

# Transform Westside Summit Convene | Communicate | Collaborate

Westside Future Fund Friday, August 7, 2020

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From the July 17th Transform Westside Summit at the Russell Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Seated left to right: Kevin Holt, Dr. Mordena Sullen, John Ahmann and Leona Barr-Davenport.





#### VISION

A community Dr. King would be proud to call home.

#### **MISSION**

To advance a compassionate approach to neighborhood revitalization that creates a diverse, mixed-income community, improves the quality of life for current and future residents and elevates the Historic Westside's unique history and culture.

#### **VALUES**

Do with the Community, not to the Community We know that residents are the real experts on the challenges in their community. Therefore, we learn from residents and involve them in all we do.

#### Be Compassionate

We meet residents where they are in a spirit of empathy and respect.

#### Have Integrity in Everything

We stand behind all we say and do. We are open, honest, and courageous.

#### **Be Creative**

We bring high energy and fresh ideas to tackling the long-standing challenges on the Westside. We're dedicated to trying different approaches to get different results.

#### **Deliver Results**

We're committed to driving transformation in the long term, with a focus on measurable outcomes today. 2020 **Board Directors** 



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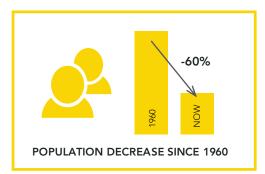


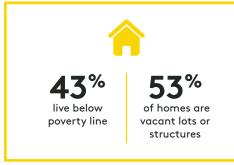
## Westside Future Fund

#### CREATING A NEW WESTSIDE FUTURE

Westside Future Fund (WFF) is a nonprofit formed by Atlanta's public, private and philanthropic partners who believe in the future of Atlanta's Westside and are committed to helping Historic Westside neighborhoods revitalize and develop into a community Dr. King would be proud to call home

Engish Avenue • Vine City • Ashview Heights\* • Atlanta University Center







#### Role of the Westside Future Fund

With an emphasis on community retention and a compassionate approach to revitalization,
Westside Future Fund is focused on creating a diverse mixed-income community, improving quality
of life, and elevating and celebrating the Historic Westside's unique history and culture.

#### **Impact Areas**

Westside Future Fund's holistic, partner-driven model is proving successful. Through our roles as participator, amplifier, convener, strategist and accelerator, WFF is delivering results in our four impact strategies.



SAFETY & SECURITY



COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS



MIXED-INCOME COMMUNITIES



CRADLE-TO-CAREER EDUCATION

<sup>\*</sup> Includes Just Us and Historic Booker T. Washington





#### Investing in a New Westside Future

- Westside Future Fund is deeply committed to community retention
- We created Home on the Westside as a signature initiative in partnership with Mayor Bottoms to drive equitable and inclusive redevelopment in the Historic Westside neighborhoods
- WFF's community retention guidelines prioritize individuals and families with ties to WFF's historic neighborhoods to be first in line for housing opportunities and do not discriminate based on income

# Using these guidelines, Home on the Westside prioritizes Westside legacy residents by providing high quality, permanently affordable housing opportunities

- Providing renters housing they can afford as area rents continue to rise
  - $_{\circ}$  Renters should not have to pay more than 30% of their gross income on rent
- Enabling homeownership with financial coaching and counseling
- Constructing and renovating new single-family homes, available for purchase and for leaseto-purchase, supported by down payment assistance
- Covering increases in property taxes for qualified legacy homeowners

If you are interested in housing opportunities through Home on the Westside, start by completing an interest form.

REGISTER NOW









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**John Ahmann**President and CEO



Jaren Abedania VP of Real Estate



Suzanne Allman Controller



Rachel Carey VP of Project Financing



**Justin Carr**Director of
Strategy and Impact

# A Dedicated Team



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Director of Westside
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# **Agenda**

7:15AM – 7:30AM **Welcome** 

Summit Program Review

John Ahmann
President & CEO
Westside Future Fund

7:30AM – 7:45AM
Opening Devotion

Eric George Vickers
Senior Pastor
Beulah Baptist Church

7:45AM – 8:25AM UPDATE REEL: Responding to COVID-19 Triple Threat: Health, Unemployment, and Crime

Featuring live updates from the Westside Collective effort, including:

- At-Promise Center
- Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation
- CHRIS 180
- Good Samaritan Health Center
- Grady Health's Asa G. Yancey Health Center
- Home on the Westside
- Quest Communities
- Raising Expectations

8:25AM – 8:55AM **Q&A**Submit questions via social media channels.

Questions will be welcomed for the duration of the program.

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8:55AM Closing Remarks

9:00AM Summit Adjourns John Ahmann President & CEO Westside Future Fund

#### John Ahmann

President & CEO, Westside Future Fund

For more than 25 years, John Ahmann has been driven by the determination to improve the way communities and institutions function in Atlanta. From his early days working in Washington, D.C. to his positions with private, governmental, and organizational entities in the Atlanta area — including his eight years as an elected school board official in Decatur — he has focused his energy on solving the big problems whose resolutions can ultimately change Atlanta's trajectory. He has worked primarily behind the scenes, bringing together diverse stakeholders and managing initiatives through to fruition, and has had a hand in some of the region's most important public policy initiatives and cross-sector collaborations. Along the way, John has built a vast network of individuals who are impacting Atlanta and its future.

John is a native son. He was born at Grady Hospital in Atlanta in 1965, was one of Paideia School's first graduates in 1983, and earned his BA in Political Science from Emory University in 1987. After having moved to Washington, D.C. and worked for Representative Pat Williams of Montana and then Congressman Ben Jones of Georgia, he entered Yale School of Public Private Management in 1991 and graduated with seven letters of recognition in 1993.

Within months after returning to Atlanta, John was hired by the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games as the Program Coordinator of Government Relations. He was soon promoted to Manager of Federal and State Government Relations where he worked with officials from four federal government offices, including the White House. Following the 1996 Olympic Games, John worked at Edington & Wade, a public affairs firm, and then Georgia's Department of Industry, Trade and Tourism (GDITT, now the Department of Economic Development), where he led and managed strategic planning teams. From there he moved into GDITT's newly created position of Deputy Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Research.

In 2000, John was hired by the Metro Atlanta Chamber to serve as its Senior Vice President of Community Development. There he oversaw the Chamber's initiatives regarding transportation, education, arts and culture, the environment, and legislative affairs. In 2003, John bought the majority interest in a local public affairs firm, and in 2006 he established Ahmann, Inc. While in private practice in 2004, John began his engagement as the outsourced Executive Director of the Atlanta Committee for Progress (ACP), a group of top CEOs and university presidents that advises and supports the mayor on priorities critical to Atlanta's economic vitality. While with ACP, he was heavily involved in launching the Atlanta Beltline, the acquisition of the Martin Luther King Jr. Personal Collection, the 2015 Renew Atlanta Bond Program, and ACP's Westside Redevelopment Task Force that lead to the launch of the Westside Future Fund. John is currently the President & CEO of the Westside Future Fund.

John has also been an elected public servant. He won his race for the City Schools of Decatur Board of Education in 2003, was re-elected in 2007 without opposition, and served until 2011. John was the first Paideia School alumni invited to join the Paideia School's Board of Trustees where he served for four years.

John's unwavering commitment to Atlanta and deep knowledge of specific areas such as education, economic development, infrastructure and local fiscal policy make him a unique presence in Atlanta's change landscape. He is honored to serve the board of Westside Future Fund as its President & CEO.

#### **Leonard Adams**

Leonard L. Adams, Jr., is the Founder of Quest Community Development Organization, Inc.; a GA based 501c3 non-profit organization and currently holds the position of President and CEO. Mr. Adams is a true visionary taking this once grassroots organization starting with \$30,000.00 to an operating budget of just north of \$4M annually, \$39M in current assets and securing over \$50M in gov't grant and subsidy support for affordable housing.

As an entrepreneur and social-entrepreneur of over 25 years, Mr. Adams has multi years of experience in developing affordable & supportive housing communities in challenged neighborhoods on Atlanta's Westside and Knoxville, TN's. He is a seasoned, results-oriented leader with a strong record of accomplishment. He utilizing's his Leadership, Fiscal, Strategic and Operational strengths as he navigates the non-profit community development superhighway in such uniquely challenging communities.

Mr. Adams gained his MBA from Kennesaw State University, a HUD-CHDO (Community Housing Development Organization) certificate from the University of Illinois and completed his undergraduate studies at Knoxville College in Knoxville, TN.

A War Veteran of the United States Army, Mr. Adams is committed to supporting urban community and economic development that serves as a catalyst for change, through his work and equitable housing models that serve homeless and low-income individuals, families, older persons and veterans living with a disability.

Understanding the delicate balance of professional and personal growth Mr. Adams serves on the Knoxville College Board of Trustees as Vice Chair. He also gives of his time serving on the Enterprise Community Partner Advisory Board and as an Enterprise Community Leadership Council (ECLC) member. He is a Leadership Atlanta Alumni Class of 2016 and a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.



#### Tangee Allen

As a co-founder of Raising Expectations, Tangee Allen has worked alongside Maria Armstrong (the two met while both were enrolled as students at Georgia State University) to create and develop our nonprofit youth development organization into the award-winning program and resource it is today. In addition to Tangee's experience working in the nonprofit sector, she has also worked for local government for over nine years. As a Program Manager in the Mayor's Office for the community-focused Department of Weed and Seed—an innovative, comprehensive multiagency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and community revitalization—Tangee was responsible for working with the designated Weed and Seed sites to develop and implement their 5 year strategy under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Justice. As an active participant in her community and staunch advocate for Atlanta's youth, Tangee has been recognized by a variety of organizations and has received a host of community awards from the City of Atlanta, Spelman College, Enterprise Foundation, Morehouse College and the WB Channel 36.

#### **Maria Armstrong**

Maria Armstrong has served the Atlanta area for nearly two decades in a variety of academic and service-oriented capacities. In addition to her primary role as co-founder of Raising Expectations, growing and guiding our organization alongside Tangee Allen, Maria's diverse educational experiences have also included working as a high school teacher, mentor, teaching in alternative educational settings and serving as an administrator in a public charter school. A graduate of Georgia State University, Maria was also the creator, director and administrator of a collaborative after school program model that served over 400 students with interactive academic and enrichment activities. Her comprehensive experience extends to resource development with community organizations and program development in elementary, middle and high schools.

Maria was a runner up for the MTV Brick Award and was featured in the inspirational book As I Am. She was also honored with a Sisters Who Serve Award from Spelman College and an Unsung Hero Award from the WB 36 television station as one of Atlanta's top young leaders along with an Unsung Heroine Award from the Atlanta Chapter of National Coalition of 100 Black Women.

#### Dr. Kelley Carroll

Dr. Kelley Carroll is Senior Vice President of Ambulatory Care Services/Chief of Ambulatory Medicine at Atlanta's Grady Health System. Carroll joined the health system in 2017, after having served as Assistant Chief of Staff for Ambulatory Care of Harris Health System in Houston, Texas, where she had responsibility for nine Harris Health clinics and 80 University of Texas Family Medicine faculty.

At Grady, Carroll directly oversees all Grady employed physicians and advanced practice professionals practicing in the ambulatory settings. In addition, she works with the medical school partners, key health system divisions and executive leaders to ensure timely, efficient, high quality, patient centered ambulatory care.

A 2002 honors graduate of George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Carroll completed her residency in family medicine at the University of Texas McGovern Medical School in Houston. From there, she then joined the Family and Community Medicine faculty as an assistant professor of family medicine, providing direct patient care and resident education at one of the Harris Health System community health centers. She was selected as an emerging leader at McGovern Medical School in 2013, providing the opportunity to attend the Harvard School of Public Health for healthcare leadership training. She received a certificate in physician leadership from University of Texas School of Public Health in 2015.

#### Breanna Lathrop

Breanna Lathrop is chief operating officer and a family nurse practitioner for Good Samaritan Health Center. She earned her doctor of nursing practice from Georgia Southern University and a master of public health and a master of nursing from Emory University. She is passionate about eliminating health disparities through improving health care access and health outcomes among vulnerable populations and has previously published on the social determinants of health. Breanna writes and speaks regularly on a variety of topics including: social determinants of health, healthcare policy & reform, homelessness, faith & health care, and nursing practice. Favorite Quote: "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." – Micah 6:8. Follow Breanna on social media on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter.

#### Michael Lucas

Michael became AVLF's Deputy Director in January 2014. Previously, he served as the Director of Housing and Consumer Programs, managing a variety of programs that provide legal representation to low-income individuals. He litigated in the areas of landlord-tenant law, unpaid wages, debt-defense, and debt collection.

Michael came to AVLF after working as a staff attorney for the Georgia Legal Services Program, representing low-income Georgians in a variety of civil matters. Prior to coming to Georgia, Michael was a fellow at Public Justice, P.C., a national public interest law firm in Washington, D.C. He also spent several years working for change in the Texas state legislature. Michael holds a Masters in Social Work from the University of Texas at Austin and a law degree from the University of California at Berkeley. He spent his final year of law school studying at Harvard Law School and clerked for the Honorable Catherine C. Blake of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland in Baltimore before beginning his legal career.

#### **Cindy Simpson**

Cindy has more than 35 years of experience working in Georgia's social welfare, youth homelessness, and mental health systems.

As COO of CHRIS 180, Cindy has helped develop several new programs including the TransitionZ program at Summit Trail, a 44-unit supportive housing apartment complex for homeless and transition-age youth with a mental health diagnosis; the Drop-In Center for homeless youth and young adults; the Voices Against Violence curriculum; a trauma-informed care training model (Trauma STARs); an LGBTQ training program; and a trauma informed adoption services model for special needs youth in foster care.

Cindy is also a published author with articles on subjects such as adolescent substance abuse and behavior management. Cindy has led advocacy efforts in the modifications of state delivery systems and for LGBTQ youth in foster care helping to develop guidelines that enable LBGTQ youth to feel valued and accepted. In 2011, Cindy was awarded the Gayle Bayes Vision for Children award for her leadership in social services. In 2015, the CHRIS Counseling Center received the TeleHealth Facility of the Year award and in 2016 the Keeping Families Together program received the National Innovation and Excellence Program award from the National Center for Excellence and Innovations. In 2019, The Fulton-Dekalb Hospital Authority named Cindy one of its Healthcare Champions for her tireless work in the community.

Cindy earned her BA from DePauw University and her MA and Ed.S from the University of Georgia. She is a mother of six adopted sons.

#### **Eric George Vickers**

Senior Pastor, Beulah Baptist Church

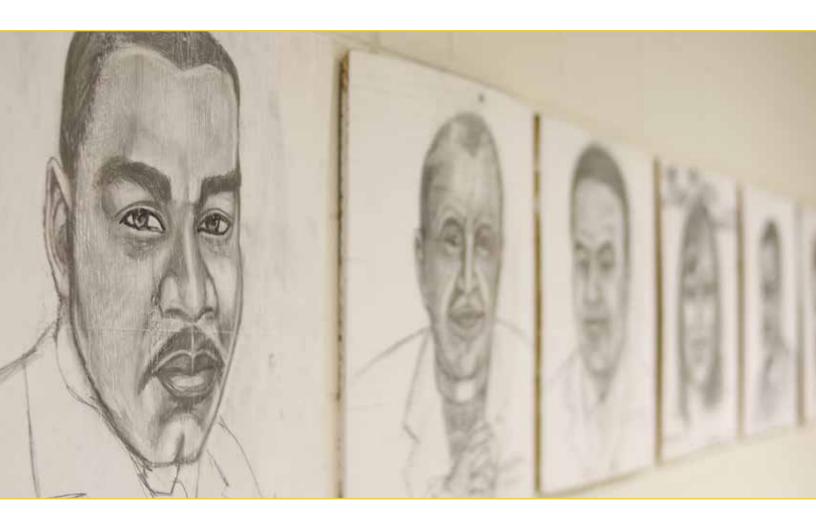
The ministry of Reverend Eric George Vickers is driven by a sincere heart for 'Connecting People to Christ!' As Senior Pastor of the historic Beulah Baptist Church of Atlanta, Rev. Vickers desires to inspire people to effectively win souls and make disciples for Jesus Christ. Since submitting to the Gospel call as a teenager in October 2005, this passion has allowed him to serve on several church staffs in pastoral and staff support capacities. He has been privileged to share the Good News across the United States, the Caribbean and on the continents of Africa and Europe. In March 2016, Eric George Vickers Ministries, Inc. was established as a 501(c)3 effort to be a global witness for Jesus Christ through the charge of the Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20).

Upon accepting the call to Beulah's pulpit in May 2016, Pastor Vickers and the congregation have been richly blessed by the sustaining power of God. With energy and excitement, the church has embraced the vision to 'Gather, Grow, Give and Go' in effort to become disciples who make disciples. As a result, many souls have been baptized and new families have united with the fellowship as a testament to the movement of God's providential hand. Due to new and anticipated growth, Pastor Vickers was led to assemble a staff to meet Beulah's growing day to day operational needs. The church has also revitalized and reorganized existing ministries such as The Beulah Services Foundation, a non-profit ministry, to minister to the underserved of Beulah's historic Vine City neighborhood. Additionally, new ministries have been engineered to meet the changing needs of the church and community and nearly \$200,000 in improvements have been made to the infrastructure to provide better service to all persons within reach of the ministry of Beulah.

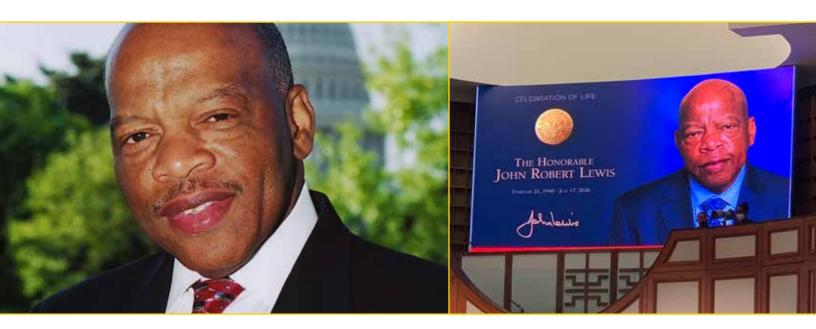
Pastor Vickers was licensed and ordained for Christian ministry at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church of Pontiac. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies from Morehouse College and is in study for the Master of Divinity degree at Emory University's Candler School of Theology. He serves as the State Director for Youth and Young Adults for the New Era Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia and holds membership on several boards while also working in various civic and community organizations. Pastor Vickers is the recipient of many awards and honors but he concedes that his greatest achievement and fortune is the gift of his beautiful wife, Cierrá, and their two children.

#### Lakeisha Walker

Lakeisha Walker serves as the Assistant Director of Youth Programs and oversees day to day facility operations of the At-Promise Center. She is responsible for managing the At-Promise Youth Initiative, ensuring program integrity and implementation and maintaining strong relationships with key stakeholders. Lakeisha has spent the last 16 years serving various Atlanta communities, through collaborative programming, with a focus on youth. She is a native Atlantan and takes pride in overseeing juvenile crime reduction programming in the Historic Westside community where she grew up. Lakeisha has a B.S. in Criminal Justice from Bauder College and believes a youth's home environment and community resources have a huge impact on how their personalities and priorities are formed.



## A Letter from John Lewis



While my time here has now come to an end, I want you to know that in the last days and hours of my life you inspired me. You filled me with hope about the next chapter of the great American story when you used your power to make a difference in our society. Millions of people motivated simply by human compassion laid down the burdens of division. Around the country and the world you set aside race, class, age, language and nationality to demand respect for human dignity.

That is why I had to visit Black Lives Matter Plaza in Washington, though I was admitted to the hospital the following day. I just had to see and feel it for myself that, after many years of silent witness, the truth is still marching on.

Emmett Till was my George Floyd. He was my Rayshard Brooks, Sandra Bland and Breonna Taylor. He was 14 when he was killed, and I was only 15 years old at the time. I will never ever forget the moment when it became so clear that he could easily have been me. In those days, fear constrained us like an imaginary prison, and troubling thoughts of potential brutality committed for no understandable reason were the bars.

Though I was surrounded by two loving parents, plenty of brothers, sisters and cousins, their love could not protect me from the unholy oppression waiting just outside that family circle. Unchecked, unrestrained violence and government-sanctioned terror had the power to turn a simple stroll to the store for some Skittles or an innocent morning jog down a lonesome country road into a nightmare. If we are to survive as one unifie d nation, we must discover what so readily takes root in our hearts that could rob Mother Emanuel Church in South Carolina of her brightest and best, shoot unwitting concertgoers in Las Vegas and choke to death the hopes and dreams of a gifted violinist like Elijah McClain.

# (cont.) A Letter from John Lewis

Like so many young people today, I was searching for a way out, or some might say a way in, and then I heard the voice of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on an old radio. He was talking about the philosophy and discipline of nonviolence. He said we are all complicit when we tolerate injustice. He said it is not enough to say it will get better by and by. He said each of us has a moral obligation to stand up, speak up and speak out. When you see something that is not right, you must say something. You must do something. Democracy is not a state. It is an act, and each generation must do its part to help build what we called the Beloved Community, a nation and world society at peace with itself.

Ordinary people with extraordinary vision can redeem the soul of America by getting in what I call good trouble, necessary trouble. Voting and participating in the democratic process are key. The vote is the most powerful nonviolent change agent you have in a democratic society. You must use it because it is not guaranteed. You can lose it.

You must also study and learn the lessons of history because humanity has been involved in this soul-wrenching, existential struggle for a very long time. People on every continent have stood in your shoes, through decades and centuries before you. The truth does not change, and that is why the answers worked out long ago can help you find solutions to the challenges of our time. Continue to build union between movements stretching across the globe because we must put away our willingness to profit from the exploitation of others.

Though I may not be here with you, I urge you to answer the highest calling of your heart and stand up for what you truly believe. In my life I have done all I can to demonstrate that the way of peace, the way of love and nonviolence is the more excellent way. Now it is your turn to let freedom ring.

When historians pick up their pens to write the story of the 21st century, let them say that it was your generation who laid down the heavy burdens of hate at last and that peace finally triumphed over violence, aggression and war. So I say to you, walk with the wind, brothers and sisters, and let the spirit of peace and the power of everlasting love be your guide.



# Cook Park is slated to open this fall!

The City of Atlanta and The Trust for Public Land look forward to completing Rodney Cook, Sr. Park in Historic Vine City this fall!



As has been the case over the duration of the project, the team's biggest challenge is responding to heavy bouts of rain. A silver lining to the large amounts of rain recently is that it has allowed the project team to see how the project's two-acre pond and related stormwater management pieces on site will respond to weather.



Cook Park's two shade structures are up at opposite ends of the park. Both the leaf-shaped pavilion near the park's playground and the splash pad are themed around the site's history-over a century ago, the site was a plant nursery, inspiring the neighborhood's name: "Vine City". The park's southern pavilion will function as an amphitheater.



Critical remaining items to be installed include several sections of sidewalk and plaza, the park's outdoor fitness equipment, and dozens of trees.



The project's innovative Great Lawn has been constructed and sodded and will be open for a variety of recreation activities when the park opens.



Much of the project's sod, shrubs, and trees have been installed over the past couple of months. Additional finishing touches currently occurring at the site include the installation of all lighting, site furnishings, and security cameras.

We look forward to sharing more information about the opening of the park to the Atlanta's Westside community in the coming months!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **VOTER ONE STOP**

# **AUGUST 11, 2020 ELECTION**





# Do you know, own, or love a business on the Westside?

Support Westside Business Awareness

To join the Westside Business Directory or participate in an upcoming community market:

email Joan@westsidefuturefund.org with the subject line ATTN: Westside Business

# EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE

Election Day: Tuesday, August 11, 2020

MONDAY JULY 20<sup>™</sup> TO FRIDAY AUGUST 7<sup>™</sup> 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. SATURDAY JULY 25<sup>™</sup> & AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

10 Park Plaza, Alpharetta, GA 30009
260 B - H I A NE AH CA 20222
269 Buckhead Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA 30305
3647 Main Street, College Park, GA 30337
3201 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SW, Atlanta, GA 30311
2301 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell, GA 30076
4055 Flat Shoals Road, Union City, GA 30291
1463 Pryor Road, SW, Atlanta, GA 30315
855 Mayfield Road, Milton, GA 30009
66 Brooks Drive, Fairburn, GA 30213
9560 Spruill Road, Johns Creeks, GA 30022
3295 Northside Parkway, NW, Atlanta, GA 30327
2489 Perry Boulevard, NW, Atlanta, GA 30318
980 Ponce de Leon Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA 30306
5090 Abbotts Bridge Road, Johns Creek, GA 30005
115 Norcross Street, Roswell, GA 30009
395 Mount Vernon Highway, NE, Sandy Springs, GA 3032
5600 Stonewall Tell Road, College Park, GA 30349
1 State Farm Drive, Atlanta, GA 30303
3100 Enon Road, SW, Atlanta, GA 30331

9111 Cascade Palmetto Highway, Palmetto, GA 30268

#### WHEN YOU VOTE IN PERSON:

- · Out of consideration of fellow voters and poll workers, please wear a mask or face covering when voting in person.
- Practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet apart.
- Lines will exist at peak times... we encourage voters to vote by mail.

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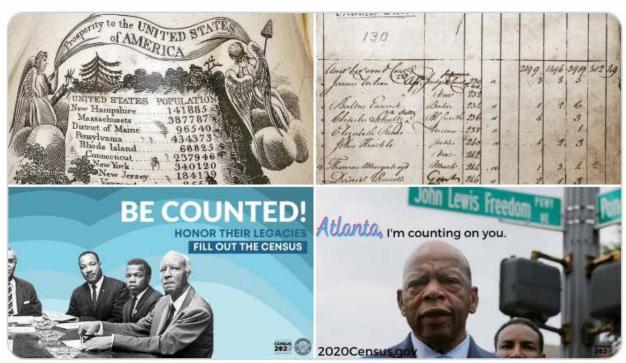


#### ATL Counts Retweeted



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It's #FunFactFriday! The 1st @uscensusbureau was conducted 230 years ago this weekend. Since then, everyone in the country - including non-US citizens - needs to be counted every 10 years to ensure fair share of federal spending. Fill out the census today! 2020.census.gov



# FREE COVID-19 TESTING



# MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM LOT

112 Postell St. Atlanta, GA 30314 THUR - SAT 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Thursday, August 6, 10am-4pm
Antioch Baptist Ministries
540 Cameron M. Alexander Boulevard,
Atlanta, GA 30318 (parking lot adjacent
to Antioch Baptist Church North)

No Appointment Needed
No ID Required
Confidential

## Get more testing information at:

https://www.fultoncountyga.gov/covid-19/covid-testing-sites

#### **Additional Covid-19 Testing at:**

The Family Health Center at West End

Schedule Appt. (404) 752-1400 | MON - FRI 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

CVS at Good Samaritan
Health Center

ADULTS only - RAPID TEST | Schedule Appt. (404) 523-6571 MON - THUR 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM | FRI - SAT 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

For up-to-date testing information in Fulton County, please visit <a href="https://www.fultoncountyga.gov/covid-19/covid-testing-sites">https://www.fultoncountyga.gov/covid-19/covid-testing-sites</a>

On behalf of the Westside Collective Effort,

Westside Future Fund is maintaining an information
and resources webpage with relevant
resources to benefit the neighborhoods we serve.
https://www.westsidefuturefund.org/covid-19-info/

# Call the Westside COVID-19 Helpline at:

# 404-430-8180

# If you or someone you know tests positive for COVID-19, give us a call for any of the following:

- Help with getting food
- Assistance with seeking employment, counseling or housing
- Understanding your COVID-19 test results
- Tips to protect you and your family
- Ways to prevent the spread
- Monitoring your symptoms
- When to seek medical attention
- Help with getting medications
- Assistance with connecting to other helpful resources.

Do you need a doctor or have other health related questions?

Text Westside to 51555 to connect

to a provider by phone for free.









# WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Call 404- 430- 8180

# Westside Connect Help Line



One number to get the help you need: Food, Housing, Counseling, Employment, Education, Health Care, COVID-19 Testing

Feeling lonely, lost, stressed, anxious or down?

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# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AWARENESS

#### **BACKGROUND**

## What is COVID-19?



- COVID-19 is an illness caused by the transmission of a new coronavirus that can spread from person to person or through contact with a contaminated object or surface.
- People of any age can be infected and get COVID-19.
- Older adults and people who have medical conditions like heart disease (for example hypertension, high blood pressure), lung disease (for example asthma, COPD) or diabetes are at higher risk for developing serious complications or death.

## **WHAT YOU MAY EXPERIENCE**

## **Symptoms**

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after being exposed to the coronavirus that causes COVID-19.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever or chills, cough, sudden loss of taste or smell, fatigue, muscle or body aches, sore throat, headache, nausea, congestion, and shortness of breath.



#### **HOW TO STAY HEALTHY**

# Proper Handwashing

- Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds!
  - If you do not have soap and water, use
     60% alcohol-based hand santitizer.



## **Social Distancing**

- Stay in your home when possible!
  - Avoid hanging out with friends and family members that do not live in your same household.
- Keep a distance of at least 6 feet from individuals when outside of your home.



# **Cloth Face Covering**

- Use a cloth face covering over <u>MOUTH</u> and <u>NOSE</u>!
- Keeps you from potentially infecting others.
- Keeps others from potentially infecting you.

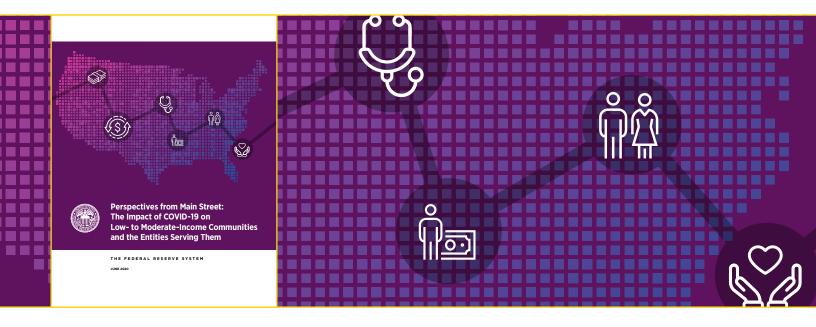


\*Helps prevent the spread of COVID-19 when EVERYONE wears a face covering!\*

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# A Federal Reserve Report on COVID-19



<u>This report from the Federal Reserve</u> offers findings of a survey conducted by all twelve Federal Reserve banks, designed to collect information on the effects of COVID-19 on communities and people in low- to moderate income households and the entities serving them.

Some of the survey's findings include:

- 60% of respondents indicated that COVID-19 was having a significant disruption on the economic conditions of the communities they serve and expected recovery to be difficult.
- 42% cited income loss, job loss and unemployment as the top impacts of COVID-19 on the people and communities they serve.
- 56% indicated that demand for their services has increased since early April or is anticipated to increase, and 45% noted a corresponding decrease or anticipated decrease in their ability to provide services.
- Nearly 1 out of every 5 respondents (18%) indicated their entity could operate for less than three months in the current environment before exhibiting financial distress.
- Nearly half of respondents (46%) indicated it will take more than 12 months for their communities to return to the conditions prior to the disruption from COVID-19.

READ THE FULL SUMMARY OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE'S STUDY HERE.

# VIEWPOINT: Fulfilling our vision of the beloved community

By D. Makeda Johnson | First published in the Atlanta Business Chronicle May 5, 2017

Gentrification of urban American cities is a complex phenomenon with social, political and economic implications.

It represents a double-edged sword with both opportunities and challenges. The infusion of higher-income individuals into urban centers generates increased renewal investments in formerly neglected and abandoned blighted communities. It provides needed revenue to local municipalities to meet the expense of much-needed infrastructure and service delivery improvements. Unfortunately, gentrification and displacement are manifesting as symptoms nationally as the urban center across our nation thrives to attract upper-middle-income families while displacing current residents with increasing housing costs that exclude the working poor and altering the cultural and historical fabric of urban America cities.

Gentrification can be managed and provide an opportunity for Atlanta, Georgia, to honor its most noted son and drum major for social justice: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Atlanta can once again shine as an urban American city "Too Busy to Hate." We can redefine the G word. We are in a moment of opportunity for the creation of the "Beloved Community," a community of racial and economic diversity.

But it will not just happen, it must be intentionally developed. It is simple, but requires authentic partnership between community, political and private stakeholders committed to the possibility of the "Beloved Community." It will require a resident retention plan that prevents forced displacement, inclusionary affordable housing policy that supports mixed income and racial diversity by acknowledging the area median income, and a tax abatement program to protect vulnerable home and business owners.

The Historic Westside Community is poised with the opportunity to manifest not forced displacement, but demonstrate how to align urban transformation with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of "The Beloved Community." A community where justice and equality is the order of the day; an authentic mixed community where all can live, change and grow without the destruction of the Historic Westside Community's cultural integrity.

To accomplish the building of the Beloved Community, trust must be established requiring a shift from traditional transactional approaches to community redevelopment. We had declared that our approach will be transformative and centered on the development of human capital. This innovative transformative approach to community development is no easy task. It requires that both residents, stakeholders and service providers rethink and reset traditional mindsets associated with poverty that fails to see and value the many assets within communities and design programs that empower residents with the skills and resources to be a part of the solution with equality and equity.

This writer loves living and working within the Historic Westside Community. Having chosen to call it home for nearly three decades, I proudly celebrate the beauty of community. We are a very resilient community that has, in spite of many challenges, continued to make contributions to society, especially as it relates to striving for social justice and an equitable society.

Unfortunately, too often those who seek to serve often overlook the value of relational capacity that exists within community, wealth of knowledge and ability to be a vital asset to achieving transformative sustainable communities.

Envision what could happen as residents and dedicated stakeholders shift their mindsets and reinvent how to renew communities without displacement, where there is the pollination of skills and the capacity to stay in communication even when they are difficult, seeking to establish trust and new ways of engagement that produce the greater good for humanity while creating economically healthy, thriving businesses, wellkept homes, quality affordable housing that is reflective of the earning of the communities' workforce, accessible and affordable healthcare, high-performing educational institutions. In this moment of opportunity, we can be the change that the world is looking for and create the environment that produces productive citizens with economic and social mobility by design. As residents and stakeholders, we will either fulfill or betray the vision of the beloved community based on our actions or inaction. There is a critical need for advocacy on behalf of the often-marginalized long-term residents in gentrifying communities; we have the opportunity to shift that. Where do you stand? I shall continue to strive to be a drum major for justice, equality and inclusion for the establishment of the "Beloved Community."

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