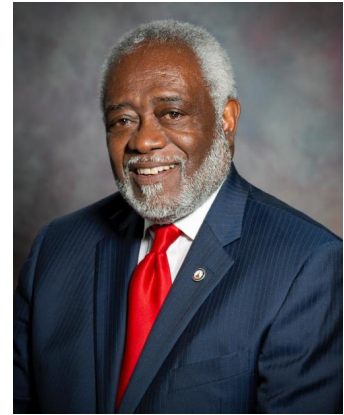


# Former GA State Senator Floyd L. Griffin, Jr. Launches Exploratory Committee for GA Secretary of State



For Immediate Release  
Date: June 8, 2021

Name: Floyd Griffin  
Email: runfloydrun2022@gmail.com

---

**Milledgeville, GA**—Former Georgia Senator Floyd L. Griffin, concerned about the sweeping voting restriction changes in the state, is launching a committee to explore the prospects of running for Georgia’s Secretary of State.

Griffin has been a leader in the fight for voting rights in Georgia, as it relates to African Americans in particular, for decades. He lived through the racist and discriminatory poll tax laws that were put in place to keep poor Blacks in the south from voting. After years of fighting for Civil Rights as an activist, in 1994 Griffin accomplished what political experts said deemed impossible: He defeated an incumbent Georgia State Senator in a majority white district.

The victory made Griffin the first African American in modern times to be elected to do so, and catapulted him into the political world’s consciousness. In 1998, Griffin was candidate for lieutenant governor of Georgia. His candidacy for lieutenant governor made him the first African American to run for that office in the twentieth century. In 2000, Griffin made another unprecedented achievement in becoming the first African American mayor of the old capitol city of Milledgeville, Georgia.

This background of activism, business and legislative acumen makes Griffin more than qualified to take over the Georgia Secretary of State, he said, which has been under fire during the governor’s race in which Brian Kemp narrowly and controversially defeated Stacey Abrams in 2018 and the 2020 Presidential election, in which Georgia was won by a Democrat (Joe Biden) for the first time since Bill Clinton won the state in 1992. Leading up to this momentous occasion in 2020, Griffin was named as an at large delegate to the DNC (*a position that required then candidate Joe Biden’s approval*), where he cast a vote for Biden.

*“As African American’s we have marched, fought and died for the right to vote...we have made strides in holding various legislative offices, but this will be the first time for Georgia to elect an African American to be at the forefront of all executive decisions as it relates to voting and voter rights.”*

Griffin served as Senator of Georgia's 25th District for two terms. In the Georgia Senate, Griffin was Chairman of the Interstate Cooperation Committee and served on the Defense and Veteran's Affairs, Health and Human Services, Higher Education, Local and State Government Operations and the powerful Rules Committees.

Five years after Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Law in place in 1965, Mr. Griffin was serving in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot, an instructor pilot and commander of a construction engineer company. After combat service he commanded an engineer battalion under General Norman Schwarzkopf, was later promoted to the rank of Colonel and then served on the Army Staff at the Pentagon.

*"I witnessed firsthand, the arms of Jim Crow and I live with the nightmare of knowing that a classmate at Tuskegee University, Sammy Younge was the first student to lose his life during peaceful protests in 1964. I am more than qualified to be the next Secretary of State, my life's work has prepared me for this moment".*

To learn more about Griffin and his honorable political background and ideas about the Secretary of State position, please contact: Email: Former Macon, Georgia Mayor, Jack Ellis at [runfloydrun2022@gmail.com](mailto:runfloydrun2022@gmail.com)

###