

# SCOPE

**STRATEGIC  
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## Gloria Walton, President and CEO, Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education

Gloria Walton is one of the country's most exciting "next generation" political leaders. For the last seven years she has been President & CEO of Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE), a South LA-based community organization widely recognized as a leader in the development of cutting-edge strategies to ensure that black and brown, poor and working-class communities have an equal voice in the democratic process. Under Ms. Walton's leadership SCOPE has played a pivotal role in several significant campaigns, including serving as an anchor organization in winning statewide alliance efforts to pass California's Proposition 30 (which increased taxes for upper income earners and restored \$6 billion in education funding, temporarily ending budget cuts to education for the first time in years); and Proposition 47 (which reformed the three strikes law by reducing non-violent crimes from felonies to misdemeanors and put the cost savings into rehabilitation, social programs, and mental health services). Ms. Walton also led the organizing effort for SCOPE's green jobs programs that couple entry level positions with job training to create career pathways into good, green jobs targeted for workers in low-income neighborhoods.

In 2016 Ms. Walton received the NAACP-LA's Empowerment Award; the LA League of Conservation Voters Environmental Justice Champion Award; and, the Center for Community Change's Champion in Community Organizing Award. She was a recipient of the James Irvine Foundation Fund for Leadership Advancement grant award and was named one of Liberty Hill Foundation's Leaders to Watch in 2011.

Ms. Walton currently serves on the Board of Directors of California Calls, the Coordinating Committee of the Black Worker Center, and is a Founding Advisory Board member of a national collaborative known as BOLD (Black Organizing for Leadership & Dignity).