

CITY COUNCIL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

04-R-0351

A RESOLUTION BY:

Councilmembers Derrick Boazman, Ivory Lee Young, Jr., Natalyn Archibong,  
Felicia A. Moore, C. T. Martin, Jim Maddox and H. Lamar Willis;  
AS AMENDED BY THE FULL COUNCIL

A Resolution stating the City of Atlanta's **Opposition**  
to the creation of the Atlanta Park District; the creation  
of an Atlanta Park District Authority; and for other  
purposes

Whereas, a Bill may be introduced into the 2004 Georgia General Assembly  
which would create the Atlanta Park District and an Atlanta Park District Authority; and

Whereas, said legislation provides for the membership, appointments, etc. of the  
members of the Authority; and

Whereas, said Authority is to consist of nine (9) members; with five (5) to be  
appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Atlanta City Council; one  
member to be appointed by the President of Council, one (1) to be appointed by the  
Governor, one by the Lieutenant Governor, and one (1) by the Speaker of the House; and

Whereas, the Authority will have the authority to acquire, hold and dispose of real  
property, execute contracts, the management of projects, etc.; and

Whereas, this Bill would provide for the issuance of revenue bonds and other  
evidences of debt; and

Whereas, the Atlanta City Council is the elected governing body of the City of  
Atlanta and the Mayor is the Chief Executive Officer; and

Whereas, the authority to set policy, and implement such policy is the  
responsibility of the Council and Mayor, respectively; and

Whereas, such authority should not be delegated to a separate body.

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

**Section 1:** That the Atlanta City Council strongly affirms and asserts its role  
and rights to set policy related to City affairs including specifically the acquisition,  
management, use and disposition of its parks property.

**Section 2:** That the City of Atlanta hereby opposes State legislation to create  
an Atlanta Park District Authority.

**Section 3:** That the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this  
resolution to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and all members of the 2004  
Georgia General Assembly.

OMC Amendment Incorporated by WHG 2/17/04

A true copy,



Municipal Clerk, CMC

ADOPTED as amended by the Council  
VETOED by the Mayor  
OVERRIDDEN by the Council

FEB 16, 2004  
FEB 24, 2004  
MAR 01, 2004

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3/01/04  
3:22 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

04-R-0351

OPPOSITION TO CREATION OF THE ATLANTA  
PARK DISTRICT AND AUTHORITY  
OVERRIDE VETO

YEAS: 10  
NAYS: 5  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 1  
EXCUSED: 0  
ABSENT 0

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

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## CITY OF ATLANTA

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MAYOR

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February 24, 2004

Council President Cathy Woolard  
Members of the Atlanta City Council  
City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Suite 2900  
55 Trinity Avenue, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30335

Dear President Woolard and Members of Council:

I hereby return with my veto, Resolution # 04-R-0351

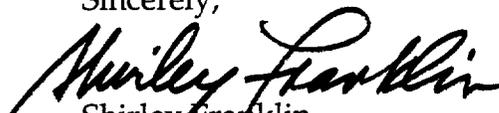
On February 16, 2004 the Atlanta City Council adopted Resolution # 04-R-0351 stating the City of Atlanta's opposition to the creation of the Atlanta Park District; the creation of an Atlanta Park District Authority; and for other purposes.

The City of Atlanta has been in dire need of upgrading and improving parks, greenspace and recreational opportunities for Atlanta's citizens for many years. The cities that possess the "best in class" park systems; such as Chicago, Kansas City and Minneapolis, utilize independent Parks Districts. In each city mentioned above the public/private investments have been substantial and very useful to improving the quality and quantity of the parks system.

Since the time that this resolution was introduced, several City Council work sessions have occurred and numerous changes have been incorporated into the proposed State bill. The State Senator has pledged to continue to receive input from the Mayor and the Council.

Based on the rationale as outlined in this letter, I urge you to sustain my veto of Resolution #04-R-0351.

Sincerely,

  
Shirley Franklin

RCS# 5462  
2/16/04  
9:11 PM

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PERSONAL  
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COUNCILMEMBER BOAZMAN OPPOSITION TO  
CREATE ATLANTA PARK DISTRICT & AUTHORITY  
ADOPT AS AMEND

YEAS: 10  
NAYS: 4  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 1  
EXCUSED: 0  
ABSENT 1

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

PERSONAL

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A RESOLUTION Write Above This Line)

Councilmember Derrick Boazman

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ADOPTED BY

FEB 16 2004

COUNCIL

*Adopted 115  
Approved*

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

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First Reading

Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

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Committee

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Action

Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)

Members

Refer To

Committee

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Action

Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)

Members

Refer To

Second Reading

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Members

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- FINAL COUNCIL ACTION
- 2nd
  - 1st & 2nd
  - 3rd
  - Consent
  - V Vote
  - RC Vote

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*Franklin Benjamin Johnson*  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

MEMORANDUM

FEB 24 2004

*Murley Frank*