



**Metropolitan Water  
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## **Cecilia Elena Rouse**

**Cecilia Elena Rouse, age 58, is an African American economist. Rouse earned a Bachelor of Arts in economics from Harvard University in 1986 and a PhD in economics from Harvard University in 1992. Her father, Carl Rouse, was one of the first African Americans to receive a PhD in physics. Rouse served for several years as the Dean of the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs. She concurrently serves as the 30th Chair of the Council of Advisors in the Biden administration.**

**Dr. Rouse served on President Clinton's administration at the National Economic Council in 1998 working on an immigration bill all the way through to negotiating the final bill on Capitol Hill. She also served in the Obama administration from 2009-2011 as a member of the Council of Economic Advisors, developing policy solutions that impacted multiple departments.**

**Dr. Rouse has a deep interest in social issues. She has studied the impact of education and training on labor market outcomes. Troubled by the lack of diversity in academia, Dr. Rouse encourages the study of economics by letting young people know that economics is not just concerned with business and the stock market, but it is also concerned with people, education, crime, poverty, and many other issues.**

