

Erick lives in the Vinings area with his wife, Dr. Tameka Allen, and daughter, Elise.