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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DIRECTING THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO COORDINATE WITH THE CHIEF EQUITY OFFICER TO CONVENE AN ADVISORY COUNCIL COMPRISED OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND PARTNERS, BOTH EXISTING AND POTENTIAL, WHICH SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OPERATIONAL OR POLICY CHANGES RELATING TO CRITICAL ISSUES IN THE AREAS OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM, HOUSING AFFORDABILITY, HOMELESSNESS, YOUTH ENGAGEMENT, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, WITH A FOCUS ON HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES, AND SHALL PROVIDE OPINIONS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS ON ANY CURRENT INITIATIVES.

WHEREAS, under our Administration, the City of Atlanta (the “City”) has been committed to achieving solutions for critical issues in the areas of criminal justice reform, housing affordability, homelessness, youth engagement, and economic development and workforce development, with a focus on historically marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, at the start of our Administration, a collaboration of community organizers, non-profit organizations and others came together as the Progressive Agenda Working Group (the “PAWG”) to propose legislative, policy, and process recommendations to City leadership around these critical issues; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution Number 18-R-3076 which was adopted by the Atlanta City Council on February 5, 2018, and approved by operation of law on February 14, 2018, the PAWG was established to develop legislative and public policy recommendations in each of the following areas: (1) criminal justice reform, (2) housing affordability, (3) homelessness, and (4) economic and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, the PAWG carried out its work through four policy commissions (the “PAWG Commissions”): the Criminal Justice Commission, the Housing Affordability Commission, the Homelessness Commission, and the Economic and Workforce Development Commission; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the PAWG Commissions was to develop, advocate for and implement progressive policies and practices that benefit all citizens and prioritizes those communities that have historically been vulnerable, underserved, and marginalized; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the PAWG’s diligent work and our Administration’s continued commitment to resolving critical issues in various areas, with a focus on historically marginalized communities, the City has proposed and advanced several key progressive policies and initiatives, and there has been a positive impact on the City as a whole; and

WHEREAS, in May 2018, our Administration established the first-ever Mayor’s Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, which is known as “One Atlanta”; and

WHEREAS, our Administration released the City's Housing Affordability Action Plan in June of 2019 which aligns with the vision of One Atlanta and addresses how the City will move forward to invest more financial resources for affordability and increase the affordable housing supply available to address our housing needs; and

WHEREAS, as an extension of the One Atlanta vision, the City and Invest Atlanta adopted a new economic development strategy for the City called the One Atlanta: Economic Mobility, Recovery & Resiliency Plan to establish clear objectives to achieve better economic and social outcomes for Atlanta residents, primarily black and brown communities where low household income and high rates of poverty and unemployment persist; and

WHEREAS, One Atlanta was charged with reviewing and guiding the City's policies and practices impacting the following areas: affordable housing, criminal justice reform, economic development, health disparities, homelessness, LGBTQ affairs, workforce development, and 2020 Census: ATL Counts; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Atlanta Homeless Continuum-of-Care ("AHCoc") revised its five-year strategic plan to serve the needs of vulnerable homeless and potentially homeless populations in the City of Atlanta and to set system-wide policies, standards and oversight to support the goal of ending homelessness; and

WHEREAS, in May 2019, I signed legislation creating a Task Force (the "Reimagining ACDC Task Force") to reimagine the use of the Atlanta City Detention Center (the "ACDC") as a vibrant services hub that will restore and strengthen the social and civic life of Atlanta's communities that have been disproportionately harmed by our society's history of over-incarceration and punishment; and

WHEREAS, the ACDC Task Force was charged with providing recommendations to the Mayor for proposed alternative uses of the ACDC, including strategies for the future financial sustainability of any recommended facility and further steps that may be considered for the City to reduce criminal violations that are consistent with public policy; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2020, I signed Administrative Order No. 2020-17, pursuant to which the Use of Force Advisory Council was created to provide a comprehensive report of recommendations for any operational or legislative changes to the City's use of force policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, within 45 days of its creation, the Use of Force Advisory Council submitted a report of targeted recommendations; and

WHEREAS, One Atlanta, AHCoc, the Reimagining ACDC Task Force, and the Use of Force Advisory Council all aim to support one or more of these five Citywide goals: (i) a safe and welcoming city; (ii) world-class employees, infrastructure and services; (iii) an ethical, transparent, and fiscally responsible government; (iv) thriving neighborhoods, communities, and businesses; and (v) residents who are equipped for success; and

WHEREAS, to achieve these goals, public agencies, residents, businesses, non-profits, philanthropy, faith-based organizations, educational institutions, and more must continue to work together; and

WHEREAS, there remains a need to continue reviewing the City’s policies and procedures and evaluating the initiatives and recommendations set forth by One Atlanta, AHCoC, the Reimagining ACDC Task Force, and the Use of Force Council; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with my commitment to equity in Atlanta, it is my desire to convene an advisory council consisting of community members and partners, both existing and potential, to propose policy and process recommendations to City leadership around various critical issues and provide ongoing feedback regarding any current initiatives or recommendations; and

WHEREAS, this advisory council will be known as the Progressive Atlanta Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, current PAWG members are encouraged to apply for an appointment to the Progressive Atlanta Advisory Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, pursuant to Section 3-104 of the City of Atlanta Charter and Section 2-182(4) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, it is hereby ordered that:

SECTION 1: The Chief Operating Officer shall coordinate with the Chief Equity Officer to convene an advisory council called the “Progressive Atlanta Advisory Council” (the “Advisory Council”), which shall be comprised of community members and partners, both existing and potential, which shall make recommendations for any operational or legislative changes in the areas of criminal justice reform, housing affordability, homelessness, youth engagement, and economic development and workforce development, with a focus on historically marginalized communities, and which shall provide ongoing feedback regarding the City’s current initiatives in these critical areas.

SECTION 2: Following the convening of the Advisory Council pursuant to Section 1 of this Order, the daily operations of the Advisory Council shall fall under the purview of the Chief Equity Officer.

SECTION 3: The Advisory Council shall be comprised of approximately 32 members, whose membership will be determined by appointment. All applications and recommendations for appointment will be reviewed by the Mayor’s Staff and the Chief Equity Officer, with ultimate approval by the Mayor.

SECTION 4: To achieve the Advisory Council’s goals, all members are expected to be active and engaged in all meetings. The Advisory Council shall meet at least quarterly, either virtually or in-person. In-person meetings shall be permitted only following such date as City Hall and other City facilities shall reopen to the public in accordance with the City’s COVID-19 reopening strategy. Additionally, the Chief Equity Officer has the discretion to call special meetings, calls, or briefing sessions as needed.

SECTION 5: Each Advisory Council member shall be assigned to at least one of the following subcommittees: (i) Public Safety; (ii) Economic Mobility; (iii) Affordable Housing; (iv) Homelessness; and (v) Youth Engagement. Each subcommittee shall be comprised of at least six (6) members, who shall be assigned based upon the needs of the subcommittee. Subcommittees should meet at least bi-monthly.

SECTION 6: Only the Chief Equity Officer, after consultation and in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Communications, is authorized to speak on behalf of the Advisory Council.

SECTION 7: All members of the Advisory Council serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

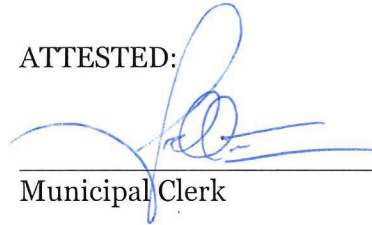
SO ORDERED this 13th day of November, 2020.



Keisha Lance Bottoms

Keisha Lance Bottoms, Mayor

ATTESTED:



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Municipal Clerk

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