

A RESOLUTION

**BY COUNCILMEMBERS MARY NORWOOD AND MICHAEL JULIAN BOND
AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A BUCKHEAD PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE TO PARTNER WITH BUCKHEAD BUSINESS AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO DETER CRIME AND ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY IN BUCKHEAD NEIGHBORHOODS, BUSINESS DISTRICTS AND COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has experienced a citywide surge in crime and lawlessness which has adversely impacted Buckhead neighborhoods, business districts, and commercial corridors; and

WHEREAS, in response to this rise in crime and lawlessness, the Buckhead Coalition and the Buckhead Community Improvement District have been providing additional resources to the Atlanta Police Department to increase security coverage within the designated BCID area of Buckhead by providing bike patrols and extra designated evening and late night patrols; and

WHEREAS, 99% of Buckhead neighborhood associations are members of the Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods (2020-2021) and 97% of them have taken measures to provide resources for their neighborhood's own safety and security; and

WHEREAS, Atlanta City Government has recognized the importance of providing additional resources to this section of Atlanta and has committed to creating a newly-designated mini-precinct in Buckhead's West Village Area, the first such in District 8th's history; and

WHEREAS, the Buckhead Coalition, Buckhead Community Improvement District, Livable Buckhead, Buckhead Business Association and the Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods in 2020 worked with local community leaders and law enforcement to develop the Buckhead Security Plan as a blueprint for addressing rising crime which includes a focus on improving and promoting deterrence by enhancing the enforcement of existing laws and also to adopt policies and procedures which have a positive impact on public safety overall; and

WHEREAS, the Buckhead Security Plan includes near-term and longer-term actions aimed at increasing sustainable safety and security among the people who live, work and visit Buckhead for business, shopping, and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has a responsibility to implement policies and procedures to keep all residents and visitors to the City safe; and

WHEREAS, the City has an opportunity to establish a unique partnership with local Buckhead business and community organizations to enhance, expand, and support the Buckhead Security Plan and to produce a comprehensive public safety plan with buy-in from all entities in Buckhead including corporate and commercial owners, retail establishments, neighborhood associations, and non-profit entities and institutions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, that a Buckhead Public Safety Task Force is hereby established to partner with Buckhead business and neighborhood associations, law enforcement agencies, and appropriate governmental entities to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to deter crime and enhance public safety in the entire area of Buckhead and throughout the City of Atlanta.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Buckhead Public Safety Task Force shall consist of the following members:

- 1) City Councilmember from District 7 or a designee
- 2) City Councilmember from District 8 or a designee
- 3) City Councilmember from District 9 or a designee
- 4) Chief of the Atlanta Police Department or a designee
- 5) Chief Executive Officer of the Atlanta Police Foundation or a designee
- 6) Fulton County District Attorney or a designee
- 7) Fulton County Sheriff or a designee
- 8) Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) representative
- 9) Georgia State Patrol representative
- 10) Georgia State Senate designee
- 11) Georgia House of Representatives designee
- 12) Multi-Agency Criminal Enterprise Task Force (MACE) representative
- 13) Community Action Committee (CAC) member
- 14) NPU-A member
- 15) NPU-B member
- 16) NPU-C member
- 17) Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods member
- 18) Buckhead Coalition member
- 19) Livable Buckhead member
- 20) Buckhead Community Improvement District (BCID) member
- 21) Buckhead Business Association member

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the task force shall not require Council confirmation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the task force shall consist of two groups: a working group and an advisory group, to be determined by the body in consultation with the Chair, who shall be appointed by the legislation's author(s).

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.