



A RESOLUTION  
BY COUNCILMEMBER FELICIA A. MOORE

**SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES' REQUEST TO CONGRESS TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR COPS TO FY 2003 LEVELS OF \$1.1 BILLION, CONTINUE THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT AS A DIRECT FUNDING PROGRAM TO CITIES AT THE \$225 MILLION LEVEL APPROPRIATED IN FY 2004, PASS LEGISLATION REQUIRING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO HELP LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ADDRESS GANG VIOLENCE AND DRUG TRAFFICKING, RENEW THE ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN AND CLOSE THE GUN SHOW LOOPHOLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS,** The federal government must continue to collaborate with local governments to provide safe communities across the nation. Planned cuts in key federally-supported public safety programs, such as the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) programs, and drug control and anti-gang violence initiatives, are compromising the safety of America's cities; and

**WHEREAS,** Cities cannot take on the challenges of gun safety, drug control, and gang violence, in addition to homeland security, without a solid federal financial commitment to fund key, locally-focused public safety programs; and

**WHEREAS,** New homeland security responsibilities, coupled with a weak economy, are already forcing municipal officials to cut local public safety programs. Cities and towns have virtually no capacity to absorb or compensate for the additional cuts in public safety programs proposed in the President's FY 2005 budget.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA** supports the National League of Cities' request to congress to:

- Section 1.** Restore funding for COPS to FY 2003 levels of \$1.1 billion.
- Section 2.** Continue the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant as a direct funding program to cities at the \$225 million level appropriated in FY 2004. Combining LLEBG with state programs like the Byrne Grants and reducing the funding level, as the President's budget proposes, would put cities in direct competition with the states for a smaller pot of money to the detriment of hometown security.
- Section 3.** Pass legislation requiring the federal government to help local governments address gang violence and drug trafficking.
- Section 4.** Renew the assault weapons ban and close the gun show loophole.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Council is directed to transmit a true and correct copy to all members of the Georgia Congressional Delegation.

A true copy,  
  
Municipal Clerk, CMC

**ADOPTED** by the Council  
**APPROVED** by the Mayor

May 3, 2004  
May 11, 2004



CITY COUNCIL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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

Date Referred 4/19/04

Referred To: Finance / Executive

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First Reading

Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred To \_\_\_\_\_

Fin Committee  
Date 4-28-04

Chair  
John M. Starnes

Action  
Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)  
Other

Members  
Felicia A. Moore

Refer To  
HHS

Committee

Date

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

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Consent  V Vote  RC Vote

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT PROTTEM

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MAYOR'S ACTION

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MAYOR