



A RESOLUTION

Councilmember C. T. Martin

A Resolution encouraging Superior Court Judges to deny bail to individuals who have been previously convicted of drug and/or gun possession charges and/or are awaiting trial on such charges when they are caught with guns; and for other purposes

WHEREAS, the sale and use of illegal drugs have become epidemic in certain City of Atlanta neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the sale of illegal drugs and the possession of illegal weapons go hand -in-hand; and

WHEREAS, most homicide victims are killed with guns. Firearm-related injuries are the second leading cause of death for persons aged 15 to 19, and they were the leading cause of death for African- American and Hispanic youth; and

WHEREAS, previous convicted felons carrying illegal firearms should automatically receive stiffer sentences; and

WHEREAS, the United States Attorney has put criminals on notice that crimes committed by violent offenders, particularly armed felons, will not be tolerated; and

WHEREAS; the Project SAFE Program is working to reduce the presence of guns in certain focus area neighborhoods across the nation; with Atlanta's Vine City being among them; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County District Attorney's Office of Illegal Firearms Unit has charged an increasing number of persons with firearms offenses; and

WHEREAS, it will take a concerted effort by neighborhood groups, the Criminal Justice System and state and local governments working together to rid our communities of drugs, firearms and violent offenders

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA urges Judges of the Superior Court not to grant bail for persons previously convicted of drug and/or firearm possession.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA urges Judges of the Superior Courts in the Metropolitan Atlanta area to not grant bail to persons who are awaiting trial on gun and/or firearms charges.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Superior Courts in the Atlanta Metropolitan area.

A true copy,

[Signature]
Deputy Clerk

ADOPTED by the Council
RETURNED WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF THE MAYOR
APPROVED as per City Charter Section 2-403

February 7, 2005

February 16, 2005

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Atlanta City Council

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DENY BAIL TO THOSE PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED
DRUG/RELATED CHARGES & FIRE ARMS POSSESS
ADOPT

YEAS: 14
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 2
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 0

Y Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Mitchell
Y Starnes	Y Fauver	Y Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	NV Willis
Y Winslow	Y Muller	Y Sheperd	NV Borders

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WITHOUT SIGNATURE BY OPERATION OF LAW