



Atlanta City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms

DISTRICT 11 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Neighbors,

It has been an honor to serve you as your District 11 representative on the Atlanta City Council.

When I was sworn into office in January 2010, I was not sure of what to expect, but I was certain that there was a lot of work ahead of me. I have not been disappointed!

I have actively pursued two agendas last year. The first has been my "Reactive" agenda and the second has been my "Proactive" agenda. Reactively, my staff and I have worked diligently to make sure that your needs and concerns have been addressed. This has included fielding countless calls and emails regarding City services such as trash collection, water bills, roadway maintenance, code enforcement and fees.

Proactively, we have worked diligently to keep you informed of programs and services available to residents throughout the City. This has included our weekly email blasts, the well attended Town Hall meeting, Minister and Principal Breakfast, the Back to School Rally, Economic Development Seminar, quarterly meetings with the heads of various departments within the City, the Thanksgiving Carnival and 2000 Turkey Giveaway, the Campbellton Road Zoning

Meetings, and our participation in many neighborhood cleanups.

Legislatively, I am very pleased to have sponsored legislation which created an agreement with Fulton County to provide much needed fire service to residents outside I-285, clarified the penalties for Park Atlanta, and placed a long ago requested and much needed stop sign on Willis Mill Road.

Indeed we have been quite busy this year, but there is certainly more work to be done. Through my work as Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee, Chair of the Subcommittee on MARTA, and as a member of the Public Safety and Zoning Committees, as well as the Campbellton Road Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee, I have had the opportunity to participate in discussions and make decisions that have positively impacted District 11 and the City as a whole.

It is my hope that you have been pleased with the work we have done this past year and I look forward to continuing our work together to improve our quality of life in the City of Atlanta.

DISTRICT 11 BUSINESSES SURVEY Make Sure Your Voice Is Heard!

In an effort to improve the businesses and services in District 11, we are asking that you fill out the District 11 Business Survey. We are aiming for 1,000 responses! These responses will be sent to the heads of the surveyed companies so that they will know our level of satisfaction (or not) with their respective businesses.

Fill out the online survey at:

<http://surveymonkey.com/s/C5VYT9Z>

Please pass it on to others in the community!



COUNCILMEMBER KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS JOINS STUDENTS FROM THERRELL HIGH SCHOOL AND RESIDENTS OF BONNYBROOK AND BEN HILL AT ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLEAN-UPS

Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms joined students from Therrell High School and Bonnybrook and Ben Hill residents for their annual community clean-ups.

Clean-up crews picked up trash and debris and raked and bagged leaves at several locations in the neighborhoods. Volunteers also cleaned vacant lots. The clean-up was an effort to spruce up the neighborhoods and to improve the appearance of the communities.

Every year volunteers join forces to tackle tasks such as chopping kudzu, raking and bagging leaves, and also picking up trash in several areas throughout the community.



MORE THAN 400 RESIDENTS ATTEND DISTRICT 11 TOWN HALL MEETING

On March 2nd residents of District 11 addressed City officials at a Town Hall meeting hosted by Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms at Ben Hill United Methodist Church. Several top City of Atlanta officials were in attendance to address concerns District 11 residents had about crime in their community and City services.

Representatives of several City departments were on hand including Mayor Kasim Reed, Watershed Management, Code Compliance, Public Works, the City Solicitor's Office, the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services, the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department, the Atlanta Police Department, Atlanta Workforce Development, the Commission on Aging, and the Atlanta Development Authority.

Fulton Commissioner Bill Edwards and Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard were also in attendance.



CITY EASES CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS UNDER LEGISLATION DRAFTED BY CITY COUNCILMEMBER KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS



The Atlanta City Council has clarified the penalty that can be imposed upon future violators of the City's parking enforcement laws.

District 11 City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms, a former Magistrate Court Judge, Pro Hac, introduced legislation stating that parking enforcement violations will be prosecuted in the future as "non-criminal civil cases." The measure (Legislative Reference No. 10-O-1178) was approved by a vote of 11-0.

In previous cases, violations were prosecuted as criminal in nature, Bottoms said. "Our City laws did not clearly state that these cases are in fact civil in nature, which created some difficulty for our City solicitor and confusion for our citizens."

The imposition of a civil penalty will not be recorded as a part of the criminal record of the person upon which such a penalty is imposed. The Atlanta Municipal Court is now authorized to impose a civil monetary penalty against persons who violate City parking enforcement laws in an amount of \$1,000 or less for each violation.

MORE THAN 2,000 AREA STUDENTS AND PARENTS ATTEND NINTH ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY AT GREENBRIAR MALL

More than 2,000 students and parents turned out for the Ninth Annual Back to School Rally at Greenbriar Mall on July 31st.

The event was hosted by Atlanta City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms, the Future Foundation and Greenbriar Mall. Among the surprise special guests at this year's Back to School rally were Atlanta's own entertainers Ludacris and Sammie.

"We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of our sponsors and a special thanks to the many celebrities and community leaders who took time out of their schedules to stop by and encourage our youth to reach for the stars by staying in school and getting good grades," said City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms. "Hopefully the hundreds of backpacks and supplies given away will make it financially easier on our parents as they prepare our students for the upcoming school year."

The theme of this year's Back to School rally was "Still Standing, Still Strong: Strengthening Our Communities & Families for Success." The official attendance for the 2010 event surpassed 2,000 students and parents.

"The economy is tremendously affecting so many of our families in Georgia. Triple the number of youth and families attended our 9th annual Back to School Rally. I am truly thankful our event was able to serve so many families in need," said former NBA



Atlanta Hawk's player Shareef Abdur-Rahim, Founder of the Future Foundation.

Students in grades K-12 received backpacks filled with grade-appropriate school supplies, including crayons, notebooks, pencils, calculators, rulers and more.

"Future Foundation, City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms and Greenbriar Mall came together as one unit to help prepare the boys and girls in the Southwest Atlanta community, in which they serve, for a successful school year. We appreciate the community and we want to continue to show our support to them," said Greenbriar Mall Marketing Director, Gwendolyn Motley.

COUNCILMEMBER KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS HOSTS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms hosted an Economic Development Seminar on August 14th at Ben Hill United Methodist Church to update residents on economic revitalization activities and opportunities along the Campbellton Road Tax Allocation District.

"My office hosted this seminar to educate the public, and make residents and business owners aware of tools and assistance that may be available to them to help spur economic growth and opportunity in the area," Councilmember Bottoms said. Representatives from the Atlanta Development Authority, the Department of Procurement, the Department of Housing and the Department of Planning were in attendance to discuss the Campbellton Road TAD, existing homebuyer assistance programs, and other economic development opportunities and incentives available to Atlanta residents and people interested in doing business in the City.

Bottoms stated, "There are numerous tools and incentives that are available to developers and everyday citizens that will assist them in numerous areas, such as business development and home ownership. Starting a new business can be a daunting task, but with redevelopment zones such as the Campbellton Road TAD, the City offers many outstanding tools and opportunities to assist a new business owner or an existing business owner looking to expand."



COUNCILMEMBER BOTTOMS JOINS FULTON COUNTY IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY

Atlanta City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms was the guest speaker at the Fulton County Juvenile Court's observance of National Adoption Day on November 20th at the Judge Romae T. Powell Juvenile Justice Center downtown.

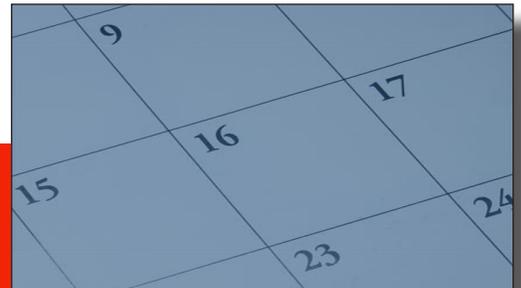
National Adoption Day is a national day set aside to finalize adoptions and celebrate with those families that have made the decision to open their hearts and homes to children in need of a loving home.

Across the country, thousands of children await adoption or are in foster care, looking forward to permanent homes.

"These children can thrive, reach their full potential, and spread their wings when given the loving and firm foundation of family," Councilmember Bottoms said. "As people of compassion, we must encourage and promote adoption as a viable solution for the numerous children who find themselves without the support of a loving family. We must always commend those who are willing to open their hearts and homes to take in, care for, love and support a child."



DISTRICT 11 EVENTS Year in Review



January 25, 2010

January 26, 2010

March 2, 2010

April 17, 2010

June 5, 2010

July 8, 2010

July 31, 2010

August 14, 2010

October 16, 2010

November 23, 2010

December 7, 2010

December 13, 2010

Community Leaders Meeting at the Young Family YMCA

Faith Based Community Breakfast with District 11 Principals & Pastors

Town Hall Meeting at Ben Hill United Methodist Church

Earth Day Community Cleanup: Bonnybrook Estates

Ben Hill Community Cleanup

NPU-P Tour & Meeting

Back to School Rally at Greenbriar Mall

Economic Development Seminar at Ben Hill United Methodist Church

Childress Community Cleanup with Therrell High School

Thanksgiving Carnival & Turkey Giveaway at Greenbriar Mall

Campbellton Road Corridor Zoning Changes Public Input Meeting at Mount Carmel Baptist Church

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WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

We have received nearly 400 constituent concerns to date and have helped to successfully resolve the vast majority of those complaints.

If you have City service issues that you need help in resolving, please contact us at 404-330-6054 or at kbottoms@atlantaga.gov



SAVE THE DATE



District 11 TOWN HALL MEETING

Thursday, February 3, 2011
@ 6 PM

Ben Hill United Methodist Church
2099 Fairburn Road, S.W.

Dear Neighbor:

I am pleased to invite you to our first Town Hall Meeting of the new year on **Thursday, February 3, 2011 at Ben Hill United Methodist Church**, located at 2099 Fairburn Road, S.W. The meeting will begin at 6 PM.

You will have a chance to discuss issues facing our neighborhoods, as well as speak with top City officials regarding your concerns. Updates will also be provided on ongoing projects in District 11.

The following departments have been invited:

- Mayor Kasim Reed and the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services
- Solid Waste Services
- The Bureau of Code Enforcement-Housing Code Department
- The Department of Watershed Management
- The Atlanta Fire-Rescue Department
- The Atlanta Police Department
- The City of Atlanta Commission on Aging
- Atlanta Workforce Development Agency

For more information please call my office at (404) 330-6054 or email me at kbottoms@atlantaga.gov I look forward to seeing you there!



YOUTH FINANCIAL LITERACY SEMINAR

February 19 through March 5, 2011

Andrew and Walter Young Family YMCA, 2220 Campbellton Road Southwest

For more information or to register call 404-330-6054 or email kbottoms@atlantaga.gov

The Youth Financial Literacy Seminar is designed to take our children far beyond money management skills and equip them with the necessary critical economic thinking tools needed for tomorrow's economy.

The seminar will offer workshops and courses on financial literacy, fun-filled exercises, and hands-on activities. This program will allow participants to embrace critical thinking and creative thought, while putting wealth building at the forefront of financial endeavors.

The seminar will also educate our children through exploring traditional and non-traditional ways of building wealth.

The seminar is free and is open to children grades 7 - 12. Space is limited so please register early.



Join Atlanta City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms and thousands of women in metro Atlanta for Georgia's largest fitness and wellness campaign!

The 2nd annual Get Body Beautiful Program kicks off from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 19, 2011 with a Health & Wellness Expo at the Georgia International Convention Center.

More than 30,000 women are expected to participate in the program, which will focus on healthy living, business success, finance and real estate, relationships, spiritual growth and more.

The program will also include wellness events at surrounding malls and local churches; radio and TV segments; and a special \$20,000 makeover challenge contest for participants.

In addition, free weekly workout sessions will be held at Ben Hill Recreation Center.

COUNCILMEMBER KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS JOINS POLOW DA DON FOR THANKSGIVING CARNIVAL

On November 23rd Atlanta City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms joined super-producer Polow da Don and Foundation F.O.C.U.S. for their 4th Annual Thanksgiving Carnival and Turkey Giveaway.

This year's event took place at Greenbriar Mall, where participants enjoyed free rides, games, food, a 2,000-turkey, yams and greens giveaway and celebrity appearances and performances from superstar Chris Brown, Zone 4 artists Keri Hilson, Lloyd and many more. One lucky participant received free rent for a year.

"One of the many joys of Thanksgiving is found in doing for others" said Councilmember Bottoms. "In these tough economic times, I am grateful that we have been able to join forces to help provide a bit of relief to those in need. The 2,000 turkeys given away helped to put food on what may have otherwise been an empty table on Thanksgiving for many families. Hopefully, this event will create a chain reaction of giving that will last well past the holiday season."



Atlanta City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms (center) presents a proclamation honoring Polow da Don (left) for his work in the community. Councilmember Bottoms is joined by V-103's Greg Street.

CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE ATLANTA STUDENT MOVEMENT



Atlanta City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms spoke at the street renaming ceremony honoring the Atlanta Student Movement.

The movement was formed 50 years ago by students of the Atlanta University Center and was led by the Committee for the Appeal for Human Rights. The students played an integral role in the American Civil Rights Movement and served as a precursor to the many student led protests against social injustice of the day.

The students garnered national attention with the publication of "An Appeal for Human Rights," which appeared in several newspapers.

About 4,000 Atlanta University Center students participated in the Atlanta Student Movement including Councilmember Bottoms' aunt, the late Ruby Doris Smith Robinson.

Morehouse College students Lonnie King and Julian Bond spearheaded many of the sit-in demonstrations where student activists who were opposed to political leadership and social inequality demonstrated across the state in hopes of effecting fundamental change.

The Atlanta Student Movement, motivated by the Civil Rights Movement, pushed for the desegregation of businesses, schools, housing, and health care facilities.





COUNCILMEMBER KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS HOSTS FAITH-BASED AND EDUCATION LEADERS AT A PRAYER BREAKFAST AND COMMUNITY LEADERS AT A DINNER

Atlanta City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms welcomed members of the faith-based community and principals of area schools at a prayer breakfast shortly after taking office in January. She also hosted a dinner for all community association presidents and NPU leaders. The meeting allowed for leaders of District 11 to meet their new Council representative. The meeting also enabled those present to learn how they can in collaboration assist the City in solving issues facing our community.

COMMUNITY ISSUES TOUR OF NPU-P

Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms joined members of Neighborhood Planning Unit-P for a community issues tour in July.

Participants met at the Barge Road Park & Ride and took a bus tour of areas of concern in District 11.

In attendance for the tour were representatives from the Departments of Watershed, Public Works, Planning & Zoning, Code Compliance, Parks & Recreation, the Atlanta Police & Fire Departments, and the Atlanta Development Authority.

Residents were updated on the status of projects already in place, available courses of action for future projects, and next steps concerning park and

recreation center improvement and renovation requests, road widening and sidewalk requests, public safety concerns, code compliance issues of illegal dumping and abandoned houses, as well as, environmental and community development strategies.



ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO UNVEIL NEW POLICE BEAT BOUNDARIES

The Atlanta Police Department will soon unveil a redesign for the City's police beats.

A performance audit on police availability in April 2009 found that the Atlanta Police Department could better align patrol recourse and deployment with workload by redrawing beat boundaries. The City's six police zones vary in size and population. Zone 1 is 19 square miles; Zone 2 is 40 square miles, Zone 3 is 24 square miles; Zone 4 (located in District 11) is 32 square miles, Zone 5 is 8 square miles and Zone 6 is 16.6 square miles - an increase of 5.6 square miles from its 2003 size. The current beats and boundaries were last reformulated in 2004. Since then the City has added some 70,000 new residents.

The new designs will allow for increased police response times and greater police patrol availability and presence city-wide.

FIRE SERVICE UPDATE!

On June 25, the Atlanta City Council passed the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget - which includes funding for fire coverage from the Fulton County Fire Department for neighborhoods outside of I-285, that were recently annexed into the City. This legislation was sponsored by Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms.

Along with Atlanta Fire Rescue, Fulton County will also be responsible for providing fire and emergency protection services for sections of District 11.

This new partnership will not only save taxpayers money, but it will also improve response times for these critical services.



DISTRICT 11 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Your Tax Dollars at Work!

In 2000, a referendum was passed by Atlanta's voters, which authorize us to issue \$150 million Quality of Life Bonds. The Quality of Life Bond Program provides for community improvements throughout the City including sidewalks, plazas and greenspace, streets, bridges and viaducts, and traffic control devices.

The Quality of Life Bond Program has provided the following capital projects in Council District 11:

- 49 completed street resurfacing projects including the Fairburn Road corridor.
- 15 completed signal upgrades at specific intersections.
- 14 completed speed hump and traffic calming projects.
- 10 completed sidewalk projects including sidewalks on Fairburn Road and Childress Drive.
- 5 completed greenspace enhancement projects including Adams Park improvements.
- 3 completed road construction projects on unpaved streets.
- 1 completed major upgrade of signals along the Campbellton Road corridor.



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