

The Honorable Karen Carter Peterson

In January 2010, after a decade of service in the Louisiana House of Representatives, Karen Carter Peterson became the new state senator for District 5. District 5 encompasses the stretch along the Mississippi River from Canal to Jefferson Avenue and includes the Central Business District, the Warehouse District, the Garden District, Central City and parts of Uptown, Mid City and Carrollton areas.

During her time in the Louisiana House of Representatives, Sen. Carter Peterson served on the House Appropriations Committee, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, the House Governmental Affairs Committee, and most recently, she served as House Speaker Pro Tempore. During her service in the House, she was also the first woman to chair the House Insurance Committee. Currently, Senator Carter Peterson serves as a member on the Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs Committee, Finance Committee, Health & Welfare Committee, Judiciary B committee, and Local & Municipal Affairs Committee.

Sen. Carter Peterson is a 1991 graduate of Howard University School of Business, where she received a degree in International Business and Marketing, and of Tulane University Law School, where she was afforded the opportunity to attend both Boston College Law School and the University of Virginia's Law School as a visiting student.