

## **Rosel J. Fann**

Rosel J. Fann is a community leader who has touched the lives of hundreds in Southeast Atlanta. A trailblazer, Mrs. Fann has been at the forefront of change nearly all of her adult life. As a high school student, she was the first African American woman to receive the Atlanta Journal and Constitution Best All Around Trophy in the Fulton County School System. She also was a successful candidate for Representative-at-large to the East Point High School Student Council. As a parent, she served as president of the PTA. Active politically, she participated in Voter Registration in her community in the early 1970s, and in 1972 she was a candidate for the 37<sup>th</sup> House District, Georgia House of Representatives, the only woman to run for the position.

Mrs. Fann is known throughout the city, county, and the state. In 1980, she was honored with the Fulton County Outstanding Citizen Award. She has been praised for her outstanding community service by the Atlanta City Council., the Georgia State Senate, the Atlanta Planning Advisory Board of Harper Elementary School and the Metro Atlanta Coalition of 100 Black Women. She is the recipient of numerous awards including the Martin Luther King Jr. Award for her service

For several years, Mrs. Fann held office in Neighborhood Planning Unit-Z, including charter secretary, assistant secretary, president and president emeritus. Mrs. Fann has fought for a safe place for children, for a desirable community, and for services for senior citizens. In 2007, the city and community honored her by renaming the Southeast Atlanta Recreation Center the Rosel J. Fann Recreation Center.

Mrs. Fann is highly regarded and respected by all in her community. She is tough, but fair, and is a consistent advocate for the Southside of the city. A pillar of the community and her family, Mrs. Fann has four adult children, three daughters-in-law, one son-in-law, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.