



City of Atlanta

OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

FY20 – 4th QUARTER UPDATE

Presentation to Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee

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TOPICS & INITIATIVES

CRITICAL ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Demonstrators: APD Pre-Arrest Command Center Collaboration*
- ❖ Bond Hearings*
- ❖ COVID-19 Continuity of Service*
- ❖ Nuisance Abatement Against Vehicles Involved in Crimes*
- ❖ Community Outreach*

CRITICAL ACTIVITIES

APD Demonstrations Collaboration

- Collaborated with APD at the CNN Center, Zone 5 Precinct, during demonstrations from May 30th – June 26th
- Assigned assistant solicitors to support APD with charging and policy decisions related to demonstrators and curfew violators, resulting in a total of 521 arrests.

CRITICAL ACTIVITIES

COVID-19

Bond Hearings

- Participated in 527 bond hearings
- Disposed of 18 cases/Reset 452/Bind Overs 55/
Juvenile transfers 2

Diversion & Non-traditional Prosecution

Our diversion and alternative prosecution programs successfully transitioned to remote processes. This continuity of service allowed individuals to resolve cases without personal appearances in court.

- By the close of the fiscal year, approx. 22,000 cases were enrolled into diversion programs
- Approximately 61% of these cases were enrolled without the need for a personal appearance
- The total fee assessment at the close of the fiscal year was approximately \$4.4M



NUISANCE ABATEMENT AGAINST VEHICLES INVOLVED IN CRIMES

- Municipal Court authority to hear and abate nuisances, (O.C.G.A. 41-2-5)
- “A nuisance is anything that causes hurt, inconvenience, or damage to another and the fact that the act done may otherwise be lawful shall not keep it from being a nuisance. The inconvenience complained of shall not be fanciful, or such as would affect only one of fastidious taste, but it shall be such as would affect an ordinary, reasonable man.” (O.C.G.A. § 41-1-1)
- Neither prior notice nor prior offenses is expressly required to establish a nuisance against a vehicle for traffic crimes, unlike the requirement for a nuisance against real property for crimes related to sex or drug activity
- City Ordinance Sec. 74-172 declares that certain non-moving vehicles are a nuisance, showing how much more a nuisance exists by a vehicle involved in the commission of a traffic crime
- Formula for nuisance identification and abatement shared with APD



IN THE COMMUNITY

“Working Together for ONE ATLANTA”

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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March

- The Office of the City Solicitor continued with our "College Tour" with visits to Clark Atlanta University and Georgia State University. At our College Tour event we were able to collaborate with campus police to advise students on law and safety issues.
- The "Read Across America" event at Peyton Forest Elementary School provided prosecutors the opportunity to read stories and actively engage students in a meaningful way.
- Our prosecutors and other office professionals shared aspects of their careers and the functionality of our court operations with students of T. H. Slater Elementary School at their Career Day.



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April

- Solicitor's Office volunteers actively participated in five (5) Atlanta City Council District 10 Drive-Thru Food Distribution events hosted by Councilmember Andrea Boone, directly responding to food insecurities resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic at the C. T. Martin Natatorium and Recreation Center. Thousands of families benefited from these initiatives.

May

- Our office assisted in the packaging and delivery of nearly 500 activity bags for the District 12 Senior Care Package event hosted by Councilmember Joyce Shepherd. The two-day effort provided helpful items, including material and instruction for making masks, games, puzzles, and more.

June

- Our office volunteers provided voluntary assistance for the NPU-J voter registration drive.

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The Office of the City Solicitor is launching an 8-week food drive with APD and AFRD:

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Locations</i>
July 11 th /Saturday	Greenbriar Mall, 2841 Greenbriar Pkwy SW, Atlanta, GA 30331
July 16 th /Thursday	Dunbar Recreation Center, 477 Windsor Street SW, Atlanta GA 30312
July 25 th /Saturday	Thomasville Recreation Center, 1835 Henry Thomas Drive SE, Atlanta GA 30315
July 30 th /Thursday	Grove Park Recreation Center, 750 Francis Place, NW, Atlanta 30318
August 8 th /Saturday	Rosel Fann Recreation Center, 365 Cleveland Ave, SE, Atlanta GA 30354
August 13 th /Thursday	Washington Park, 1125 Lena Street NW, Atlanta GA 30314
August 22 nd / Saturday	Victory Outreach Church, 2175 Metropolitan Pkwy SW, Atlanta GA 30315
August 27 th /Thursday	Collier Heights Park, 3691 Collier Drive NW, Atlanta GA 30331

Community Prosecution Outreach Partners for Q4

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QUESTIONS?