

# 2021 CDHS Committee Priorities

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# Priority Areas of Focus

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- Housing Affordability
- Inclusive Economic Growth
- Workforce Development
- Comprehensive Development Plan
- Parks & Recreation
- Homelessness
- Protection of Tree Canopy
- Development Impact Fees

# 1. Housing Affordability

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- a. Adopt legislation, based on the One Atlanta: Housing Affordability Action Plan, to:
  - i. Establish a recurring local funding source dedicated to affordable housing to: Expand the City's owner-occupied rehabilitation and down payment assistance programs, expand land trust acquisition, create and fund a gap finance alliance, and incentivize affordable housing near transit.
  - ii. Expand access to eviction defense and other pro-bono or low-cost housing-related legal service, and strengthen emergency and short-term rental assistance programs.
- b. Provide oversight on efforts by quasi-public agencies (i.e. Atlanta Housing, Invest Atlanta, Atlanta BeltLine, Atlanta-Fulton County Land Bank) to expedite the development of affordable housing on vacant publicly owned land.
  - i. COO to present a comprehensive, action-based plan by the April 27 CDHS Meeting

## 2. Inclusive Economic Growth

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- a. **Beltline Equitable Development:** Ensuring all Atlanta BeltLine initiatives are consistent with its Equitable Development Policy, and include a focus on balanced community redevelopment, housing affordability, and support for small and locally owned businesses.
- b. **Economic Opportunity Fund Grants:** Adoption of a framework associated with offers of Economic Opportunity Fund grants. Work with Invest Atlanta and the Finance-Executive Committee to determine a matrix for assessing an annual budget line amount for grants to allow for Invest Atlanta to recruit major corporations.
- c. **Increase Access to Capital:** Identify funding streams that expand access to affordable and flexible capital for small businesses, entrepreneurs, and nonprofits in historically disenfranchised communities.

# 3. Workforce Development

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- a. Work with WorkSource Atlanta to:
  - i. Create a process to track retention and wages for participants who have completed credential training. Report to CDHS every six months.
  - ii. Increase the number of high-demand industry credentials attained in IT, healthcare, and transportation logistics to ensure citizens are attaining high-quality middle wage jobs
    - 1. Audit (1) all offered credentials to ensure viability and (2) approved training providers to measure effectiveness.
  - iii. Review and revise policies that may limit workforce development opportunities for residents.
- b. Expand City partnership with Atlanta Technical College and the Center for Workforce Innovation to ensure cost is not a barrier for all Atlantans to have access to high-quality training and education needed for living-wage jobs.

## 4. Comprehensive Development Plan

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- a. Adopt a Comprehensive Development Plan for addressing growth and development, with a vision for Atlanta to become the Beloved Community where everyone thrives.
  - i. Draft introduced in June; adoption in September.

# 5. Protection of Tree Canopy

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- a. Adopt a revised Tree Protection Ordinance that strikes a balance between strong protection of our tree canopy and increased density in our city.
  - i. Draft introduced in January; adoption in April.

## 6. Development Impact Fees

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- a. Adopt a Development Impact Fee Ordinance based on recommendation from updated 2017 Study.
  - i. Draft introduced in February; adoption in March.



# 7. Parks & Recreation

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- a. Adopt a new Comprehensive System Master Plan in May
  - i. Double the city's amount of greenspace by 2030 to 10,000 acres and achieve the goal of *every* Atlantan living within a safe, 10-minute walk of a quality park.

# 8. Homelessness

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- a. Work with Partners for Home to:
  - i. Place 800 households into permanent housing through the LIFT Initiative
  - ii. Ensure all entitlement funded programs deliver services that are low barrier, accessible, adhere to equal access laws and utilize coordinated entry
  - iii. Invest in Permanent Housing Supportive Pipeline through the creation of 550 new units
  - iv. Identify a sustainable revenue stream for ongoing homeless funding