



A RESOLUTION

03-R-2216

Councilmember C. T. Martin

As amended by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee

A Resolution to establish a Citywide Public Safety Commission in the City of Atlanta; to provide for the composition; and for other purposes

WHEREAS, violent crimes decreased throughout the nation during the 1990s, but according to FBI and Justice reports, they have been on the increase since 2001; and

WHEREAS, this has been true across the country, with exception of the northeastern United States; and

WHEREAS, during the last few years, lawlessness has invaded the very fabric of our society and

WHEREAS, the increase brings to a close a decade of remarkable declines in illicit activity, which helped revitalize the nation's urban areas and brought a renewed a sense of civility and security for millions of Americans.

WHEREAS, this increase could be due, in part, to the economic slowdown, an increase in the number of teens reaching their anticipated peak crime-committing years, and a wave of ex-drug dealers and gang members arrested in the 1980s returning to the streets after time in prison.

WHEREAS, with huge budget deficits looming at the local, state, and federal levels, crime-fighting and –prevention programs like after-school activities have already been cut; and

WHEREAS, on the federal level, the Bush administration is proposing to reduce by 80 percent the Community Oriented Policing Services program (COPS) that helped put 115,000 new police on the beat since 1994. At the same time, the FBI's traditional role is shifting from taking on gangs, mobsters, and kidnapers to focus more on the threat of terrorism.

WHEREAS, it is imperative, for the health and well-being of the citizens and visitors of the City of Atlanta, that these problems be addressed in a comprehensive manner; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Atlanta City Council that a comprehensive criminal analysis



BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

Section 1: There is hereby created a Citywide Public Safety Commission whose purpose shall be to examine the issue of crime, lawlessness, violence and the problem of illegal drugs. Said Commission shall consist of twenty-**six** members which shall be appointed in the following manner:

One member shall be appointed by each councilmember;
one by the President of Council
two to be appointed by the Mayor,
one member of the Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee, to be appointed by the Chair of the Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee, the Solicitor General of the City of Atlanta, the Chief of Police, or his designee,
one member of the Atlanta/Fulton County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee,
One member of the Atlanta Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee,
the City of Atlanta Public Defender,
a representative from the Municipal Court Crime Victims Witness Program,
and
a representative of Central Atlanta Progress.

All members should have a background in criminal justice, social services or youth oriented services.

Section 2: The Commission shall elect its own officers and adopt its bylaws. Said Commission shall have an Executive Committee which shall consist of the appointee from the Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee, the Police Chief and his designee and the Solicitor General. The Executive Committee shall have the responsibility of determining the major issues to be addressed, the timeline and the form of the final report.

Section 3: The charge of the Commission shall be to examine the issues of lawlessness, violence and drug-related crime in the City of Atlanta, as well as their relationship to the judicial system.

Section 4: The Commission shall hold, at a minimum, one Public Safety seminar in each quadrant of the City. Said seminar shall consist of street crime and its intervention, community/police interaction, drug-related crimes and the judicial process.

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1:36 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

CONSENT I

CONSENT I PGS 1-7 EXCEPT: 03-O-1954
03-O-2109
ADOPT

YEAS: 12
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 1
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 3

Y Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Mitchell
Y Starnes	B Fauver	Y Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	Y Willis
B Winslow	Y Muller	B Boazman	NV Woolard

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COUNCIL

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- CONSENT REFER
- REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ADVERTISE & REFER
- 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- PERSONAL PAPER REFER

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION
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 Consent V Vote RC Vote

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Rick Douglas
 MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION

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