

VOTER'S GUIDE



THE RACIST HISTORY OF RUNOFF ELECTIONS IN GEORGIA



The Georgia voting law that mandates a runoff when a candidate does not obtain more than 50% of the vote is the result of racist legislation. This law was introduced by staunch segregationist legislator, Denmark Groover. When Groover lost reelection to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1958 despite winning the majority of the white vote, data from segregated polling places in Macon revealed that Black voters contributed to the upset victory by his opponent.

When Groover won his seat back in 1963, he led the charge to break up what he described as the "Negro Voting Block," by transitioning Georgia from plurality voting, which allows the candidate with the most votes to be declared the winner, to majority voting – forcing voters to choose between the two candidates with the most votes in a separate runoff election. Groover was determined to stop Black Georgians from having any voting power. Thus, the runoff was created.

"If You Want To Establish If I Was Racially Prejudiced, I Was. If You Want To Establish That Some Of My Political Activity Was Racially Motivated, It Was".

-Georgia State Rep Denmark Groover April 23, 1984 United States v. Lowndes County, Georgia

THE BLACK VOTE & THE RUNOFF ELECTION

Words By Hon. Joe Heckstall

Former city councilman in East Point, Georgia, and State Representative of Georgia's 62nd House District



Black people often have obligations like work and childcare that make it difficult to vote twice. These systematic inequalities help to ensure white people control the political process.

In terms of voting, we as Black people do not have to apologize for voting for candidate's that reflect the demography of the community. It's only natural that people like to see themselves in people that reflect their culture, history and everyday existence.

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Saturday November 25, 2023-Friday December 1, 2023

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*East Point First Mallalieu United Methodist Church 2651 N Church Street East Point, GA 30344

*East Roswell Library
2301 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, GA 30076

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Fulton County Government Center 141 Pryor Street SW Atlanta, GA 30331

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Roswell Library 115 Norcross Street Roswell, GA 30075

South Fulton Service Center 5600 Stonewall Tell Road South Fulton, GA 30349

Southwest Arts Center 915 New Hope Road SW South Fulton, GA 30331

ELECTION DAY VOTING

December 5, 2023

East Point Election Day Polling Locations Poll Times 9:00am-6:00pm

WARD B

Bowden Senior Center 2885 Church Street

East Point First Mallalieu
United Methodist Church
2651 Church Street

WARD C

Jefferson Recreation Center 1431 Norman Berry Drive

WARD D

St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church 2670 Hogan Road

Woodland Middle School 2745 Stone Road

YOUR VOICE MATTERS.



The City Of East Point

East Point City Hall 2757 East Point Street East Point, Georgia. 30344

Mayor: Deana Holiday Ingraham

- The City of East Point was chartered in 1887.
- Between 2020 and 2021, the overall population grew from 35,031 to 37,895, a 8.18% increase.
- With over 38,000 residents, and more than 17,000 households, it's the sixth largest city in Fulton County.
- The name "East Point" derives from the fact that this is the terminus of the Atlanta & West Point Railroad in the east. West Point Georgia, is the terminus where the rail line ends in the west.
- This settlement was founded as a railroad terminus with 16 families in 1870, but quickly became an inviting place for industry to develop.



East Point Demographics



East Point Population Estimates

(U.S. Census: July 1, 2022)

Population: 38,380 White: 16.4% Black: 76.7%

American Indian/Alaska Native: 0.1%

Asian: 1.6%

Hispanic/Latino: 7.9% Veterans 2017-2021: 1,685

Foreign Born Persons 2017-2021: 6.2%



Family & Living Arrangements (U.S. Census: 2017-2021)

Households: 16,033 Persons Per Household: 2.34 Living In Same House 1 Year Ago: 82%



Income & Poverty

(U.S. Census: 2017-2021)

Median Household Income: \$50,371 Persons Per Capita Income: \$30.110

Persons In Poverty: 23.2%

The City of East Point is divided into four wards (A,B,C,D) and each ward is represented by two members of City Council elected by their constituency to serve a four-year term.

East Point Ward B



Incumbent
Josette Bailey, P.h.D

Occupation: Retired District Level Administrator & Small Business Owner

Question: As the East Point City Council election heads into a runoff, what makes you the candidate that residents should vote for?

I'm the only candidate with a proven record of moving the city forward by strengthening the permitting process, providing resources such as additional cameras to improve public safety, and providing access to programs for senior citizens. I'm accessible and responsive. I'm the most qualified candidate to serve as City Council with a focus on priorities of the constituents including enacting standard operating procedures. After the finance department is working at full capacity, it's time to increase the homestead exemption for all residents for relief on the increasing tax burdens. I support development while making sure legacy residents remain in their homes.



Carrie Ziegler
Occupation: Confidential

Question: As the East Point City Council election heads into a runoff, what makes you the candidate that residents should vote for?

I believe that my passion, experience, and dedication make me the ideal candidate for a seat on city council. I have been an active and engaged citizen for 6 years, long before I considered running. Fun fact, my first civic engagement activity in East Point was the open house for the Comprehensive Plan in 2017. I am a realist, I see things for what they are at face value. I am persistent, consistent and demand transparency. I am committed in telling people the truth. I am confident in my ability to effectively represent your interests and contribute to the positive growth of our community. Since I have attended many meetings across departments (Planning and Zoning, Council Meetings, Budget Meetings, etc) I have a keen understanding of our city's unique challenges, and I have a vision and a plan for a more vibrant and inclusive future.

ARRIE ZIEGLER

CITY COUNCIL



WARD B

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS A RESIDENT

- Advocate for park safety Spearheaded lighting improvements at Brookdale park
- Active voice for residents at city meetings during public comments and hearings
 - Disseminating city agenda items to the community to improve transparency
 - Served as community liaison between residents and the city
 - Co-founded group solving local environmental issues
 - Organized and hosted neighborhood clean-ups
 - Leadership role in neighborhood association
 - Educating residents on civic engagement

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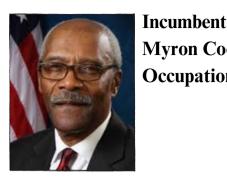
PRIORITIES AS A COUNCIL MEMBER

- Transparency in government
- Expansion of homestead exemption
- Responsible development
- Improved permit process
- Development of "Path" Project
- Increased Accessibility





East Point Ward C



Myron Cook Occupation: Retired Corporate Operations Manager

Question: As the East Point City Council election heads into a runoff, what makes you the candidate that residents should vote for?

I am the incumbent for the Ward C Council position and served as Mayor Pro-Tem and Provisional Mayor Pro-Tem several times. I currently serve as Chairman of the Budget Finance Committee and the Council's Appointee to the Employee's Pension Board. I am a seasoned operations manager, however my job is not to manage the city. My role is to set standards and hold the staff accountable for the results. A vote for me is a vote to help maintain the city's functional health and very high credit rating. A vote for me is to help protect seniors from gentrification issues. No council member will get anything done alone. It is a team effort. My voting record shows I am an effective, respected Council Representative. I am your best choice for Ward C.



Tremayne Mitchell
Occupation: Epidemiologist

Question: As the East Point City Council election heads into a runoff, what makes you the candidate that residents should vote for?

As a lifelong resident of East Point, I have witnessed the city evolve over the years. However, a lot of work still needs to be done, and I would be honored to serve the citizens of East Point to invest in positive change. Ward C spoke loud and clear when 63% of voters VOTED AGAINST incumbent Myron Cook!!! I believe I am the best candidate for Ward C, because I will bring a fresh perspective and new ideas. I will advocate for lower utility rates. I will advocate for lowering property taxes and lowering the Senior Property Tax Exemption age to 60. I will work diligently to reduce airport noise pollution in residential areas. I will promote smart economic growth and development.

EAST POINT CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE

MYRON B. COOK WARD C

- ★ I am the Incumbent for the Ward C Council position and served as Mayor Pro-Tem and Provisional Mayor-Pro Tem several times.
- Chairman for the Budget / Finance Committee and Council's Appointee to the Employee's Pension Board are some of my duties.
- I am a seasoned operations manager but my job is not to manage the city.
- My job is to set the standards and hold the staff accountable for results.
- A vote for me is a VOTE to help maintain the city's financial health and very high credit rating.
- A vote for me is to help protect seniors from gentrification issues.
- No Council member will get anything done alone. It is a team effort.
- My voting record shows I am an effective, respected Council Representative. I am your best choice for the Ward C seat.



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East Point Ward D

Incumbent



Stephanie Gordon
Occupation: Councilmember/Brown & Brown Insurance Brokerage
How Long Have You Been An East Point Resident? 18 Years

Question: As the East Point City Council Election heads into a runoff, what makes you the candidate that residents should vote for?

I have a proven track record of providing prompt response and delivering resolution to issues that arise in Ward D. I conduct myself with decorum and professionalism as representing my constituents with civility is a top priority. I am not afraid to stand alone or in the minority in effort to support what is in the best interest of the City of East Point. Our City deserves to see the best of times. And I am fully committed to being a part of the movement to steer us in the right direction. I have a local electorate but my vote has citywide impact. I have not caused harm to our Ward nor have I caused harm to our City. My passion to serve Ward D has remained consistent. I have never given up on our community and I never will.

You Asked... They Didn't Answer

Latonya Martin Rogers: No Response To Question

Why A Voters Guide Matters.

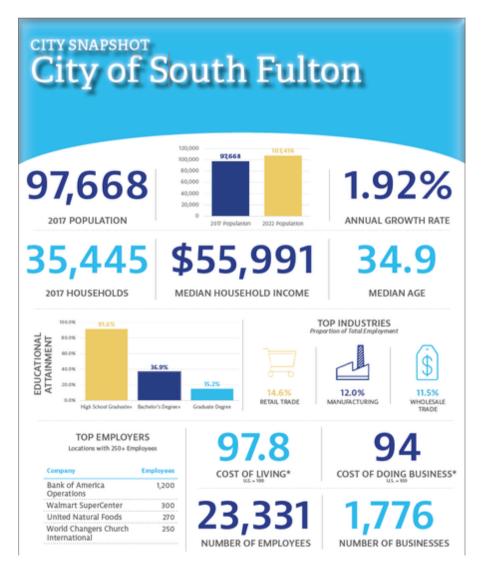
Individuals often don't vote because they don't know where candidates stand and are confused about how to find out. Widespread political cynicism, disinformation, and spin don't help. Nonpartisan candidate guides provide a concise and credible way to compare candidates' stands and make clear why voting matters.

The City Of South Fulton

South Fulton City Hall 5440 Fulton Industrial Blvd Atlanta, Georgia. 30336

Mayor: khalid kamau

- Established in 2017, known as Atlanta's new twin city, South Fulton, GA is 100 square miles with over 100,000 residents and a nearly \$200 million budget.
- With a population just under 108,600, the City of South Fulton ranks eighth out of Georgia's 535 incorporated cities and towns.





South Fulton Demographics



East Point Population Estimates

(U.S. Census: July 1, 2022)

Population: 11,158

White: 4.8% Black: 91.9%

American Indian/Alaska Native: 0.1%

Asian: 0.4%

Hispanic/Latino: 2.5%

Veterans 2017-2021: 6,888

Foreign Born Persons 2017-2021: 5.5%



Family & Living Arrangements

(U.S. Census: 2017-2021)

Households: 38,374

Persons Per Household: 2.74

Living In Same House 1 Year Ago: 88.5%



Income & Poverty

(U.S. Census: 2017-2021)

Median Household Income: \$69,557 Persons Per Capita Income: \$33,103

Persons In Poverty: 9.8%

City of South Fulton District 5



Incumbent
Corey A. Reeves
Age:

Occupation:

How Long Have You Been A South Fulton Resident?

Question: As the South Fulton City Council Election heads into a runoff, what makes you the candidate that residents should vote for?

I am in tune to everything in this District, 24/7. Not just the constituents but the business owners and the people who live. Work and play here. Constantly striving to create solutions, opportunities that allow us to create and become the best South Fulton we can be. Looking to lead through ideas of sustainability and efficiency. Not for just a few years but for generations. I am not just a Grady Baby but Georgia Born and South Fulton Made!

You Asked... They Didn't Answer

Lift Every Vote And Rise inquired with candidate Keosha Bell regarding a statement.

Keosha Bell Response: Thank you for the offer, however, I am currently campaigning, and do not have the funds for any additional ads.

*Please Note: Candidates are NEVER charged for participation.

Where To Vote In South Fulton







EARLY VOTE: NOVEMBER 25TH TO DECEMBER 1ST

REDISTRICTING

HOW DOES REDISTRICTING WORK?

The Census and Apportionment
Every ten years, the US Census Bureau
counts the United States population
and uses the updated counts to
determine which state populations
have increased or decreased.
These new population counts are used

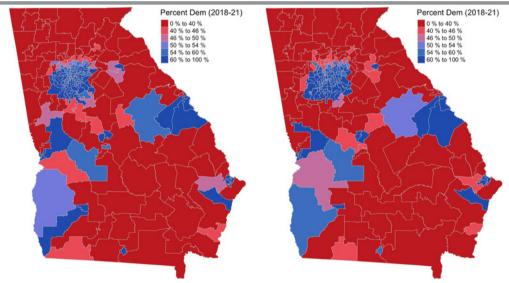
These new population counts are used to decide the number of representatives that each state in the country receives. By federal law, the size of the House of Representatives is set at 435 seats, but the number of elected representatives and their district areas change over time. This process is known as apportionment. Example: Based on the data released in the 2020 census. Colorado. Florida. Montana, North Carolina, and Oregon's populations grew, so they each gained a district and, therefore, one Congressional representative. Texas gained two districts and two representatives.

It's crucial that the Census Bureau has sufficient time to carefully collect and review their data. Otherwise, we risk undercounting the population. The more complete the population count, the more likely districts will reflect our communities.



WHAT IS REDISTRICTING?

Redistricting, or community districting, is the process of creating representational district maps for states and local communities. By determining which neighborhoods are included in each mapped boundary, redistricting impacts how our communities are represented in the US and local government and determines how resources are distributed.



THE THREAT OF GERRYMANDERING

Historically, politicians have manipulated the redistricting process to expand or protect their own power—often to the detriment of the minority political party, marginalized populations, and often, Black communities. This manipulation is called gerrymandering.

There are two primary methods of gerrymandering:

Racial Gerrymandering:

When mapmakers draw boundaries to either benefit or disenfranchise members of a certain race.

Political Gerrymandering:

When maps are drawn to increase or decrease the influence of a particular political party.

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