

Atlanta City Councilmember • Michael Julian Bond • Post 1 At-Large



Dear Constituents,

This newsletter is intended to provide you with more information about the work our office is doing in the community and to share with you the many ways we can help you access city services and make the most of your voice in city government.

We have accomplished so much over the last few years, it is not possible to include it all.

So this newsletter serves as a "Year in Review" of 2016 with a few benchmark accomplishments of previous years - all highlighting our incredible accomplishments, including community outreach and events, approved legislation, and proclamations honoring so many Atlanta citizens.

Of course none of what we have been able to accomplish has been without your ideas, your phone calls, and your public input.

Currently, I serve on the Community Development/ Human Resources Committee, the Public Safety/Legal Administration Committee, and on the Committee on Council.

Each of these Committees offer public comment opportunities, and I will continue to be a strong advocate for your right to address the Council Committees with no time limits.

So remember that you are always welcome to contact our office by phone, email, or just coming down to City Hall. We are here to help constituents with a variety of issues, including citywide concerns and issues effecting individual communities all across Atlanta.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions or concerns. The office phone number is (404) 330 6770, and my email is [mbond@atlantaga.gov](mailto:mbond@atlantaga.gov). You can also visit my website at [www.atlantapost1.com](http://www.atlantapost1.com), and can always call 311. Emails regarding the newsletter can be forwarded to [resurgens.mjbondpost1@atlantaga.gov](mailto:resurgens.mjbondpost1@atlantaga.gov).

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Post 1 At-Large Councilmember.

## BOND'S FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Councilman Michael Bond is reporting a \$95,160 operating budget savings from fiscal year 2016, as has been his annual practice. Bond has operated his Council Office's budget in the black for seven consecutive years, returning an average of nearly \$100,000 each year.



## Atlanta's National Night Out In Midtown

Councilman Michael Julian Bond toured the city for the annual "Atlanta Night Out," a simultaneous event in which various neighborhoods within Atlanta city limits host block parties to celebrate and acknowledge the state of their surroundings.

The Atlanta Police Department, Atlanta Fire and Rescue and district Councilmembers made their rounds to a dozen participating neighborhoods.



**Councilman Bond... "Please tell us a story!"**

Councilman Michael Julian Bond became "Storyteller Bond" at Hamilton E. Holmes Elementary School, March 28, 2016.

As part of "Men's Monday" at the school, Councilman Bond "enchanted" a group of Kindergarten and 1st graders as he told the story of "Apollonia and the 3 Golden Apples".



**Delivery of a Thanksgiving Baskets**

Post 1 At-Large delivered a basket filled with a turkey and ALL the trimmings for a wonderful Thanksgiving to a family in that lost their home due to fire. It was an honor and privilege to provide a Thanksgiving Basket to the family with Atlanta Fire & Rescue to include Fire Chief Baker and Deputy Fire Chief Smith. Bond also distributed 30 turkeys to families that have children in Atlanta Public Schools (APS) that were in need of our support. Thanks!

# New Historical Trail Honors... The Atlanta Student Movement



On August 17, 2015, the Atlanta City Council approved resolution 15-O-1317, sponsored by Councilman Bond, establishing the Atlanta Student Movement Historical Trail; and providing for historical markers.

The finished product will consist of a total of thirteen markers scheduled to be unveiled in late spring of 2016.

The Trail is a culmination of several years of work by Councilman Bond and several veterans of the Civil Rights Movement in Atlanta. A Commission was formed in 2010 to begin the process.

Last year, on November 01, 2014, Councilman Bond unveiled the first historical markers as part of the Trail,



at the corner of James P. Brawley Drive and Atlanta Student Movement Boulevard.

The Trail is intended to celebrate the achievements of the Atlanta Student Movement, and provide Atlanta residents and tourists alike with an exciting new way to learn more about the movement.

The markers will chronicle the Atlanta Student Movement between 1960 and 1965 with text that explains the historical importance of each location.

The markers will be interactive with QR codes that a person can scan with a smartphone or mobile device.

Scanning the codes will take them to a web page with more information about the history.

The main feature of the web pages will be videos of individuals who participated in the historical events at that site, as well as archival news footage.

The Atlanta Student Movement was formed between February and March 1960 in Atlanta by students of the campuses of the Atlanta University Center (AUC) and led by the Committee for the Appeal for Human Rights

On February 05, 1960, Morehouse students Lonnie King, Julian Bond (Councilman Bond's father), and Joseph Pierce discussed the idea of following in the footsteps of the Greensboro, North Carolina sit-ins, with the idea to organize similar actions in Atlanta.

Other activists in the movement include former Atlanta City Councilwoman Carolyn Long Banks, Marian Wright Edelman, Ben Brown, and Roslyn Pope.

The student activists were summoned to the office of the Presidents of all six AUC colleges, who at the time, challenged the students to write a document, rather than to proceed with immediate direct action such as organizing sit-ins at

segregated lunch counters.

The document they developed was called An Appeal for Human Rights and was published in several publications including the Atlanta Constitution and the Harvard Crimson. Then-Gov. Ernest Vandiver reportedly said it was too well-written to be by a student in Georgia and was probably written by a foreign Communist!

U.S. Sen. Jacob Javits from New York entered the Appeal in the Congressional Record, and the New York Times ran it as a full-page ad.

On March 15, 1960, the Committee on Appeal for Human Rights, with the assistance of the NAACP, launched a direct action campaign.

Some two hundred students participated in sit-ins in ten different locations downtown, including the State Capitol building, the county court house, City Hall, bus stations, and railway stations.

Gov. Vandiver ordered arrests, resulting in 77 students in jail.

The NAACP arranged legal assistance for the students. Attorneys A.T. Waldon and Donald Lee Hollowell were among many Black attorneys who provided free representation to the students.

Even Atlanta Mayor William B. Hartsfield spoke in support of the movement, saying the movement's concerns were reflective of the young people in the city and that "we should at least listen" to them. And Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. advised the students on many of their activities of civil obedience.

By their actions and the actions of others, in the fall of 1961, the City of Atlanta ended the formal practice of segregation in public facilities.

On June 07, 2010, a Commission was created to identify locations where these historical actions took place, and erect markers to memorialize different actions that took place in the 1960's student movement in Atlanta. The Commission recommended the creation of a trail in 2012.

The trail was to be called the Freedom Trail, but this is already a trademarked name for a trail in Boston, Massachusetts.

In 2014, a Task Force was created to develop recommendations regarding historical markers for the trail.

The unveiling of the completed Trail is to take place in late spring 2016. Stay tuned for more information.



# Post #1 Active Around Atlanta

**Councilman Michael Julian Bond led "Team Atlanta"** in the American Diabetes Association's annual "Walk to Stop Diabetes" at Turner Field. November 12, 2016,



**Councilman Michael Julian Bond hosted and participated in the 2016 Fall Scrap Tire Drive**, held at CHaRM on Hill Street in Atlanta, Saturday, November 20, 2016. Bond invited citizens to help cleanup the environment by bringing in old tires for FREE disposal.



## Councilman Tackles Police Brutality

Escalating tensions between law enforcement and the black community, in the wake of a string of deadly police encounters, was the impetus for a conversation at a Unity in the Community event. Hosted by the City of Atlanta Office of the Public Defender, Councilman Bond joined a panel discussion on Fostering Understanding, Trust & Confidence in the Criminal Justice System, in which Bond told urban youths to "learn your rights when encountering law enforcement and the judicial system."

Colleague and Councilmember Ivory Lee Young, Jr. joined the discussion at Booker T. Washington High School, along with a number of community leaders working in and with the courts.

## Emergency Preparedness

Many of the children participating in Atlanta's summer camps will be better prepared in case of disaster, thanks to the efforts of Councilman Bond and the American Red Cross. Bond's summer tour of Atlanta Recreation Centers included talking to children ages 8 to 11 (3rd to 5th graders) about fire safety and preparation for possible weather emergencies.

American Red Cross instructors were on hand, teaching a hands-on course in disaster preparedness. As part of The Pillowcase Project, each child receives a Disney pillowcase to design as they learn how to make a family emergency kit with everyday items in their home. They also learn about home fires and how to create an evacuation plan. The program encompasses more than 300 children citywide during July.

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## Textile Recycling Across Atlanta



Councilman Bond spent much of the summer educating young people about the importance of recycling. In a tour across City of Atlanta recreation centers, Bond visited summer camps encouraging participants to get involved in reducing their carbon footprint by recycling things they no longer use.

Kicking off the tour at Dunbar Neighborhood Center where Bond talked to over 50 children, he visited with more than 600 children by tour's end. He was accompanied on the tours by representatives of Charity Recycling Service and CHaRM. Recycle bins are posted at each site, where the public is encouraged to drop off textile items as listed.

### Items to recycle include:

- ◆ Old, worn or used fabrics/clothing
- ◆ Comforters and other bedding materials
- ◆ Curtains
- ◆ Towels
- ◆ Tennis shoes



## Atlanta Kidney Walk

Councilman Bond once again took the lead in the Atlanta Kidney Walk, held June 4, 2016 at Turner Field, encouraging participants to get involved in the fight against kidney disease.

As a disease three times more likely to affect African Americans, kidney failure poses a great risk to our community, with hypertension and diabetes cited as the major causes of kidney disease. The National Kidney Foundation reports 26 million American adults have chronic kidney disease, with millions of others at risk. If allowed to progress, kidney disease can lead to a complete kidney shut-down.

The good news is that good nutrition and exercise greatly reduce the risk of kidney disease, and early detection and treatment is the best way to prevent the disease from progressing.

## Atlanta Day Of Action - Service For A Better Community

June 11 was declared a Day of Action in Atlanta. Working alongside Mayor Kasim Reed and other community leaders, Councilman Bond pitched in to perform hands-on service projects across Atlanta designed to address food access and insecurity.

Organized by the Clinton Foundation, this was the first Atlanta Day of Action. The Day of Action program was launched by the Clinton Foundation in 2012 in the wake of Hurricane Sandy and what began as a single effort to clean up devastated communities in and around New York City.

The Atlanta Day of Action afforded volunteers the opportunity to get involved making a difference in their communities, sorting donated food items, packaging fresh meals, and setting up greenhouses and gardens to provide healthy food options to those in need in Atlanta. Participants traveled to sites throughout the city, including the Community Food Bank, Covenant House and Truly Living Well Center.





# Councilman Bond Helps to Enact Affordable Housing Impact Statements

Councilman Bond played a key role in helping the Atlanta City Council to consider and adopt a new policy of Affordable Housing Impact Statements.

In November 2014, Bond, along with Chairman Andre Dickens of the Community Development/Human Resources Committee, motioned to introduce the ordinance as a Committee paper.

The paper unanimously passed out of Committee a year later, on November 09, 2015; and passed Full Council on consent agenda on November 16.

Starting July 01, 2016, Affordable Housing Impact Statements will be required for any legislation considered by the City Council of Atlanta that is estimated to have an impact on the housing stock of the City of Atlanta.

Examples include: acceptance of federal grant dollars, land use papers, and other types of legislation. "I believe we need to start taking meaningful steps to increase quality housing options for the workforce of the City of Atlanta," Councilman Dickens said in a press release.

"This will provide us an estimate of affordable housing increases and decreases by policies and city actions. Hopefully, today we took an important first step to improve the lives of the people of Atlanta," Dickens said. The Impact Statements will center around the numerical impacts, in

terms of the numbers of units estimated to be added or subtracted at different income levels, using a framework as follows:

This legislation, if enacted, is estimated to have a projected impact upon the affordable housing stock of the City of Atlanta over the Thirty (30) year period following the enactment of the legislation by:

- Adding \_\_\_ or decreasing \_\_\_ units affordable at 30 or below percent of the City of Atlanta Area Median Income (AMI); and
- Adding \_\_\_ or decreasing \_\_\_ units affordable between 30.01 and 50 percent of AMI; and
- Adding \_\_\_ or decreasing \_\_\_ units affordable at between 50.01 and 80 percent of AMI; and
- Adding \_\_\_ or decreasing \_\_\_ units affordable at over 80 percent of AMI.

The municipal clerk will maintain a repository for the Impact Statements, which will allow stakeholders to gauge the trends of policymaking in the City of Atlanta.

Also, the Office of Housing will provide a yearly report to the Community Development/Human Resources (CD/HR) Committee on any housing units funded in whole or in part by public grant dollars, for which Affordable Housing Impact Statements have been prepared within a thirty year period.

**Councilman Michael Julian Bond honored 2016 Olympic Gold Medalist, Shaunae Miller; Olympic Swimmer Naomy Grand'Pierre; and Onica Blaize, reigning Mrs. Georgia. November 21, 2016**



**Councilman Michael Julian Bond** spent Thursday, November 10, 2016 visiting participating schools for the Book Drive event held throughout the month of October.



**Councilman Michael Julian Bond** joined Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed, fellow Councilmembers Keisha Lance Bottoms, C.T. Martin, Kwanza Hall, entertainer T.I. Fire Chief Baker, wife Sarah Elizabeth, Commissioner Andrea Boone and T.I.'s uncle **Commodn Morgan** for the Annual Turkey Giveaway.



**Councilman Michael Julian Bond** participated in Atlanta Fire and Rescue Department's annual Christmas Toy and Bike Giveaway, Saturday, December 3, 2016.

# The Legacy Continues



## Along with Councilman Bond, participants included:

- Maynard Jackson III – son of former Mayor Maynard Holbrook Jackson, Jr.
- Andrea Young – daughter of former Ambassador Andrew Young and Jean Childs Young
- Michael Russell – son of Herman J. Russell
- Minister Elisabeth Omilami – daughter of Hosea Williams
- Cheryl Osborne-Lowery – daughter of Rev. Joseph and Evelyn Lowery

Viewed through the lens of history, the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's and 60s dramatically transformed American society in every regard, most notably advancing the cause for African American civil and social liberty. It produced a crop of bold and courageous leaders who put everything... including their lives... on the line for freedom and equality for all Americans.

Growing up freedom fighters, the children of the patriarchs of the Movement are now taking their rightful place as leaders for social change.

Councilman Bond, son of the late Julian Bond, recently hosted The Legacy Continues ~ Descendants of Leaders in the Civil Rights Movement, bringing together several adult

children of the movement for the first time to talk about their experiences: things they saw, heard and learned while growing up with civil rights leaders.

The Black History Month program, hosted by Women of Distinction, Inc. (WOD) and Men of Distinction-Atlanta (MOD), offered middle school students in Atlanta Public Schools the opportunity to hear the adults talk about what it was like for them as children growing up in the South, and watching their parents work together to bring about change.

KISS 104.1 FM radio personalities Twanda Black, a WOD member, and Art Terrell, a member of MOD, facilitated the discussion.

## Recycling Starts Young



Councilman Bond, in an effort to engage young people in sustainability practices, has embarked on a mission to promote recycling in Atlanta public schools. Bond spoke to 8th-grade physical science students at Harper-Archer recently about the importance of recycling. So far, he has visited five middle schools around Atlanta to talk to kids during science classes about how recycling preserves the health of our environment.

Another way students are being encouraged to participate is through a program that taps into their creativity. The Recycling Perks Creative Art Challenge asks kids ages 4-18 to design a recycling logo or poster for the chance to win cool prizes. The deadline for submitting entries in the citywide contest is September 23, 2016, 5 pm for prizes that include Amazon Fire tablets, Beats headphones and Upcycle Hip Packs made from recycled bicycle inner tubes.

Students interested in participating should visit <http://www.atlantaga.gov/index.aspx?page=1299>, or call 1-855-813-2154 for more

## Councilman Bond Partners with Leah Pritchett for Fire Safety



With fire safety being a major concern throughout Atlanta, Councilman Bond joined members of Atlanta Fire Rescue for a door-to-door outreach effort aimed at making citizens safer. Atlanta firefighters and Councilmember Bond were joined by the Ronnie Thames Foundation in visiting homes to test and replace smoke detectors, distribute free hand-held fire extinguishers and educate citizens on fire safety. Carbon monoxide detectors were also tested or replaced. The campaign kicked off in 2015 and continues throughout the city.

"Being proactive and educating our citizens on improving health and safety is a top priority and it felt good to spend quality time talking with our heroes, our fire fighters who are out front everyday helping, supporting and caring for our city," Bond said.

Annually house fires claim the lives of thousands of Americans. Two out of three house fire deaths occur in homes where smoke detectors are either disabled or non-existent.

So far this year, nearly 1,000 house fire deaths have been reported in the U.S, according to the U.S. Fire Administration. In Georgia 41 house fire fatalities have been reported since January 1, including nine in the City of Atlanta.

Celebrity drag racer Leah Pritchett, in town for the NHRA Southern Nationals at the Atlanta Dragway, thanked firefighters for their service in to visit to Fire Station No. 1, where she delivered gift bags along with Councilman Bond.

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## Guest Speaker Bond talks about student success at Bunche MS

Councilman Michael Julian Bond was invited to be the Guest Speaker at Ralph J. Bunche Middle School's Academic Awards Ceremony.



**Bond Visits** Sadie Mays Rehab for Christmas Facility Ceremony. December 3, 2016



## Community Engagement Day

Councilman Michael Julian Bond participated and gave remarks during Community Engagement Day at Morehouse School of Medicine.

Community Engagement Day highlights the important role Morehouse School of Medicine and its partners play in creating opportunities for better health where one lives, learns, works, worships and plays.



## Child Safety Seat Day In Atlanta

ATLANTA - Councilman Michael Julian Bond hosted an afternoon of promoting safety for children.



## The Ronnie Thames Foundation 2016 Silent Hero Awards

Councilman Michael Julian Bond was a guest speaker at The Ronnie Thames Foundation Silent Hero Awards Ceremony, Saturday, September 10, 2016.

The award ceremony was held at The Georgia Aquarium, inside the Oceans Ballroom, honoring Metro Atlanta Firefighters for their community service and dedication to the job.

Saturday, September 17, 2016, Atlanta City Councilmember Michael Julian Bond, Atlanta Fire Rescue, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, the Georgia State Patrol, Fulton County Police, and CHaRM joined forces for a recycling event and car seat check up, where experts showed how to properly install child safety seats and gave away seats to replace damaged, outdated, or unsafe devices.



**Councilmember Michael Julian Bond** helps to induct Atlanta Inquirer Publisher John Smith, Sr. into the Atlanta Press Club Hall of Fame. November 29th, 2016



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## Government Leadership Day at Georgia Tech

Councilman Michael Julian Bond attended Georgia Tech's Government Leadership Luncheon, Saturday, September 10, 2016.

Hosted by Tech President and First Lady, Bud and Val Petersen, the 2016 event, held prior to the Yellowjackets football game against Mercer University, received many elected officials, including Georgia's U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson.



## Tomorrow Kids Day at Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church (Below)

Councilman Michael Julian Bond visited Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church, Saturday, September 10, 2016, to celebrate the "Tomorrow Kids Day" event.

Bond, spoke to a full reception house about the importance of being mentors and role models for a young generation. Rev. Dr. S.C. Character and First Lady Evangelist Dr. L. Character sponsored the day's event on Martin Street, in SE Atlanta.



## Councilman Bond at Public Safety Electric Car Premier

Councilman Michael Julian Bond attended a press conference announcing more advancements to the Atlanta Beltline as well as the addition of Atlanta Police and Atlanta Fire Department electric cars to assist in keeping the area safe.



## Battle of Utoy Creek Marker Ceremony (above)

Councilman Michael Julian Bond attended a Marker and Dedication Ceremony commemorating the Battle at Utoy Creek, which is now inside the Cascade Nature Preserve in Southwest Atlanta.

The ceremony included reenactments and remarks from Councilman Bond and U.S. Army Lieutenant General Bennett, Saturday, August 6, 2016.



## Scenes from Bond's Disaster Preparedness Tour (left)

Councilman Michael Julian Bond continued his Disaster Preparedness Tour at Adamsville Recreation Center in SW Atlanta.

On site was the American Red Cross, showcasing its Pillowcase Project and the Adamsville Fire and Rescue team, who was hands-on with the ARC summer campers, showing all the tools of the profession as well as speaking on survival skills in cases of fire and emergency in their homes.

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## Dr. Mary Shy Scott Memorial Park

Councilman Michael Julian Bond joined the Ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Atlanta Parks and Recreation, Atlanta City Councilmember C.T. Martin and Atlanta's First Lady Sarah Langford Reed in the renaming and dedication ceremony for the late Dr. Mary Shy Scott.

The ceremony was held Friday, July 8, 2016, in the historic Collier Heights Neighborhood, in which Dr. Scott resided for over 50 years.

## Disaster Preparedness Education Tour

Atlanta City Councilmember Michael Julian Bond is continuing the tour across the city of Atlanta at Recreation Centers talking with children at the summer camps listed below about disaster preparedness.

American Red Cross Instructors will accompany Councilman Bond and lead The Pillowcase Project. The summer campers age group are 8 to 11 years old (3rd to 5th Graders) will participate in a hands-on course on disaster preparedness. Each child will receive a Disney pillowcase to design as they learn how to make a family emergency kit with everyday items in their home for potential weather emergencies. Students also learn about home fires and how to create an evacuation plan. Councilman Bond and Red Cross Instructors will educate 300 plus children in the month of July.

Following the course, all children participating in The Pillowcase Project will be escorted outside and have first-hand experience talking with Atlanta Fire and Rescue and Atlanta Police Department Representatives while touring inside/out the vehicles



## MLK, Jr. Recreation and Aquatic Center Groundbreaking Ceremony

Councilmember Michael Julian Bond joined Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed, fellow Councilmembers Kwanza Hall, Natalyn Archibong, Keisha Lance Bottoms, Carla Smith, Andre Dickens and Dr. Bernice King (daughter of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.) at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new location of the King Aquatic Center, Thursday, July 7, 2016.



## DJ" MJB - Councilman Michael Julian Bond Plays DJ for a Night

Atlanta City Councilmember Bond joined radio personality Mitch Faulkner for an R&B Throwback House Party on KISS 104.1 FM.

Councilman Bond was the co-host DJ playing music that brings back memories. He played his list of old school hits – switch on the blue lights, slip on the high heels – and jam to classic throwbacks.



## Gatheround to Meet the Past – The Stories of Atlanta" at The History Center

Councilmember Michael Julian Bond was asked to sit in and tape a segment for Atlanta Historical Society's upcoming exhibition, "Gatheround to Meet the Past". (see posted photo album "Stories of Atlanta" on this page)

Councilman Bond shared stories of growing up in Atlanta and of being the son of one of Atlanta's (and the Country's) most influential Civil Rights Leaders, The Honorable H. Julian Bond.

On Thursday, June 30, 2016, the Atlanta Historical Society opened the exhibit for a pre-show viewing where Councilman Bond was among its guests.

"Gatheround to Meet the Past" exhibit is NOW open to the public



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## **Bond Host Carver YMCA Youth at City Hall**

Councilman Michael Julian Bond invited Carver YMCA Boys and Girls Camp to Atlanta City Hall for "Lunch and a Tour", Tuesday, June 28, 2016.

The kids were able to sit in on a special called Council meeting, a Council Committee meeting, and ask questions on how the City Council operate daily.



## **Bond Speaks at Fulton County Clerk Tina Robinson's Summer Youth Program**

Councilman Michael Julian Bond was invited to speak to a group of 15-17 year old participants of the Fulton County Summer Youth Program, Friday, June 24, 2016.

Met at the Fulton County Courthouse, this was the last leg of a full day for these students, who also toured the National Center of Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta.



## **Councilman Bond with The Urban League of Atlanta**

Councilman Michael Julian Bond joined Nancy Johnson, President/CEO of the Urban League of Greater Atlanta at 191 Peachtree Tower, for a breakfast and conversation with the National Urban League President/CEO Marc Morial.

The morning conference on Friday, June 24, 2016 was held inside the Commerce Club, where members of the Urban League and distinguished guests discussed and shared the purpose and goals of the greater Atlanta organization.



## **100 Black Men "Barber Shop" Panel Discussion**

Councilman Michael Julian Bond was invited on panel to discuss the "state of the African-American" male today.

This panel was hosted by The 100 Black Men, Walmart/Sam's Club, Pro-Line and Nielson during the 100 Black Men Conference, held at The Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Thursday, June 16, 2016.

Other panelists included:

Moderator Munson Steed, CEO, Rolling Out Magazine, Quicy Springs, Manager Walmart Atlanta Market, Andrew McCaskill, Sr. VP of Communication, Nielson, Dr. Wright Jones, MD, Plastic Surgeon and star of Lifetime's "Atlanta Plastic" and Dr. Francys Johnson, President, Georgia State NAACP.



## **The Atlanta Committee for the Black Chronicles Project**

Councilman Michael Julian Bond and The Atlanta Committee for the Black Chronicles Project, sponsored by SNCC Legacy Project National Board, held a Press Conference, Thursday, June 16, 2016 at Atlanta City Hall.

Press conference participants will included:

Jamila Jones, a member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee Freedom Singers and the Harambee Singers, Velma M. Fann, who spoke on the historical impact of the Black Power Movement, Hank Stewart, Emmy Award Winning Poet

Susan J. Ross, who shared facts about the Black Power Movement and cities across the country that are commemorating the anniversary, and Beni Ivey, Co-Chair Atlanta Committee for the Black Chronicles Project



## **Councilman Bond In Mechanicsville**

On Saturday, June 4, 2016, Councilman Michael Julian Bond visited residents in the Atlanta neighborhood of Mechanicsville.

He was invited to join a small congregation to emphasize the importance of voting during its Saturday evening worship.



**Councilman Michael Julian Bond** teams up with the American Red Cross for a Fall Blood Drive at Clark Atlanta University.



**Councilman Michael Julian Bond**, Radio Personalities Wanda Smith, Myra J, and Poet Hank Stewart, offer Atlanta constituents free rides on MARTA to get out and vote early. October 23, 2016



**Councilmember Michael Julian Bond** attended a ribbon cutting ceremony in Mechanicsville. Cityside is a new division of single-family homes built to revitalize the Mechanicsville neighborhood inside Atlanta. October 20, 2016.



**Congratulations** to new Atlanta Police Chief Erica Shields at the 191 Club at her Swearing in!



**Councilman Bond** making remarks at the Communities Against Crime Public Safety Meeting, hosted by Commissioner Marvin S. Arrington, Jr. and Commissioner Emma I. Darnell at the Southwest Arts Center in Atlanta



Atlanta Ministry With International Students visited Atlanta City Hall on Monday December 19, 2016



*This time, **Santa Bond** surprised seniors at New Horizons Neighborhood Senior Center on Orr Street in southwest Atlanta. December 16, 2016.*

***Santa Claus** has been spotted at Higher Ground Empowerment Church in Vine City!*

**Councilman Bond distributed toys & good cheer!**

Councilman Bond was joined by Atlanta Fire & Rescue, Atlanta Police and The Ronnie Thames Foundation. Toys/gifts for entire Jones-Walker Family were distributed. They lost their home in September 2015 due to fire/smoke.



***Councilman Michael Julian Bond... Santa Clause...** visited Higher Ground Empowerment Church, to honor senior residents, Wednesday, December 7, 2016*

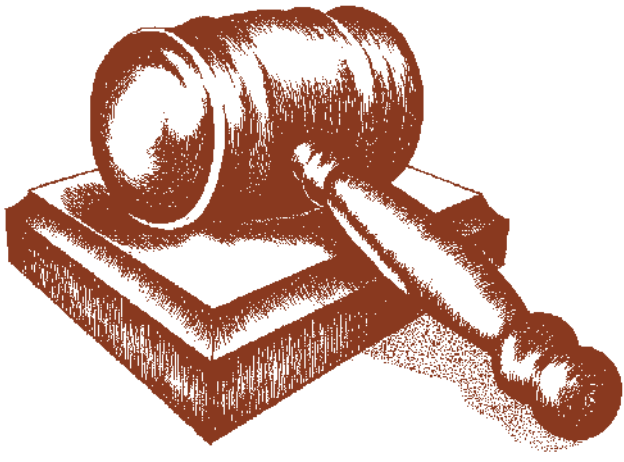


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***Santa Bond**, sighted at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Buckhead to the delight of many kids from the church's day program.*





## Council Calls for U.S. Constitutional Amendment on Citizens United

On September 02, 2014, Councilman Bond introduced a resolution calling for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that, if adopted and ratified, would clarify that the U.S. Congress has the authority to enact campaign contribution limits.

The measure was co-sponsored by Councilmembers Natalyn Archibong (District 5), Ivory Lee Young, Jr. (District 3), Clela Winslow (District 4), and Felicia Moore (District 9).

The Full Council adopted the resolution on September 15, 2014. The vote was twelve to two, with Councilmembers Yolanda Adrean (District 8) and Howard Shook (District 7) voting nay.

The proposed amendment is a response to the January 21, 2010 Supreme Court ruling in the Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission (FEC) case striking down the 2002 Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (McCain-Feingold Act); and a May 5, 2014 ruling striking down Section 441 of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

"In their ruling, the U.S. Supreme Court characterized corporations as persons, and therefore... entitled to buy elections and run our government," Bond said.

"This has allowed for unlimited corporate and union spending to influence elections, candidate selection, and policy decisions, thereby threatening the voices of the American people," Bond added.

"Human beings are people; corporations are not. I applaud my colleagues for advancing this measure, which will allow Atlanta's voice to be heard on this important issue."

Support for a democracy amendment has backing from almost half of the U.S. Senate, plus 16 states and over 500 cities that have passed resolutions calling for an amendment, including New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

Over three million people have signed petitions calling for overturning the Citizens United decision, and polls show overwhelming support for an amendment from across the political spectrum.

## Councilman Bond Honors Tuskegee Airmen



They overcame segregation and discrimination to become one of the most highly respected fighter groups of World War II.

They proved conclusively that African-Americans could fly and maintain sophisticated combat aircraft.

The Tuskegee Airmen's achievements, together with the men and women who supported them--paved the way for full integration of the U.S. military on July 26, 1948.

In December 2011, in recognition of the 70th Anniversary of the creation of the nation's first all African-American pursuit squadron, Councilman Bond presented proclamations honoring the bravery of the surviving Tuskegee Airmen – men and women - of Metro Atlanta, at Atlanta City Hall.

Councilman Bond was joined by Mayor Kasim Reed, other members of the Atlanta City Council, family, friends, and special guests. "It is a privilege to honor such esteemed individuals," Bond said.

Of the Tuskegee Airmen who live in Atlanta, twelve were on hand during the reception and proclamation ceremony at City Hall.

They included: Technical Sgt. Val Archer, Sgt. Crew Chief Norris Connally, Lt. Nurse Irma Cameron Dryden, Cadet Leroy Eley, Sgt. Edward Johnson, Flight Officer/Pilot Hiram Little, Master Sgt. Earl Martin, Inspector (Civilian) Wilbur Mason, Supply Technician (Civilian) James "Alley Pat" Patrick, Civilian Clerk Sara Plummer, Corporal James Simpson, and Flight Officer/Pilot Raymond Williams.

"This is a great American story; one that needs to be told and shared with the generations to come," Councilman Bond said.



# Honoring the Community 2013-16

## Legendary Pastor, Civil and Human Rights Advocate Honored



Monday, July 18, 2016 was declared "Rev. Gerald L. Durley Day in Atlanta" by proclamation introduced by Councilman Julian Bond, recognizing the man Bond proclaimed an "inspiration for NAACP activists of the 1960s civil rights movement," and who continues to touch the lives of a new generation of justice fighters.

Atlanta City Hall chambers filled with supporters who came out to celebrate a man whose 74 years of life have been spent in active service to the community. Since retiring after 25 years as pastor of Providence Missionary Baptist Church in 2012, Durley remains a voice of conscious for the dignity of human rights.

A man whose activism has spanned all corners of the globe, Durley's reputation as a warrior/prophet is as widely recognized as his role in the clergy. Among those paying tribute to Durley, radio personality Frank Ski noted that Durley was part of the Atlanta-born historic civil rights movement, and is now equally engaged in the movement of the day that seeks to bring attention to police brutality in the black community.

Calling Durley not just a friend, former Georgia Governor Roy Barnes said "he is my brother. Gerald Durley is what a Christian should be... Christ like."

Another noted civil rights leader, Rev. C. T. Vivian, said Durley is what many others aspire to be. Like many of those who know Durley well, Vivian talked about Durley's willingness to come to the aid of anyone in need, no matter when or where. "I wish to be like Durley. I want to love like Durley."

Flanked by his wife of 48 years, Muriel, and their son, Hassan, along with a host of friends and supporters, Durley told the assembly, "I ain't no ways tired." He promised to keep fighting for what is right.



### **USATF Proclamation**

In affiliation with the release of the movie "Race", the Georgia Association of the USATF hosted a ceremony honoring famed Olympian Jesse Owens at Twelve Hotel at Atlantic Station in Midtown Atlanta.

In attendance were 30 former Olympians and their families, including Gwen Torrence, Edwin Moses, Hazel Mae Clark and Ralph Boston, all of whom received individual proclamations from Councilman Bond.



### **Councilman Bond presented a Proclamation to The S.O.S. Band**

Councilmember Michael Julian Bond presented a proclamation to The S.O.S. Band. Atlanta City Councilmember Michael Julian Bond honored The S.O.S. Band (Sounds of Success) during the full council meeting.

The public came out to meet The S.O.S Band at a reception at Atlanta City Hall. KISS 104.1 radio personalities Mitch Faulkner and Art Terrell joined Councilman Bond for the proclamation presentation.

The R&B group formed in Atlanta in 1977 and is best known for the songs "Take Your Time," "Just Be Good to Me," and "Tell Me If You Still Care."

The group's first single, "Take Your Time," was released in 1980 and sold over two million copies. The debut album went gold – selling over 800,000 copies.

The S.O.S. Band is being recognized for influencing a generation of music with its rich vocals, creative arrangements, and innovative songs.



### **South-View Historic Cemetery Honored**

Councilman Michael Julian Bond honored the legacy of historic South-View Cemetery during a proclamation ceremony in Council Chambers at Atlanta City Hall.

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## Millie Jackson Day in Atlanta

Atlanta City Councilman Michael Julian Bond hosted a reception and Proclamation ceremony for the incomparable R&B and Blues artist Millie Jackson. The memorable event for the living legend was held Monday at Atlanta City Hall. The Proclamation, signed by all members of Council, made this day, "MILLIE JACKSON DAY" in the City of Atlanta



## John B. Smith, Sr. Proclamation

Longtime Atlanta newspaper publisher John Smith was celebrated for 55 years with The Atlanta Inquirer. Smith used the newspaper as a tool to help organize social and civic organizations, giving African Americans a much needed media voice during the height of the civil rights movement.



## City of Atlanta Commemorates 30 Years of Dragon Con in Atlanta

City of Atlanta Commemorates 30 Years of Dragon Con in Atlanta, GA. Mayor Kasim Reed hosted a press conference on August 26 at Atlanta City Hall to celebrate 30 years of hosting Dragon Con in the City of Atlanta.

Dragon Con, the world's largest fantasy/science fiction convention, will be held in downtown Atlanta on Labor Day weekend. An estimated 75,000 people are expected to attend this year.



## Spirit of Sisterhood Brunch

Hillside International Truth Center and Bishop Dr. Barbara L. King hosted the 2nd Annual "Spirit of Sisterhood" Pre-Mother's Day Brunch at Hilton Atlanta Airport Hotel, Saturday, April 30, 2016

During the brunch, Councilman Michael Julian Bond had the honor of presenting four dynamic women with the "Outstanding Woman Award".

The honorees, Alfreda Stukes, Miranda McKenzie, Patricia Lottier and Rev. Gertrude Moore were among a "to capacity" audience who were inspired by the words of the event's Keynote Speaker, Editor-In-Chief Emeritus of Essence Magazine, Susan L. Taylor.

## Jasmine Guy Day In Atlanta

Councilman Michael Julian Bond honored Atlanta's own Jasmine Guy today with a reception and Proclamation Ceremony at Atlanta City Hall.

Ms. Guy was honored for her many significant contributions to the film, theater and dance community and for being a stellar example of tenacious commitment to success and achievement.

Jasmine Guy began her professional career at the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in New York City. She won six consecutive NAACP Image Awards for her portrayal of the pretentious but funny southern belle role in the television series, "A Different World".

Jasmine has worked extensively in theater with Kenny Leon, Susan Booth, Andrea Frye and Pearl Cleage. She has starred in or directed many productions, including: "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf", "Miss Evers' Boys", "Blues for an Alabama Sky", "The Colored Museum" and many more.

In 1991, she released her self-titled album on Warner Bros. Records, featuring the hit single "Try Me"; and In 2004, Jasmine penned the biography "Evolution of a Revolutionary" (Atria Books), which chronicles the life and journey of Afeni Shakur. commemoration.



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**The Ronnie Thames Foundation Proclamation**  
Councilman Michael Julian Bond honored The Ronnie Thames Foundation during a Proclamation Ceremony in Council Chambers at Atlanta City Hall, Monday.

The Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to helping children and their families whose lives have been changed by fire.

Also in attendance, members of the Atlanta Fire Department, who work closely with the RTF and Councilman Bond with city-wide "Save-A-Life Blitz" neighborhood tours.



**Councilmembers Honor Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**  
Councilmembers Michael Julian Bond, Keisha Lance Bottoms and Clefa Winslow hosted a reception and proclamation honors to members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. at Atlanta City Hall, Monday.



**Proclamation presented to Women in Radio**  
Councilmember Michael Julian Bond honored the Women In Radio

Bond honored Carol Blackmon, Michele Williams, Sylvia McAfee, Regina Slaughter and Myrna Ransom as Women In Radio. Regina Slaughter has over 15 years of experience in broadcasting. She began working at WXLL 1310am then, became the Program Director at 1480 WYZE.



**Honoring George Clinton with KISS 104.1's Tom Joyner at Flashback Festival**

Atlanta City Councilman Michael Julian Bond presented Parliament-Funkadelics' front man and founder George Clinton with a Proclamation from the City during Atlanta's R&B Station (KISS 104.1) 21st Flashback Festival. The concert was held at Lakewood Amphitheater, Saturday to a sold out crowd, featuring a stellar lineup.

Atlanta's own 911 Band opened the show, followed by A Taste of Honey, Lakeside and headliner Parliament-Funkadelics/George Clinton.



**Raheem The Dream Day at City Hall**

Micaiah Raheem aka Raheem The Dream was honored with a reception and Proclamation Ceremony at Atlanta City Hall. Raheem, an Atlanta native and one of the originators of Hip-Hop in Atlanta was also presented with The Phoenix Award, the highest honor from the Office of the Mayor. The ceremony was well received and attended by Raheem's family, friends and fans.



**City Councilmember Michael Julian Bond** held a reception and presented a proclamation to **Vietnam Veterans of America** Chapter No. 1118, Inc. at the November 7 2016.



**Bond Honors Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority**

Councilman Michael Julian Bond honored the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority (FDHA), with a proclamation presentation August 15th at Atlanta City Hall.

The FDHA is being honored for 75 years of services to the Fulton-DeKalb communities.

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**Councilman Michael Julian Bond** presented a proclamation to Warren United Methodist Church Sunday, December 4, 2016, honoring its 142nd Anniversary.



**Councilman Bond honors Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum** Post 1 At-Large Councilmember Michael Julian Bond gives honor to Spelman College President Emeritus Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum.



**Councilman Bond honors Nichelle Nichols at DragonCon**

Councilmember Michael Julian Bond and Congressman John Lewis honors legendary Star Trek actress Nichelle Nichols.

At a sit-down dinner in downtown Atlanta during DragonCon weekend, Bond presented Ms. Nichols with a Proclamation acknowledging her untiring work in the arts and volunteering her time to various NASA projects



**Councilman Michael Julian Bond** honored freedom singer Bishop William Harris with a Reception and Proclamation at Atlanta City Hall, Monday, December 5, 2016.

Dr. Tatum was welcomed to Atlanta City Hall with a reception and city chamber Proclamation ceremony, attended by members of her family, friends and colleagues.



**Councilmember Michael Julian Bond** honored Percussionist, Singer, Songwriter, and Producer Hamilton Bohannon October 17, 2016



**Audraine Jackson Day in Atlanta**

Councilman Michael Julian Bond honored the tireless commitment and dedication of Audraine Jackson, who honors those who serve in Atlanta, our **FIRST RESPONDERS**.

With a reception, followed by a Proclamation Ceremony at Atlanta City Hall, Ms. Jackson was received by family, friends, Atlanta Fire and Rescue and Atlanta City Councilmembers.



**"One Billion Rising" Honored at Atlanta City Hall**

Councilmember Michael Julian Bond honored "One Billion Rising Atlanta" with a reception and Proclamation Ceremony at Atlanta City Hall, Monday, October 3, 2016.

This organization is the largest mass action to end violence against women in the United States

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## **Proclamation in Honor of Donell Jones**

The Atlanta City Council was pleased to honor B.E.T. and MTV award winning musician Donell Jones for his outstanding and tremendous contribution to the City of Atlanta's music industry.

Donell Jones is an R & B artist with La Face Records, with numerous albums and several hits that are known the world over. Such songs as Stevie Wonder's remake of "Knock Me off My Feet," "You Know What's Up" featuring Left Eye and "Where I Wanna Be" are just a few songs that have led to Donnell Jones's Platinum and Gold selling career. Not only is he recognized as an artist but as a talented writer and producer as well.



**Councilman Bond honored Jamal Lewis, NFL Jamal Lewis**, former Running Back for the Baltimore Ravens, born/raised in Atlanta, GA and a graduate of Frederick Douglass High School presented the NFL 50th Anniversary Gold football to his alumni and received a Proclamation from Michael Julian Bond, Councilmember Post 1 At-Large who is also a graduate of Frederick Douglass High School. Additionally, the high school retired Jamal's jersey #31 during the ceremony.



## **Proclamation for Pastor Dexter L. Johnson**

Higher Ground Empowerment Center celebrated the 22nd anniversary of its General Overseer and Pastor, Dexter L. Johnson, Wednesday.

Councilmember Michael Julian Bond presented a proclamation to the beloved Pastor in front of a joyous and proud congregation, honoring and acknowledging Johnson's dedication and commitment to the ministry and community.

## Councilman Bond Honors Henry Friedman, Holocaust Survivor

He doesn't call himself a hero. He calls himself a humble messenger in today's society.

For his message that is just as relevant today as it was more than 80 years ago, Henry Friedman, a survivor of the Holocaust during World War II, was honored on March 16, 2015 by Councilman Bond at Atlanta City Hall.

Friedman said he believes he survived the war for a reason. He said it is important for him to tell his story, regardless of how painful it is for him, so that the Holocaust and millions killed are not forgotten.

In 1944, when Henry Friedman was 21 years old, Nazi troops took the Hungarian town he lived in.

Shortly after, Friedman was forcibly drafted into the Hungarian Army.

Before he left, his grandmother took him to an old man who wore a tallis, or prayer shawl, and blessed Friedman. He is convinced this blessing protected him throughout the war.

During World War II, nearly 70 years ago, Friedman with two other men were taken by Nazis to a cemetery and lined up in front of a ring squad. Friedman heard the rifles and blacked out.

When he regained consciousness, he was under the two other men. He was wounded but had survived the shot.

Friedman found a hiding place in a hospital coal room until the Soviet Army arrived. Henry surrendered to them. Two weeks later, he was marching under Russian guard on handmade crutches.

While marching, a girl informed Friedman he was headed for Siberia. Friedman left and was able to find a place to stay.

Two days later, he made it home and had his legs treated immediately.

Friedman soon learned his brother, father, mother, sister, and grandmother had all died.

He tried not to think about what had happened during the Holocaust and decided he needed to start a new life.

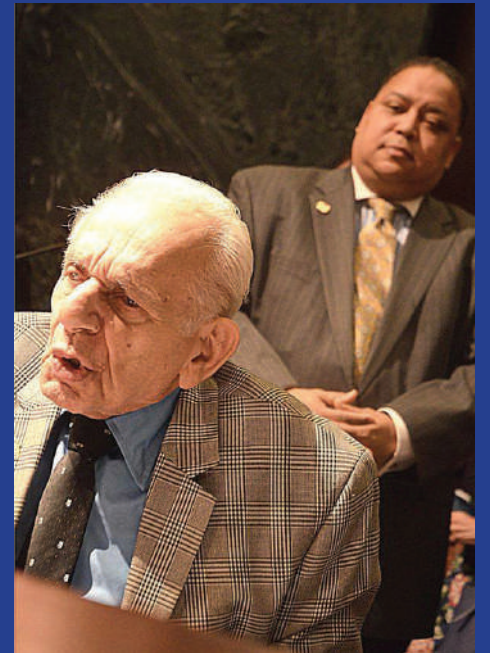
In 1947, Friedman moved to Milan and saw *Via Col Vento*, or *Gone with the Wind*. He noticed many parallels between the movie and his own life. Friedman was sponsored by the Jewish Federation to come to Atlanta in 1950.

Friedman is featured in the documentary series entitled "They Shall Be Remembered." The title represents the survivors' promise to their families and the producers' promise to the Holocaust survivors, many of them living in Metro Atlanta.

"Mr. Friedman is a great humanitarian for sharing his story of remembrance," Councilman Bond said.

"He is a role model to all that have the honor to meet him. It is a privilege to honor someone with great courage, a man who has taught us a lesson on several levels of perseverance, and how you can give so much to others, even if it's just by telling your story after you have come through tremendous tragedy."

Only an estimated 500,000 Holocaust survivors worldwide remain alive today.





**CLEAN UP ATLANTA! Hundreds Help Clean the City of Atlanta** Atlanta City Councilmember Michael Julian Bond partnered with World Mission Society Church of God, for A Day of Clean Up in the City of Atlanta.

The community project included about 175 volunteers who joined Councilman Bond, the Department of Corrections, Atlanta Fire Rescue, the Atlanta Police Department, the Department of Watershed Management, and the Department of Public Works to clean, beautify, and spruce up Bolton Road, Collier Road, and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

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