



The Honorable William "Bill" Edwards, Mayor
The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1 Councilmember
The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember
The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember
The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember
The Honorable Corey A. Reeves, District 5 Councilmember
The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember
The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7 Councilmember

COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Presentations
 - 1. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta (**Rowell**)
- IV. Previous Agenda Items
- V. Agenda Items
 - 2. Council Discussion on 2020 Legislative Session Report by A R. Long & Company
- VI. Executive Session (if needed)

When an Executive Session is Required, one will be called for the following issues: 1) Personnel, 2) Litigation or 3) Real Estate
- VII. Adjournment of Meeting



CITY OF SOUTH FULTON

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

COUNCIL WORK SESSION



SUBJECT: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta

DATE OF MEETING: 2/11/2020

DEPARTMENT: Mayor

ATTACHMENTS:

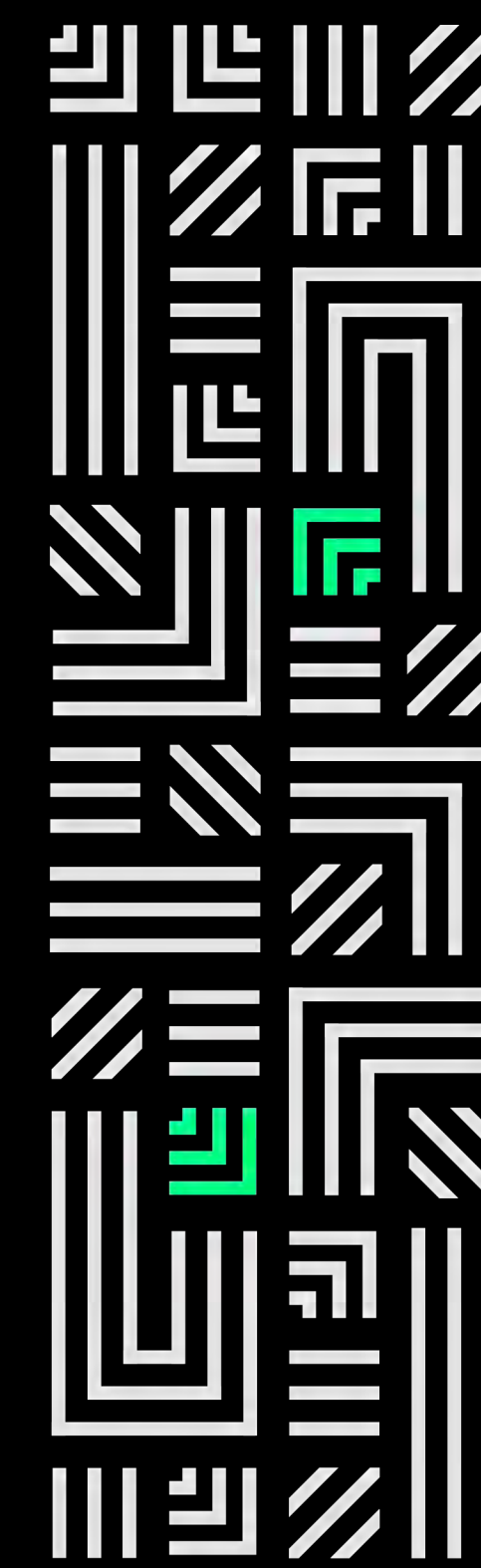
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CB Volunteer Orientation-Recruitment	Cover Memo	2/5/2020



Big Brothers
Big Sisters®
OF METRO ATLANTA

BECOMING A BIG

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS MISSION

Create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.



OUR LOCAL DIFFERENCE

- The agency serves 12 counties: the largest number of children are served in Fulton, DeKalb, Cobb and Gwinnett counties.
- Who we defend: children 8-18 years of age
 - 1,300 matches served in 2019



THE IMPACT OF BIGS AND LITTLES

98%

are promoted
to the next
grade on time

99%

do not become
involved with
the juvenile
justice system



98%

of seniors
graduate high
school on time

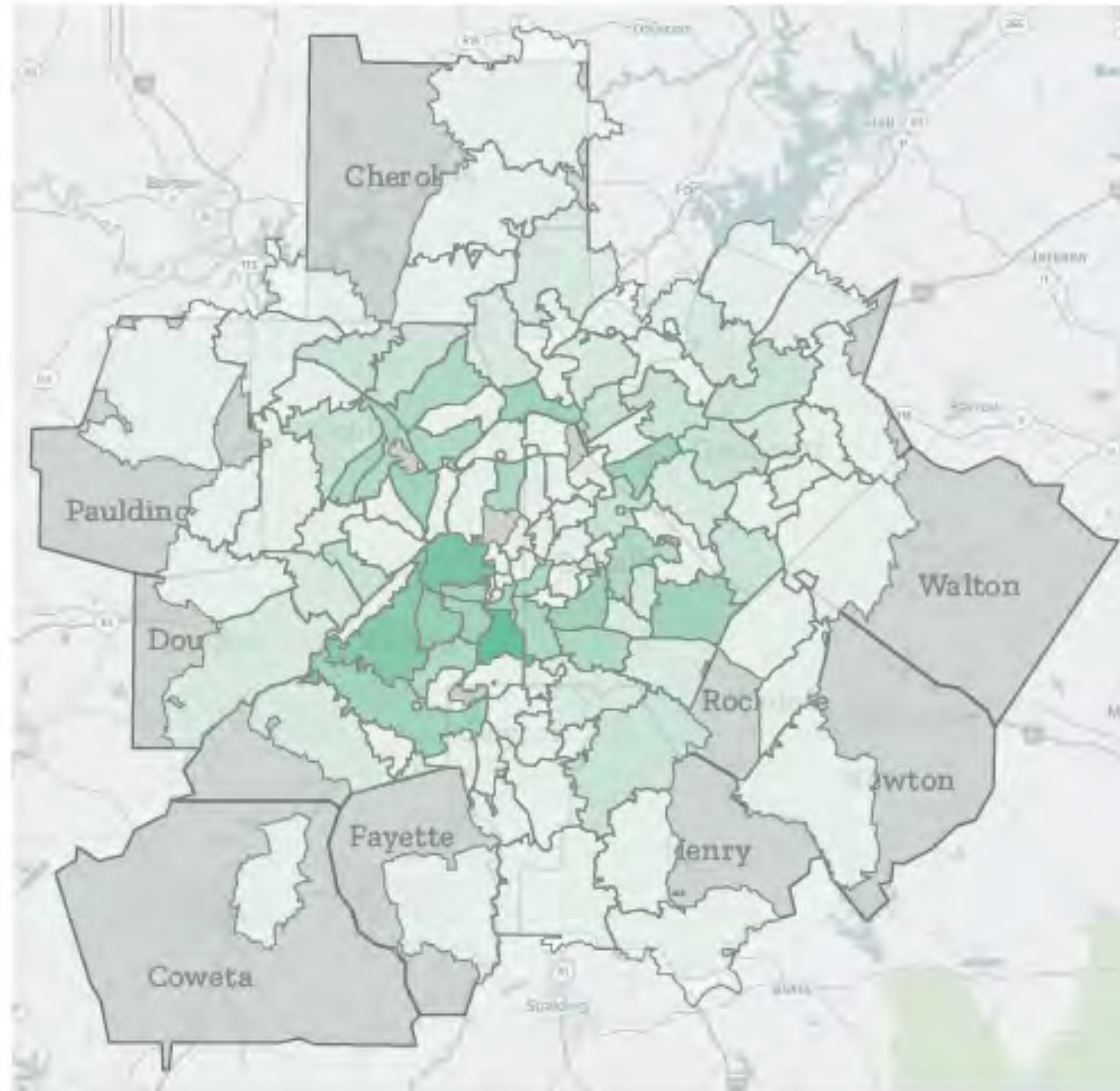
88%

of seniors pursue
post-secondary
education
opportunities



THE CHILDREN WE SERVED

Location by Zip Code



Single Parent Homes



Low-Income

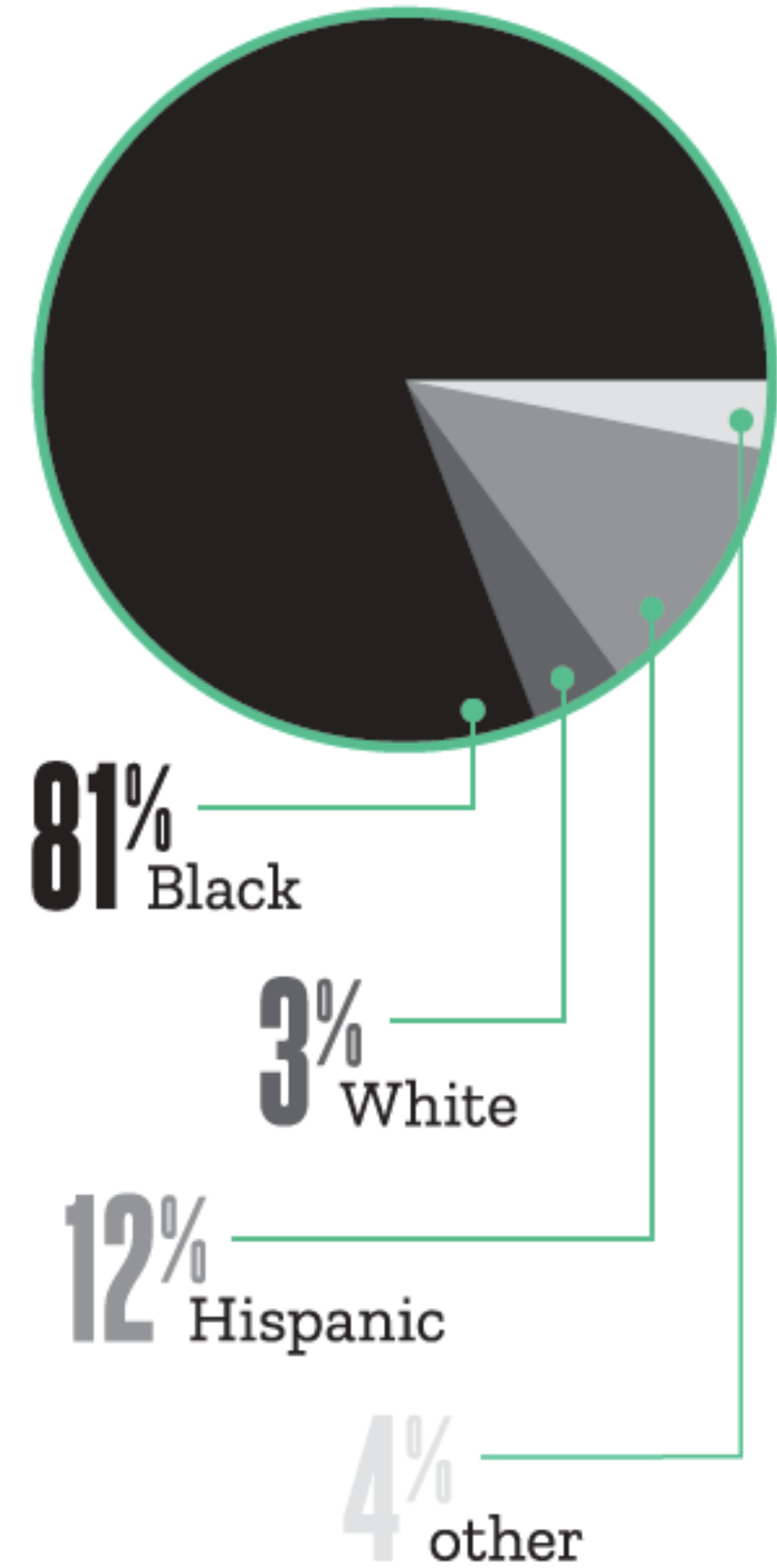


Qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch



Have A Family Member Who Has Been Incarcerated

ETHNICITY OF LITTLES



GRADE LEVELS OF LITTLES

Elementary: 30%

Middle: 39%

High: 31%



SOUTH FULTON ZIP CODES

30213

30268

30272

30291

30296

30331

30336

30337

30349



HOW MANY KIDS ARE WAITING?

There are currently **190**
kids waiting in South
Fulton.

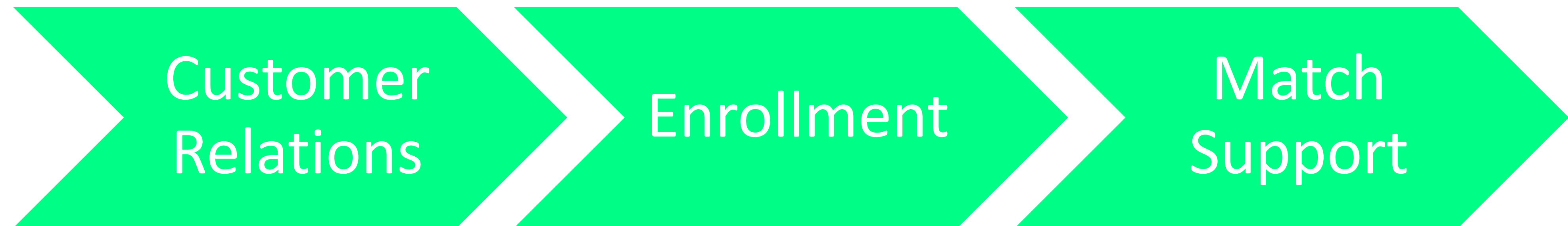


VOLUNTEER ELIGIBILITY

- Plans to live in your same area for the next year and a half
- Regular access to a transportation
 - If you plan to transport your Little in your vehicle, you need:
 - Valid auto insurance
 - Valid driver's license
- At least 21 years of age



PROGRAM PROCESS

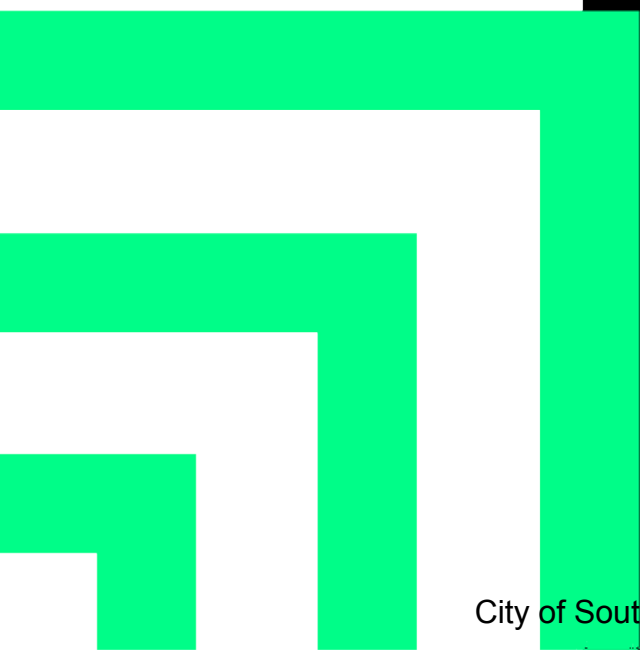
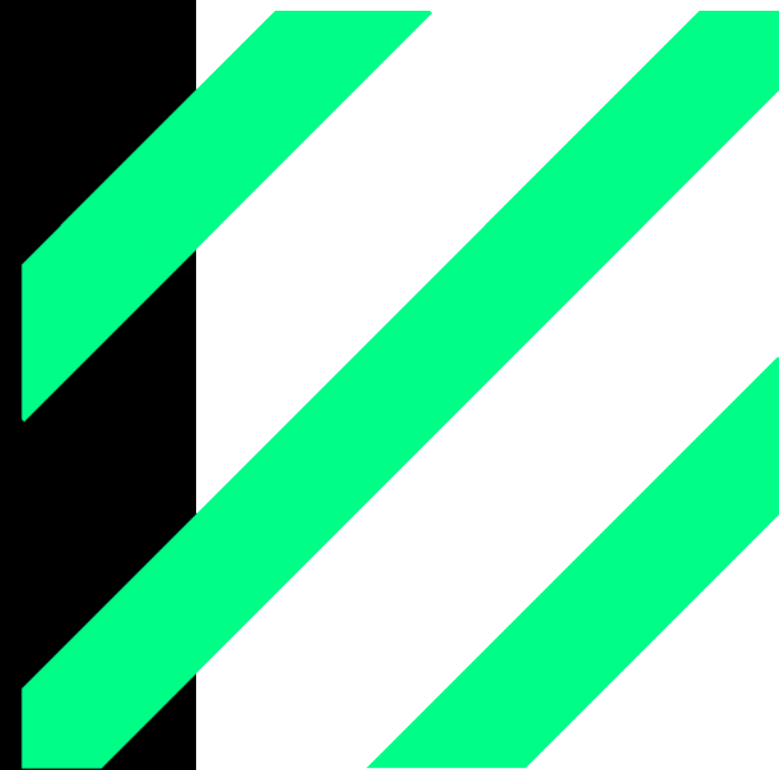


PAIRING A BIG & LITTLE

- Identify the right match based on location, interest and backgrounds
 - This process takes time
 - We'll present Little to you and vice versa
 - Match Meeting
- Couples Matches



THANK YOU





CITY OF SOUTH FULTON

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

COUNCIL WORK SESSION



SUBJECT: Council Discussion on 2020 Legislative Session Report by A R. Long & Company

DATE OF MEETING: 2/11/2020

DEPARTMENT: City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
2020 Legislative Report_A.R. Long	Cover Memo	2/5/2020
Recommended Charter Change	Cover Memo	2/6/2020



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Memorandum

To: Odie Donald, II – City Manager, City of South Fulton

From: Anna Edmondson – Legislative Aide, A. R. Long Company

CC: S. Diane White, Corey Adams, Jamila Criss, Andrew Long, Lolita Browning Jackson

Date: February 4, 2020

Re: January 2020 Legislative Session Report

SESSION UPDATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRIORITIES

The Georgia General Assembly gavelled in for the first day of the 2020 legislative session on Monday, January 13th. A. R. Long Company looks forward to advancing the City of South Fulton 2020 Legislative Agenda this session with guidance from Mayor Bill Edwards and the City of South Fulton City Council. Here are a few important issues predicted to be addressed by the legislature this session.

- **Budget:** Georgia's Constitution mandates that the legislature pass a state budget every year. This results in a considerable amount of time and effort to be spent on creating a balanced budget that also adequately addresses our state funded entities. One of Governor Kemp's budget priorities is to cut state spending by 4% this year and then 6% in 2021. This administration is also pushing to reduce the state's income tax rate.
- **Public Safety:** Current law only requires those riding in the front seat of a vehicle to wear a seat belt. Legislation has been introduced that would additionally require those 17 and under riding in the backseat to also wear seatbelts.
- **Healthcare:** In response to an exposé by the AJC on our state's assisted living and personal care homes, the Governor has requested significant changes to be made to Georgia's oversight of these eldercare facilities.
- **Schools:** Additionally, while working on the budget, the legislature will be faced with attempting to provide the promised pay raise for teachers. The ongoing debate on private school vouchers is predicted to continue as well. Our state's school superintendent's push to rollback standardized testing has also garnered support from the Governor's administration.

- **Gambling and Sports Betting:** This issue rolled over from last session and is legislation that would allow Georgians to vote on a constitutional amendment that would permit the practices is expected to be heavily pushed through both chambers. These industries are predicted to contend that their presence in the state will bring jobs and help bridge the gap between the Governor’s spending cuts and also provide funds for HOPE scholarship.

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON 2020 LEGISLATION

- I. Fulton Industrial Boulevard (HB 121) – **Rep. Roger Bruce**
- II. COSF Name Change on Nov. 2020 Ballot – **Rep. Debra Bazemore**
- III. EMS licensing – **Decision made not to address**
- IV. Funding for Parks and Recreation – **Rep. Metze & Rep. Bazemore**
- V. Solid Waste Transfer Stations – **Rep. Derrick Jackson**

A. R. Long Company has meaningful relationships with members of the House Intragovernmental Relations Committee and Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee, giving us the unique ability to influence, track and monitor local legislation on behalf of the City of South Fulton in both chambers. Senator Lee Anderson (R – Grovetown) has been appointed chairman of Senate SLGO. Senator Greg Kirk, last year’s chair, lost his battle with cancer in December.

To further strengthen relationships between the City of South Fulton and the General Assembly, we plan to schedule meetings with the City of South Fulton legislative delegation and members of the House and Senate committees directly impacting general laws relating to local governments and handling your local legislation. Continuing the momentum from last year, we will also schedule meetings with Governor Brian Kemp, Lieutenant Governor Geoff Duncan and Speaker of the House David Ralston.

A. R. Long Company would like to express our gratitude to the City of South Fulton for choosing our team to represent you at the Georgia State Capitol this legislative session. We hope you recognize the positive influence we have made together on members of the Georgia General Assembly and how we intend to continue to establish a credible presence and positive name recognition, as we produce results in government relations and executive consulting on behalf of the City of South Fulton.

UPCOMING LOCAL LEGISLATION

HB 121 – Incorporate Fulton Industrial Boulevard

- **Sponsor:** Representative Roger Bruce (D – Atlanta)
- **Synopsis:** Will amend the Act that created the City of South Fulton to include Fulton Industrial Boulevard.
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination – PASSED 2/22
- **Senate Committee:** State and Local Governmental Operations – PASSED 3/29
- **Procedural Posture:** Senate taken from Table and Recommitted – 1/13/2020
 - From here, this bill can be sent back to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee to be reconsidered or added to the Local Consent calendar for the full Senate to debate and vote on.

SB 309 – ‘Georgia Municipal and Local Government Infrastructure Finance Authority Act’

- **Sponsor:** Senator Jesse Stone (R – Waynesboro)
- **Synopsis:** Provide comprehensive regulation of local government infrastructure financing. Will include broadband network projects as undertakings for which revenue bonds may be issued. Will create Georgia Municipal and Local Government Infrastructure Finance Authority and the Georgia County and Local Government Infrastructure Finance Authority to issue tax-exempt bonds for revenue bond financing pursuant to intergovernmental contracts. Purpose is to provide a less expensive option for local governments to finance projects and purchase equipment for multiyear leases, purchase, or lease purchase contracts.
- **House Committee:** n/a
- **Senate Committee:** n/a
- **Procedural Posture:** Senate Read and Referred – 1/28/2020

HB 779 – TAVT Distribution Adjustment – Alternative ad valorem taxes on motor vehicles

- **Sponsor:** Representative Shaw Blackmon (R – Bonaire)
- **Synopsis:** Revises the distribution of the proceeds of ad valorem taxes on motor vehicles among local governments. Currently, counties and school districts have received an increase in local revenue share due to the Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT) distributing 28% of the tax collected for vehicles titled in a city’s corporate limits to the county, 49% to the school district and only 23% to the city. In a city with a county school district, the city could change its distribution from 23% to 28%. In a city with a city school district, the city could change its distribution from 23% to 49%.
- **House Committee:** Ways & Means
- **Senate Committee:** n/a
- **Procedural Posture:** Second read in the House – 1/27/2020

HB 757 – Determination of qualifying periods for special elections

- **Sponsor:** Representative Barry Fleming (R – Harlem)
- **Synopsis:** Relates to primaries and elections generally. Will provide the determination of qualifying periods for special elections, voter registration deadlines for special primary runoffs and any other election or runoff held in conjunction with a special primary runoff. This bill provides that two and a half days is the minimum time period for qualifying in a municipal election and that the time period will be set by the municipal election superintendent. If there is a special election for municipal office the qualifying period cannot begin before the date of the call of the election and shall not end later than 25 days prior to the election.
- **House Committee:** Governmental Affairs
- **Senate Committee:** n/a
- **Procedural Posture:** House Withdrawn, Recommitted 1/30/2020

HB 342 – Permit requirement for booting motor vehicles

- **Sponsor:** Representative Matt Dollar (R – Marietta), Senator John Albers (R – Roswell)
- **Synopsis:** Will make it unlawful to boot motor vehicles unless the operator is authorized by the governing authority of a county or municipality in the jurisdiction that the operator is domiciled or has a principal place of business. The permit shall be \$250.00 and once obtained, the operator may conduct booting services 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The operator will also be required to maintain a telephone number that is staffed by a live individual 24 hours per day and 365 days per year to be able to communicate with drivers who have had their vehicle booted.
- **House Committee:** Motor Vehicles
- **Senate Committee:** Public Safety
- **Procedural Posture:** Senate Recommitted – 1/13/2020

SB 292 – Permit Cities to determine whether wood can be used for construction

- **Sponsor:** Senator Sally Harrell (D – Atlanta)
- **Synopsis:** Currently, cities may not prohibit the use of wood as a construction material so long as its use conforms to the state's minimum standard codes and the Georgia State Fire Code. This bill would allow cities to make the determination as to whether wood can be used for constructing buildings. There will be exemptions for certain farm buildings and structures.
- **House Committee:** n/a
- **Senate Committee:** Agriculture and Consumer Affairs
- **Procedural Posture:** Senate Read and Referred to Committee – 1/15/2020

HB 760 – Emergency Transport by Peace Officers for Emergency Examination

- **Sponsor:** Representative Sharon Cooper (R – Marietta)
- **Synopsis:** Will authorize peace officers to transport a person to a physician or emergency receiving facility for emergency examination if he or she has probable cause to believe that the person presents a substantial risk of imminent harm to himself/herself or others. Provisions require the peace officer to execute a written report detailing their conclusions and actions which will be made part of the patient's clinical record.
- **House Committee:** Public Safety and Homeland Security
- **Senate Committee:** n/a
- **Procedural Posture:** Second read in the House – 1/16/2020

HB 523 – Short Term Rental Property

- **Sponsor:** Representative Kasey Carpenter (R – Dalton)
 - **Synopsis:** Prohibit local governments from regulating the use of certain real estate as short-term rental property.
 - This bill would prohibit local governments from:
 - Prohibiting rental transactions, imposing occupancy limits, restrict the use of, or regulate the duration or frequency of a rental of short-term rental property;
 - Requiring the inspection, licensing, or registration of short-term rental property;
 - Requiring the licensing or registration of owners or operators of short-term rental property;
 - The bill would define “Short Term Rental Property” as any individually or collectively owned single-family house or dwelling unit or any unit or group of units in a condominium, cooperative, or timeshare, or owner-occupied residential home, that is offered for a fee for less than eight consecutive days.
 - The term does not include a unit that is used for any nonresidential use, including retail space, restaurant, banquet space, event center, or other similar use.
- **House Committee:** Regulated Industries
- **Senate Committee:** n/a
- **Procedural Posture:** Passed out of Regulated Industries 2/4/2020.

HB 867 – Annexations of county operated airport property

- **Sponsor:** Representative Chuck Martin (R – Alpharetta)
- **Synopsis:** Prohibit annexations of county operated airport property by governing authorities of certain municipal corporations absent approval by the governing authority of the county operating the airport.
- **House Committee:** Governmental Affairs
- **Senate Committee:** n/a
- **Procedural Posture:** First read in the House 2/4/2020

LC 47 0277 – Eliminate ability of COSF city council to remove mayor from office, clarify veto and veto override powers

- **Sponsor:** Senator Donzella James
- **Synopsis:** Amends Section 2.16: Eliminates ability of city council to remove the mayor from office. Amends Section 3.21: Clarifies veto and veto override powers to include “other action adopted by city council”
- **House Committee:** n/a
- **Senate Committee:** n/a
- **Procedural Posture:** Has not been introduced

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act to incorporate the City of South Fulton in Fulton County, Georgia, approved April 26, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3726), as amended, so as to eliminate the ability of the city council to remove the mayor and city council members from office; to clarify veto and veto override powers; to revise provision related to the city attorney; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act to incorporate the City of South Fulton in Fulton County, Georgia, approved April 26, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3726), as amended, is amended in Section 2.16 by revising subsection (b) and adding a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

"(b) Removal of any appointed officer pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be accomplished by one of the following methods:

(1) By the vote of five councilmembers after an investigative hearing. In the event an elected officer is sought to be removed by the action of the city council, such officer shall be entitled to a written notice specifying the ground or grounds for removal and to a public hearing which shall be held not less than ten days after the service of such written notice. Any elected officer sought to be removed from office as provided in this section shall have the right of appeal from the decision of the city council to the Superior Court of Fulton County. Such appeal shall be governed by the same rules as govern appeals to the superior court from the probate court; or

(2) By an order of the Superior Court of Fulton County following a hearing on a complaint seeking such removal brought by any resident of the City of South Fulton.

(c) Removal of the mayor or any member of the city council shall be accomplished by an order of the Superior Court of Fulton County following a hearing on a complaint seeking such removal brought by any resident of the City of South Fulton."

SECTION 2.

Said Act is further amended by revising Section 3.21 as follows:

"Section 3.21.

Submission of ordinances to the mayor.

(a) Every ordinance, resolution, or other action adopted by the city council shall be presented to the mayor for signature within five business days following the adoption of such ordinance, resolution, or other action by the city council. The mayor shall have the right to veto any ordinance, resolution, or other action adopted by the city council, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this section.

(b) The mayor, within ten business days following receipt of an ordinance, resolution, or other action adopted by the city council, shall return it to the city clerk with or without the mayor's approval or with the mayor's veto. If an ordinance, resolution, or other action adopted by the city council has been approved by the mayor or if it is returned to the city clerk neither approved nor disapproved, it shall become law upon its return to the city clerk. However, if the mayor fails to return an ordinance, resolution, or other action adopted by the city council to the city clerk within ten business days of receipt, it shall become law at 12:00 Midnight on the tenth business day after receipt. If an ordinance, resolution, or other action adopted by the city council is vetoed by the mayor, the mayor shall submit to city council, through the city clerk, the reason for the mayor's veto. The city clerk shall record upon the ordinance, resolution, or other action adopted by the city council the date of its delivery to and its receipt from the mayor.

(c) An ordinance, resolution, or other action adopted by the city council vetoed by the mayor shall automatically be on the agenda at the next regular meeting of the city council for reconsideration. If the minimum number of councilmembers necessary to vote to override the veto are not present, the action may be continued until the next meeting at which such minimum number of councilmembers are present. The city council may override a veto by the mayor and adopt any ordinance, resolution, or other action that has been vetoed by the mayor by the affirmative votes of at least five councilmembers, not including the mayor.

(d) In addition, the mayor may disapprove or reduce any item or items of appropriation in any ordinance, resolution, or other action adopted by the city council. The approved part or parts of any ordinance, resolution, or other action adopted by the city council making appropriations shall become law, and the part or parts disapproved or reduced shall not become law unless subsequently passed by the city council over the mayor's veto as provided herein. The disapproved or reduced part or parts of any such ordinance, resolution, or other action adopted by the city council shall be presented to the city council

as though disapproved and shall not become law unless overridden by the city council as set forth in subsection (c) of this section."

SECTION 3.

Said Act is further amended by revising Article IV by adding a new section to read as follows:

"SECTION 4.12A

(a) An individual shall be designated as the city attorney, and such individual shall be a full-time employee of the city. The city attorney shall not engage in the private practice of law, nor while serving as city attorney shall such individual represent any other governmental body, authority, agency, board, public corporation, or political subdivision.

(b) The city attorney shall be the department head for the city law department, and the city may hire assistant city attorneys to assist the city attorney as the mayor and city council deem necessary and appropriate."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.