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Dr. Austin earned a Bachelor's degree in economics and Sociology from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky; a Master's degree in Sociology from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. He also has received a diploma from the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University and an honorary doctorate from Central Michigan University.

Dr. Austin founded and was Editor of the *Urban League Review*, a national research and policy journal, and has a large number of monographs, articles and artistic works to his credit. He has been a partner with Austin Ford Associates, a Washington, DC-based consulting firm, an Executive Assistant to the President of the University of the District of Columbia (UDC), and an Assistant to the UDC Board of Trustees and the late Honorable Ronald H. Brown.

Dr. Austin has also served as a speech writer and issues director for former Housing and Urban Development Secretary, the Honorable Patricia Roberts Harris, as well as the former Mayor of Washington, DC Mayor, the Honorable Sharon Pratt Kelly.

Dr. Austin serves as a board member for The National Housing Trust and the National Institute for Urban Wildlife. He previously served on the boards of the D.C. Repertory Theater and The Capital Ballet of Washington, D.C. He has served as an appointed member of the Atlantic Council of the United States, and a member of the Academic Council on the United Nations System, the Global Education Association, the American Culture Association, and the American Sociological Association. He is recipient of the Kellogg National Fellowship award and listed in *Who's Who in Black America*, *Outstanding Young Men of America*, the *International Dictionary of Biographies* and the international edition of *Men of Achievement*.

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