

## **Shirley Franklin, 58<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Atlanta**

Shirley Franklin served as mayor of the City of Atlanta from 2002 to 2009 after serving in the administrations of Atlanta Mayors Maynard Jackson and Andrew Young. Her government service spans 2 decades, though she is best known as the Sewer Mayor for her commitment to upgrading the city's aging water and sewer system under a federal Consent Decree. During her 8 years as mayor, she championed tough ethics legislation and implemented sweeping government operational reforms, while leading the city to launch the Atlanta Beltline and to fund historic levels of investment in airport, parks, affordable housing and water infrastructure projects. Franklin had the honor of teaching at Spelman College and the Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas Austin. Throughout her professional career she has served on numerous boards including Delta Air Lines and Purpose-Built Communities. Currently, Franklin chairs the Board of Directors of the National Center for Civil and Human Rights and is a member of the boards of AIA, Mueller Water Products, the CDC Foundation, the Volcker Alliance and Purpose-Built Schools Atlanta.