

# DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION SUMMIT

GEORGIA CHAMBER

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2024 Diversity Equity & Inclusion Summit  
Georgia International Convention Center  
November 13, 2024

## 8:30 AM – Registration Opens & Breakfast Available

### 9:00 AM – Call to Order & Remarks

**Chris Clark**, President & CEO, Georgia Chamber

### Presenting Sponsor Remarks

**Sharna Barnes**, CEO, Complete Contract Consulting

### Economic Growth in Our Communities

**Martina Edwards**, President & CEO, ACE

**Tharon Johnson**, Founder/CEO, Paramount Consulting

**Santiago Marquez**, CEO, Latin American Association

**Moderator: Nikita Trivedi**, Director, Supplier Management and Strategic Shared Services, Southern Company

### Sponsor Remarks

### Disproportionate Impacts of Weather on Communities

**Dr. J. Marshall Shepherd**, Georgia Athletic Association Distinguished Professor Director, Atmospheric Sciences Program, University of Georgia

Moderated by: **Mishaune Sawyer**, Senior Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Manager, East Region, JE Dunn Construction

### Coffee & Refreshment Break

### Sponsor Remarks & Intro

**Diana Gueits**, Executive Director Diversity, Equity, Including & Belonging, Wellstar Health System

### Health & Well-being for Our Communities

**Kristy Klein Davis**, President & CEO, Georgia Health Initiative

**Astrid Wilkie-McKellar**, Manager, Community Outreach & Engagement, Northside Hospital Cancer Institute

**Jo Anne Hill**, Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Piedmont Healthcare

Moderated by: **Myra Reeves**, Director- DEI Associate Engagement, The Home Depot

## **Sponsor Remarks & Intro**

**Joseph Rheaves**, Atlanta Market President, Truist

## **Embracing Second Chance Workers**

**Dana Woodall**, Chief Legal Officer, Georgia Department of Labor

**Brenda J. Smeeton**, Legal Director, Georgia Justice Project

**Amelia Nickerson**, CEO, First Step Staffing

Moderator: Kendall Jacobs, Sr. Director DEI, Aaron's Co. Inc.

## **Lunch Sponsor Remarks & Lunch Instructions**

**Kristian Whittington**, Director, Giving Back, Southwire

## **12:20 PM - Lunch Buffet Opens**

## **Working Lunch Remarks**

**Erica Bolden**, Head of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & People Analytics, Mercedes-Benz USA

**Paul Meshanko**, Founder & President, Legacy Business Cultures

## **Sponsor Remarks & Intro**

**Chris Turner**, Managing Director, B2B Markets, Georgia Natural Gas

## **Accessibility for Our Communities**

**Aarti Sahgal**, Founder, Synergies Work

**John Morris**, Sr. Clinical Research Scientist, Shepherd Center

**Ilond Zombil Tshipau**, Vice President, Operational and Program Services, Bobby Dodd Institute

Moderated by: **David Gascko**, Founder, HIERARCHY, INC

## **Sponsor Remarks & Intro**

**Theia Smith**, Human Resources Sr. Director Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging, Comcast

## **The State of Black Residents – McKinsey & Company**

## **Presenting Sponsor Remarks & Intro of Keynote**

**Leslie Pearce**, SVP and Head of Relationship and Strategy for Minority Depository Institutions, Fiserv

## **Jay Bailey Keynote Address**

**Jay Bailey**, President & CEO, Russell Innovation Center for Entrepreneurs

## **3:00 PM - Closing Remarks**

**Tasha Allen**, Vice President, Talent Management and Diversity, Georgia Chamber

**3:00 – 4:00 PM - Reception**