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Fulton County Board of Commissioners
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The Lifeline UPDATE

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District 6 Town Hall Roundup: We Asked, Residents Answered *What Did They Say?*



The "District 6 2015 District Town Hall Meeting Report to the District" has been released. A record of three (3) Community Meetings held by Commissioner Darnell on September 17, at the South Service Center; September 19, at the Southwest Art Center; and September 26, at the Harriett G. Darnell Senior Multipurpose Facility, the Report includes citizens' concerns regarding County services within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Southwest Atlanta and South Fulton.

The Report also includes plans and projects now in progress in the areas of road resurfacing and restriping, sidewalks, pedestrian lighting, parks, police response time, code inspection, trash and litter pickup, youth services, senior services and economic development.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read or download the "District 6 2015 Town Hall Meeting Report to the District," or contact the Commissioner's office at 404-612-8222.

Residents line up to address Commissioner Darnell and staff at the Town Hall Meeting at the South Fulton Service Center Sept. 17.

Don't Miss The District 6

Public Safety Follow-up Meeting

Monday, Nov. 16, 2015 6 P.M.

Burdett Gym

2945 Burdett Road

College Park, Georgia 30349

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Board of Commissioners reviews 2014 Racial Profiling Report

On November 4, at its Regular Meeting, the Board of Commissioners reviewed a “Racial Profiling Report” submitted by the Police Department on February 4, 2015, for the period October 2014-December 2014.

The Report disclosed that 80 percent of “encounters” (stops) by the Police Department during this period were African-American.

The Police Department indicated that an analysis of the data to determine whether the encounters were based upon race is in progress. In the past, the Department has used the African-American percent of the overall population of the area (85%) as the “comparison group.” However, law enforcement officials including the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) at the U.S. Department of Justice have concluded that “overall population” may not be the most reliable comparison group for purposes of evaluating stop data.

Currently, “driver population where the stop occurred and the population of the stop area may be more reliable as a comparison group for purposes of racial profiling analysis,” according to *COPS Innovations*, “A Suggested Approach To Analyzing Racial Profiling,” U.S. Department of Justice.

The Police Department indicated that a Racial Profiling Report and an analysis of data developed in coordination with an external agency will be presented in its final form to the Board of Commissioners on or before the November 18 meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

The second review of the Feb. 4, 2015 Report comes just after the 15th anniversary of the adoption of landmark legislation to attack racial profiling as a common practice by law enforcement officers in Fulton County.

On September 20, 2000, the County’s “Racial Profiling Resolution,” sponsored by Commissioner Emma I. Darnell, was adopted by the Board of Commissioners (6-0) “to identify and battle where it exists, racial profiling and its attendant social ills.”

Upon adoption of the Resolution, the BOC (in December of that same year), formally adopted the County’s Racial Profiling Policy to “ensure that Fulton County law enforcement officers do not stop, detain, search or attempt to initiate asset-forfeiture efforts against an individual based solely upon that person’s race, color, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, disability, age, gender and/or sexual orientation.

“It is clear that 15 years since the adoption of the “Racial Profiling Resolution,” Board policy in this area is unchanged,” said Commissioner Darnell. “However, it is necessary that we do more to meet our responsibilities in this critical area.”

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ON THE MIGHTY6 CALENDAR

“FLIGHT” Gallery Talk

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Aviation Community Cultural Center
3900 Aviation Circle, NW, Atlanta, GA 30336

“Flight” is a group show featuring local photographers presenting works inspired by “flight as metaphor”. Meet the artists and hear about their journeys in creating the work. Free and open to the public. For more information, call (404) 612-8600 or visit www.fultonarts.org.

ANNUAL VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST AND PROGRAM

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Harriett G. Darnell Senior Multipurpose Facility
677 Fairburn Road, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30331

ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Thursday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m.

New Beginnings Neighborhood Senior Center
66 Brook Drive, Fairburn, GA 30213

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