



Atlanta City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms

DISTRICT 11 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

Great successes accomplished in 2012 but more are to come!

Dear Neighbors,

“Well done is always better than well said.” *Benjamin Franklin*

I am a quote fanatic. So when my husband Derek, shared these words with me, I immediately knew that I could not keep them to myself. These words epitomize my personal measure of success as a member of the Atlanta City Council. While it is nice to hear someone articulate their vision and even their accomplishments, it is far better to behold tangible results. Thus, it my hope that the work my staff and I have done on your behalf over the last three years speak far louder than words.

As we celebrate our major accomplishments over the last year, like the demolition of the blighted property on Alison Court, the passage of enforceable panhandling legislation, increasing our city reserves to more than \$100M, and nearly reaching our goal of 2000 officers within the Atlanta Police Department, I am even prouder of the work we have done that does not make headlines. This includes the three week long Financial Literacy seminar that we once again hosted for children across the city at the Young Family YMCA. As a member of the Atlanta Mayoral Board of Service, a group comprised of leaders from across the City to help facilitate youth development and

neighborhood revitalization, I have never been happier than to sit in a recreation center and hear a young man share that instead of fulfilling the expectations of his community that he would go to prison or get strung out on drugs, he was the first in his family to graduate from high school. In large part, he credits the resources available to him through one of our Centers of Hope for giving him the vision and support to dream bigger than the environment surrounding him. Listening to him, I was once again reminded of a wonderful quote, “It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.” *Frederick Douglass*

You will find in my office shelves of “thank you” cards and notes. I display these as a reminder that our hard work is needed and appreciated, and by continuing to listen, serve, and work side by side with the community, we can accomplish even more. It is an honor to continue to be of service.

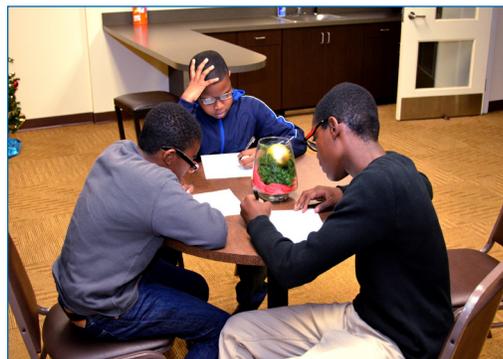
**Best,
Keisha**

City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms sponsors workshop on youth financial literacy

In partnership with local financial strategist Rashida Winfrey, Atlanta City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms hosted the second annual youth financial literacy seminar at the Andrew & Walter Young Family YMCA, located at 2220 Campbellton Road, S.W.

The program is designed to teach participants a lesson in financial management that will last a lifetime.

The December program offered unique workshops and courses on financial literacy through fun-filled exercises and



hands-on activities for students in grades 7 thru 12.

It also educated participants on traditional and non-traditional ways of building wealth.

“Having children who are financially savvy impacts the entire community,” said Councilmember Bottoms. “Not only is the information beneficial to them, but they will also have an opportunity to

share what they have learned with their elders, as well as their peers. We are creating a foundation upon which they will continue to build upon for the rest of their lives.”

Alison Court - an abandoned complex plagued with criminal activity and illegal - demolished in 2012

District 11 City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms and the Atlanta Police Department Code Enforcement Section took another tough stance against vacant, blighted properties with the demolition of 2020 Alison Court in southwest Atlanta.

Councilmembers Bottoms praised the demolition as a positive step for both the district and the city.

“The demolition of what was a derelict apartment complex represented more than just the tearing down of buildings,” said Bottoms, who represents the area. “Instead, it symbolized the start of a rebuilding of the community. It is a promise made to the community and a promise kept. The families and elderly in this community should feel a bit safer today knowing that those abandoned buildings, which have often served as a haven for illegal activity and dumping, are no longer a part of this community.”

Nearby residents have eagerly anticipated the demolition, and city leaders agreed that the property was not only an eyesore, but a potential public health hazard, haven for crime and detriment to the community’s quality of life.

The complex was abandoned in 2007, neglected and quickly became an illegal dumping ground. The Atlanta Police Department’s Code Enforcement Section was able to document the property’s dilapidated condition and secured a demolition order from the In Rem Review Board in July 2010.



Have a concern about a possible city code violation in your neighborhood?

The Bureau of Code Compliance is responsible for the inspection and enforcement of residential and commercial properties that violate the Atlanta Housing Code, Graffiti Ordinance, and/or Commercial Maintenance and Industrial Code. Properties are inspected for violations such as:

- decayed/damaged leaking roofs,
- holes in flooring (both inside and out),
- broken window glass; flaking/peeling paint,
- units not supplied with water or adequate heat,
- rodent infestation or unsanitary conditions,
- overgrown, littered vacant lots,
- junk/inoperative vehicles,
- graffiti,
- electrical hazards,

- open and vacant structures,
- dilapidated buildings, etc.

To submit a potential code violation Contact the Bureau of Code Compliance at 404.330.6190, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:15 am and 5:00 pm. to speak with a customer service representative.



Hundreds attend the 2012 District 11 Town Hall Meeting

Atlanta City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms hosted the 2012 District 11 Town Hall on February 21 at Cascade United Methodist Church, located at 3144 Cascade Road S.W.



The third annual community Town Hall gave constituents a chance to discuss issues facing their neighborhoods, as well as speak with top city officials about a number of concerns. Topics of discussion included redistricting, code enforcement, crime reduction, sanitation, water bill disputes, and street paving. Updates were also given regarding on-going projects in District 11.

“The Town Hall has been a wonderful opportunity for the community to receive information, as well as have issues immediately addressed by department heads,” said Bottoms. “It is always my hope to continue building on the community engagement that we have established since taking office in 2010. Citizens have expressed their appreciation for the chance to meet face-to-face with the various departments. With hundreds of residents in attendance at each of the previous District 11 Town

Hall meetings, the community as a whole has been empowered to use the information they have received to maximize the quality of services they receive from the city.”

Also in attendance was Mayor Kasim Reed and the following departments: the Mayor’s Office of Constituent Services; Solid Waste Services; Bureau of Code Enforcement; Department of Watershed Management; Atlanta Fire Rescue; Atlanta Police Department; Commission on Aging; Atlanta Workforce Development; Invest Atlanta; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs; Planning and Community Development; Department of Public Works; and others.



City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms joins Families First for an Adoption Lunch & Learn at City Hall

City Councilmember Keisha Bottoms teamed up with Families First, the state’s leading non-profit family service agency, to host an Adoption Lunch & Learn at City Hall.

Bottoms and her husband are the proud parents of four sons, all of whom were adopted.

“As the mother of son wonderful son, I know the joy of providing love and a nurturing home to a child,” she said. “Every child desires love and there are so many families that can provide that love and only need the know how to start the adoption process.”

Families First has provided counseling for families and services to prospective parents for more than 120 years.



District 11 Neighborhood Jazz Concert draws crowds from across Southwest Atlanta



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In what has now become an anticipated annual tradition, Atlanta City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms and the City of Atlanta's Public Safety Agencies partnered for District 11 Neighborhood Jazz Concert in May at John A. White Park, located 1053 Cascade Circle S.W.

This exciting jazz concert featured Journell Henry, Joey Sommerville, and Julie Dexter with special intro performances by "Haitian Queen of Jazz" JazzyGinou and J.O. Wyatt and his band Just Jazz.

The concert was part of the Atlanta Jazz Festival's 31 Days of Jazz which offers concerts throughout the entire month of May that featured artists in venues across the city.



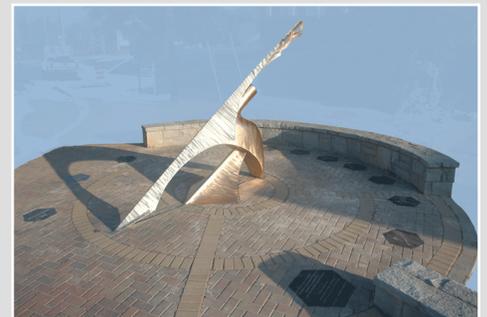
District 11 Celebrate Completion of the Cascade Road/Benjamin E. Mays Streetscape Project

City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms joined the Department of Public Works and the City of Atlanta's Office of Cultural Affairs for the dedication of the Cascade/Benjamin E. Mays Streetscape Project in October. The improvements allow pedestrians to safely cross the busy thoroughfare while upgrades and enhancements were also installed to the existing streetscape at the intersection.

Also featured prominently is the artwork of artist Ayokunle Odeleye, called "Chi Wara Sundial Lantern." His concept was derived from the "Chi Wara" a mythical animal of an ethnic group of people in Mali along the West African coast. The Chi Wara is used as a headdress in special ceremonial harvest dances designed to pass on knowledge from wise elders to young people in the village. Chi Wara Sundial Lantern visually interprets this mythological image and conceptually uses it to suggest the ceremonial passing of scholarship from Cascade elders to the youth of this community.

As a "lantern" light structure, the sculpture is designed with an internal flood light feature which shines upward illuminating the interior column and the flame like forms found at the top of the work. Conceptually, the light feature represents the political, spiritual and creative illumination provided to the community and the city by individuals whose names appear on the metal plates of the concrete plaza.

The community XXXXX people with ties to the community to be honored at the site. They include: Benjamin E. Mays, Morehouse College President / Advisor to U.S. President; C.T. Vivian, Minister; Romae T. Powell (Judge); Dr. Gerald L. Durley, Minister; Dr. Vivien Davenport, Community worker; C.A. Scott, founder of the Atlanta Daily World; Leroy Johnson, first black state senator; Curtis Patterson, nationally recognized sculptor; Dr. Clinton Warner, who was instrumental in the desegregation of southwest Atlanta in 1963; Alice Washington, research librarian; Evelyn Frazier, civil rights activist; and Lowell Ware, founder of the Atlanta Voice.



2012: A Year In Pictures



Councilmember Bottoms sponsors a Red Cross Lunch & Learn for City Employees

Nearly 150 city employees attended a Lunch & Learn in October on ways they can help the American Red Cross when disaster strikes. The event was sponsored by Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms.

The informative session included an overview of the services provided by the American Red Cross, which relies heavily on volunteers and donations.



es, international services, administrative services, blood services, disaster services and more.

As one of the nation's premier humanitarian organizations, the American Red Cross is dedicated to helping people in need throughout the United States and, in association with other Red Cross networks, throughout the world.

The American Red Cross was founded in Washington, D.C. on May 21, 1881.

Attendees also learned about: services to U.S. Armed Forces

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Keep It Moving: A Town Hall Meeting on Childhood Health and Wellness

City Councilmembers Keisha Lance Bottoms teamed up with the Dogwood City Chapter of Links, Inc as well as several organizations for a Town Hall meeting on childhood health and wellness in April at M. Agnes Jones Elementary School, located at 1040 Fair Street in Atlanta.

“This Town Hall meeting promoted exercise, healthier eating habits, and encouraged students to be physically active,” said Bottoms. “We want to put children on a healthy path. This meeting provided parents with valuable information on healthy lifestyle choices and the importance of fitness and nutrition.”

A panel discussion was held on healthier cooking techniques and shopping for inexpensive healthy grocery items such as fresh fruits and veggies. There was also fun games for participating kids.

Other sponsors of the event included the Georgia Nutrition Association; Publix Super Market; the Southeast United Dairy Industry Association, Inc.; The Ryan Cameron Foundation; Chef Asata, and Dr. David Jones.



City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms participates in the groundbreaking ceremony for the National Center for Civil and Human Rights

City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms joined Mayor Kasim Reed, former Mayor Shirley Franklin and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights CEO Doug Shipman in June for the groundbreaking ceremony at the global institution's future site at Pemberton Place in downtown Atlanta.

Bottoms was among the members of the Women's Solidarity Society members in attendance. The society was launched in 2010 for women leaders to contribute funding and ideas to shape programming and exhibitions on women's issues in the National Center for Civil and Human Rights.

"As a native Atlanta I am tremendously proud to have this great institution in the birthplace of the modern American Civil Rights Movement," Bottoms said. "There is no

other place more befitting than Atlanta. It is my hope that this center will be a magnet for those yearning to learn to the true story of civil and human rights struggles in this country and serve as a global institution for those championing human rights across the globe."



The three-story structure will feature approximately 18,000 square feet of exhibit space and will include a gallery for the Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. Collection (King Papers) as well as civil rights and human rights exhibitions. The building will also offer special events spaces and a state-of-the-art broadcast studio.

The Center will also have a positive economic impact on the City of Atlanta, adding approximately 600 jobs, \$50 million in revenue and attracting approximately 400,000 visitors annually. It is expected to open in 2014.

Groundbreaking ceremony held for Atlanta's Streetcar Line



From left to right: U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and Atlanta City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms

Atlanta City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms joined Mayor Kasim Reed and U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and a host of other government and civic leaders for the groundbreaking ceremony of the new Atlanta Streetcar Line.

This project was awarded the largest of federal 2010 TIGER grants and with good reason, according to U.S.

Department of Transportation officials. The 2.6-mile streetcar line runs right through the core of the city. It will provide much needed public transportation to small businesses, convention centers, and popular destinations like the World of Coca Cola, the Georgia Aquarium and the CNN Center. The line will also be a powerful catalyst for business growth in the areas it serves, DOT officials said. It is expected to be used heavily by tourists, students in the area and residents.



Keisha Lance Bottoms sponsors legislation restricting panhandling



Within 15 feet* of:

- an automated teller machine (ATM)
- a parking lot pay box
- the entrance or exit of a building
- a line for entry to an event venue, business or other building
- a bus, rail or subway station
- a taxi stand

*The prohibition applies only to that portion of the fifteen feet located on public property.

It is against the law to solicit money in the following ways:

- Blocking the path or passage of the person solicited
- Following alongside the person solicited so that they cannot get away from the solicitor
- Using profane or abusive language, either during the solicitation or following refusal
- Continuing to bother a person after they have refused the solicitation verbally or by gesture
- Making any statement or gesture which could be perceived as a threat
- Touching the person solicited

City Councilmember Bottoms' sponsored legislation prohibiting unwanted monetary solicitation went into effect on Nov. 9, 2012. Monetary solicitation is the act of asking an individual, either verbally or by gesture, for an immediate distribution of money or anything of monetary value.

The law strikes a balance as a reasonable, humane and enforceable way to stop aggressive monetary solicitation. Penalties for violating this law include community service, monetary fines and/or imprisonment. It is against the law to solicit money in the following places:



Do your part to fight crime

Crime Stoppers Greater Atlanta engages the entire community – citizens, media and law enforcement – to work towards making communities safer by identifying the people committing crimes and getting them off the streets. Crime Stoppers offers a \$2,000 reward for the arrest and indictment of individuals for certain crimes. If you have information on criminal activity, please call the Crime Stoppers tip line at 404-577-TIPS (8477).

City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms hosts students from D.M. Therrell School of Law, Government, and Public Policy at City Hall

“A good education and determination is the key to success in anything you do in life,” said City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms as she spoke to a group of students from D.M. Therrell School of Law, Government, and Public Policy.

Bottoms, an attorney, hosted the students in May at Atlanta City Hall.

In addition to providing a tour of Council offices, the council chamber and the Mayor’s office, Bottoms spoke to students regarding her career path. She specifically touched on what led her toward a career in public service. Students also discussed their own academic and career goals with Bottoms.

Following the morning tour and discussion, students sat in

on the meeting of the Atlanta City Council’s Committee on Council. The students also attended a meeting of the full City Council later in the day.



D.M. Therrell School of Law, Government, and Public Policy focuses on developing critical thinking skills necessary for success in college and the workplace, including problem-solving, oration, and critical reading and writing.

Particular emphasis is placed on developing connections between content and disciplines through interdisciplinary planning and external experiences such as community service, mentoring, and internships in local colleges/universities, law firms, and social justice organizations.

Atlanta’s general fund reserves surpasses \$126 million

Pension reform legislation sponsored by Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms has helped the city reach nearly \$126.7 million in its general fund reserves, an increase of more than \$119 million since January 2010 when the current administration and City Council took office.

“Only through working together have we been able to achieve this momentous milestone when it comes to our city’s finances,” Councilmember Bottoms said. “We have done so without jeopardizing services to our citizens; in fact we have enhanced many of our most vital services. Atlanta is in much better shape to weather future economic downturns thanks to our growing reserve fund.”

Councilmember Keisha Bottoms meets with White House officials on job creation in Atlanta

City Councilmember Keisha Bottoms met with senior White House officials in February to discuss job creation locally and across the country. The meeting was part of the White House’s ongoing effort to solicit feedback from businesses and civic leaders on what the Obama Administration can be doing more of – of less of – to help spur job creation and inform the policymaking process.

Councilmember Bottoms heard from and gave feedback to senior White House and Administration officials on current efforts to further economic growth and Administration priorities. The meeting covered a range of topic as they relate to job creation in Atlanta.

Maynard Jackson International Terminal Opens Doors to the World in 2012

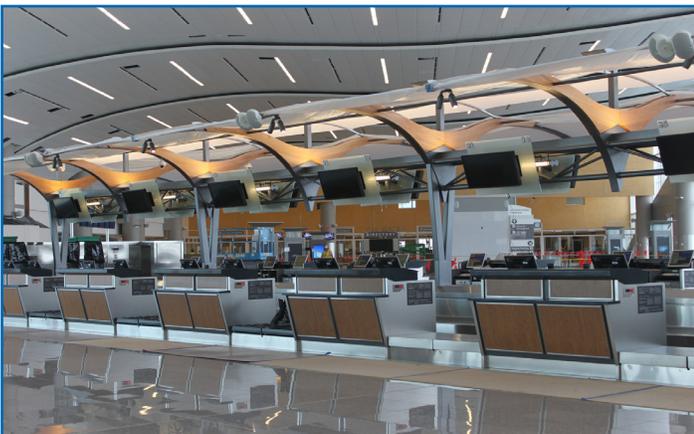
City Councilmember Keisha Bottoms joined hundreds of dignitaries in 2012 as Atlanta opened a new front door to the world at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport!

On May 16, the new Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal was officially dedicated by city leaders. With its sweeping roof line, gentle metallic curves and glass facade, the international terminal will welcome millions of world travelers for decades to come.

“The new Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal is breathtaking and it is befitting that it honors one of our city’s most progressive mayors and a former resident of southwest Atlanta who gave so much of his time and passion to making this airport a world-class facility and our city a world-class designation,” Bottoms said.

Perfectly timed for an expected surge in international travel over the next decade, the Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal and its new concourse will connect with Concourse E to create a 40-gate international air travel complex.

The facility serves as the new global gateway through which travelers from throughout the world will connect with more than 150 U.S. cities. For those traveling from the United States, the international terminal serves as the gateway to nearly 80 destinations in more than 50 countries.



City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms joins Mayor Kasim Reed on trade mission to China

City Councilmember Keisha Lance Bottoms join Mayor Kasim Reed, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and other government and business leaders in March on nine-day trade mission to cities of Nanjing, Hangzhou, Guangzhou and Shenzhen in the Peoples Republic of China as part of an effort to expand economic development in Atlanta and the region.

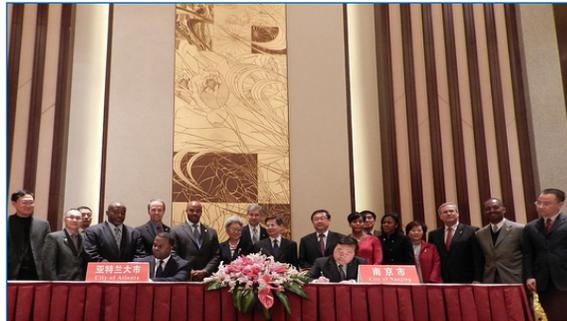
China is Georgia's second-largest export market. Georgia exported \$2.4 billion in goods to China in 2010, up 35.2 percent from the previous year. About two dozen Chinese companies have operations in the state.

"With the city's focus on increasing air cargo through Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the possibilities for increased trade with China are endless," Bottoms said. "Increase trade leads to new jobs. That prospect can only bode well for southwest Atlanta job seekers due to our proximity to our city's international airport."

Bottoms said with a very skilled workforce and a business-friendly climate, the Atlanta region stands above the rest. "While it's very important to know that business relationships do not develop overnight," Bottoms said, "our region's reputation as a great place to do business has become more evident by the growing number of international companies locating here and across the state."

The trade mission to China has already paid dividends.

Michael Thomas, CEO and Portfolio Manager of Thomas USAF Group joined more than 20 Atlanta area company executives on the trip. He said as a result of the trade mission, a Chinese forklift company, UN, is planning to set up its regional headquarters in Atlanta, and his company would provide financing. Atlanta-based company Novelis Inc. plans to capitalize on a growing Chinese auto manufacturing market by locating its first automotive sheet manufacturing plant in China.



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