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Lift Every Vote ✓ And Rise



Lift Every Vote And Rise Inc. is a national voters rights political action committee organization dedicated to increasing actionable voting behavior and reaching historically underserved voters of color and underrepresented voters.

Along with our partisan organization, Lift Every Vote And Rise Action, we collectively work to strengthen public participation in our democracy through a powerful culmination of coalition building, grassroots organizing, policy development, research and public education.

With an unwavering focus on an underserved demographics that are constantly under the attacks of gerrymandering and voter suppression. Lift Every Vote And Rise aims to increase voter registration while civically engaging via programming, workshops and partnerships.

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INITIATIVES

Voter Registration

Direct Voter Contact

Voter Engagement

Civic Education

Printed/Digital Voter's Guide

Direct Mail Initiatives

Voter Events/Programming

Canvassing

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The City Of East Point

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

Mayor: Deanna Holiday Ingraham



East Point Demographics

- The City of East Point was chartered in 1887 and is comprised of an ethnically diverse community.
- Between 2010 and 2014, the overall population grew 5.3%.
- 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.

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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%

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Family & Living Arrangements

(U.S. Census: 2017-2021)

Households: 16,033

Persons Per Household: 2.34

Living In Same House 1 Year Ago: 82%

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Income & Poverty

(U.S. Census: 2017-2021)

Median Household Income: \$50,371

Persons Per Capita Income: \$30,110

Persons In Poverty: 23.2%

East Point Mayoral Candidate



Joshua Butler

Occupation: East Point City Council
Member Ward D-At Large

East Point Resident: 41 Years

What is your motivation for being a candidate in the 2025 East Point City Municipal election? What makes you the best candidate to represent East Point in this election?

My motivation for running in the 2025 East Point Municipal Election is rooted in my lifelong commitment to this community. East Point is where I was raised, where my family lives, and where I have dedicated my career to public service. I am running because I believe every resident deserves a safe neighborhood, reliable city services, strong schools, and the opportunity to thrive. Too often, decisions are made without fully including the people most impacted. My goal is to make government more responsive, more accountable, and more focused on everyday families.

What makes me the best candidate is my proven record of service, integrity, and results. As a City Councilmember, I have already worked to expand community benefits, improve infrastructure, and fight for reliable utilities. I bring both the experience of governing and the fresh vision to move East Point forward. I know how to listen, I have had more than 30 community town hall meetings. I know how to build consensus, and how to deliver real solutions for residents. I have blocked unwanted developments and worked hard to support existing businesses. My leadership is guided by the principles of honor, integrity, ambition, balance, and uplift—and that's the kind of representation East Point deserves.

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East Point Mayoral Candidate



Michael Dixon

Occupation: Senior Director at a Top 10 public university

East Point Resident: 8 Years

What is your motivation for being a candidate in the 2025 East Point City Municipal election? What makes you the best candidate to represent East Point in this election?

I am proud to call East Point home! My motivation for running is straightforward: East Point's best days are ahead of us. We have a city with small-town charm and big-city potential, but potential alone doesn't create progress. It takes a bold, forward-thinking leader who moves beyond talk and takes decisive action.

My vision is clear. I will champion economic growth, strengthen public safety, improve education, and ensure city government works with the people to move East Point from surviving to thriving. I am committed to elevating East Point and turning our city's promises into tangible results. I want to create a new type of economic development in East Point, one that brings fresh offerings to our city, from attractive restaurants and family-friendly spaces to safe, engaging community hubs. This approach will support local entrepreneurs, attract visitors, and build a city where residents can live, learn, work, and thrive.

We have all the ingredients, but it will take leadership with the tenacity and courage to tackle tough conversations and make difficult decisions. I am ready to be that leader, delivering thoughtful, accountable leadership that benefits every resident and ensures East Point reaches its full potential.

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East Point Mayoral Candidate



Alphonzo McDonald

Occupation: Pastor

East Point Resident: 2 Years

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East Point Ward A At-Large Candidate



Japera Johnson Hemming

Occupation: Project Director of national program supporting HBCUs

East Point Resident: 8 Years

What is your motivation for being a candidate in the 2025 East Point City Municipal election? What makes you the best candidate to represent East Point in this election?

My motivation to run for Ward A At-Large comes from a deep commitment to protect our homes, my dedication as a parent, and my vision to bring back our downtown. After 27 years, my family lost our home to a predatory lender. Packing up everything we had built was painful, and no one should ever have to go through that. That loss fuels my passion to protect property values, maintain the beauty and cleanliness of our neighborhoods, and ensure the people who live in East Point can stay in East Point.

As a step-parent, I want safe streets and parks, strong partnerships that support our schools, and more programs that give our youth real chances to grow and thrive. Families should feel secure and proud to raise their children here.

I also believe we deserve a downtown where neighbors can gather, support local businesses, and enjoy our community—without being pushed out or priced out. East Point should be a place where we can shop, dine, and find entertainment close to home.

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East Point Ward C At-Large Candidate



Etrinda Castle

Occupation: Consultant

East Point Resident: 8+ Years

What is your motivation for being a candidate in the 2025 East Point City Municipal election? What makes you the best candidate to represent East Point in this election?

I believe I am the best candidate for Ward-C City Council position because I have both professional expertise and a strong record of community leadership. As founder of The Castle Group Consultants, I've specialized in creating innovative housing solutions and identifying sustainable revenue streams for nonprofit organizations—skills that directly translate to solving real challenges here in East Point. I'm also a licensed casualty, health, and life insurance agent in 46 states, which has equipped me with a solid background in financial accountability, risk management, and protecting families' well-being.

Just as important, I serve as President of the Carriage Colony Community, where I work directly with residents to address neighborhood concerns and improve quality of life. This hands-on leadership has taught me the value of listening, collaboration, and action at the local level. What sets me apart is my ability to bridge professional experience with grassroots service. My career has been centered on transparency, efficiency, and equity—and that's the same leadership I will bring to City Council. I'm committed to building public trust, improving city services, and ensuring that every resident feels valued, respected, and represented.

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East Point Ward C At-Large Candidate



Starr Cummings

Occupation: Assistant Chief of Support Services for the Atlanta Fire Rescue Dept.

East Point Resident: 15 Years

What is your motivation for being a candidate in the 2025 East Point City Municipal election? What makes you the best candidate to represent East Point in this election?

I am running for City Council because I believe in the power of local government to make meaningful, lasting change in our community. As a resident who lives, works, and raises a family here, I've seen firsthand both the challenges we face and the incredible potential we have when we come together to create solutions.

My motivation stems from a deep commitment to public service, equity, and transparency. I want to ensure that every voice is heard. Whether it's improving infrastructure, supporting small businesses, investing in youth programs, or making our neighborhoods safer and more sustainable, I will work tirelessly to represent the needs and values of our diverse community. Running for City Council is not about politics—it's about service, accountability, and a vision for a better future.

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East Point Ward D At-Large Candidate



Andrea Caldwell

Occupation: Strategic Customer Success Manager

East Point Resident: 15 Years

What is your motivation for being a candidate in the 2025 East Point City Municipal election? What makes you the best candidate to represent East Point in this election?

My motivation for running in the 2025 East Point Municipal Election comes from my belief that every voice in our city matters and deserves to be heard. I love the unique charm of East Point and see tremendous potential for growth that reflects what residents truly want. I believe our challenges are solvable with the right people serving, leaders who listen, take action, and put the community first.

As a resident turned advocate, I've seen firsthand where we need change and how collaboration can remove roadblocks. My background in technology has trained me to think strategically and solve complex problems, and I'm committed to bringing that same energy, skillset, and collaborative spirit to City Council to ensure East Point continues to thrive.

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East Point Ward D At-Large Candidate



Erik Coleman

Occupation: Health Scientist
(Informatics) at the Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention (CDC)

East Point Resident: Since 2018

What is your motivation for being a candidate in the 2025 East Point City Municipal election? What makes you the best candidate to represent East Point in this election?

My motivation for running in the 2025 East Point City Municipal election is simple: our community deserves more than promises—we deserve progress. For too long, residents have heard talk of change but seen little follow-through. I'm stepping up because I believe in accountability, transparency, and leadership that delivers results, not empty words. I'm motivated by a vision of East Point where every resident has the opportunity to thrive in a city that is empowered, safe, and united.

I am the best candidate to represent East Point because I combine professional expertise, academic training, and deep community engagement. With over 15 years at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), specializing in environmental health and emergency response, I bring a data-driven, problem-solving approach. My academic training as a Doctor of Public Health candidate at the University of Georgia equips me to use evidence to craft solutions that improve health, safety, and community well-being.

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They Didn't Answer.

City of East Point

Mayoral Candidate

Keisha Chapman: No Response To Inquiries

Ward A At-Large Candidate

Sharon Shropshire: Declined To Participate

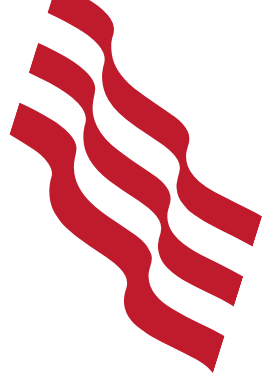
Ward B At-Large Candidate

Sean Atkins: No Response To Inquiries

Marie Terry: No Response To Inquiries

**CITY OF EAST POINT
ELECTION DAY VOTING
November 4, 2025**

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



WARD A

**East Point First Mallalieu
United Methodist Church
2651 Church Street**

**Bowden Center
2885 Church Street**

WARD B

**Jefferson Recreation Center
1431 Norman Berry Drive**

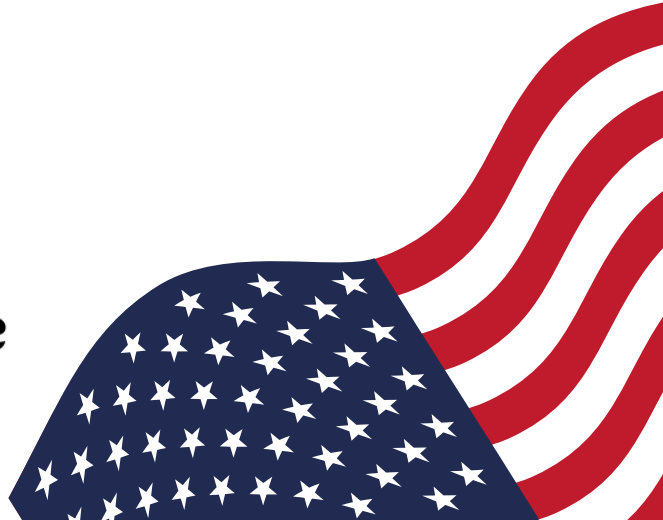
WARD C

**St. Stephens
Missionary Baptist Church
2670 Hogan Road**

WARD D

**Welcome All Recreation Center
4255 Will Lee Road**

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Fulton County Advance Voting Dates & Locations

Tuesday October 14, 2025 – Tuesday October 31, 2025
Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday October 18, 2025 & Saturday October 25, 2025
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday October 19, 2025 & Sunday October 26, 2025
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

***Absentee Ballot Drop-Box**

*Adams Park Library
2231 Campbellton Road SW Atlanta, GA 30311

*Alpharetta Library
10 Park Plaza Alpharetta, GA 30009

*Buckhead Library
269 Buckhead Avenue NE Atlanta, GA 30305

C. T. Martin Recreation Center
3201 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW Atlanta, GA 30311

*East Point Library
2757 Main Street East Point, GA 30344

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

Elections Hub
5600 Campbellton Fairburn Road Union City, GA 30213

Etris- Darnell Community Recreation Center
5285 Lakeside Drive Union City, GA 30291

*Gladys S. Dennard Library at South Fulton
4055 Flat Shoals Road South Fulton, GA 30291

Grant Park Recreation Center
537 Park Avenue SE Atlanta, GA 30312

Hugh C. Conley Recreation Center
36336 College Street College Park, GA 30337

Joan P. Garner Library at Ponce De Leon
980 Ponce De Leon Avenue NE Atlanta, GA 30306

Mechanicsville Library
400 Formwalt Street SW Atlanta, GA 30312

Metropolitan Library
1332 Metropolitan Parkway SW Atlanta, GA 30310

Milton Library
855 Mayfield Road Milton, GA 30009

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North Fulton Service Center
7741 Roswell Road Sandy Springs, GA 30350

Northwest Library at Scotts Crossing
2489 Perry Boulevard Atlanta, GA 30318

*Robert F. Fulton Ocee Library
5090 Abbotts Bridge Road Johns Creek, GA 30005

*East Point Library
2757 Main Street East Point, GA 30344

Roswell Library
115 Norcross Street Roswell, GA 30075

*Sandy Springs Library
395 Mount Vernon Highway Sandy Springs, GA 30328

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

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

Palmetto Library
9111 Cascade Palmetto Highway Palmetto, GA 30268

*Wolf Creek Library
3100 Enon Road South Fulton, GA 30331

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Atlanta, Georgia. 30336

Mayor: khalid kamau



South Fulton Demographics

1 East Point Population Estimates (U.S. Census: July 1, 2022)

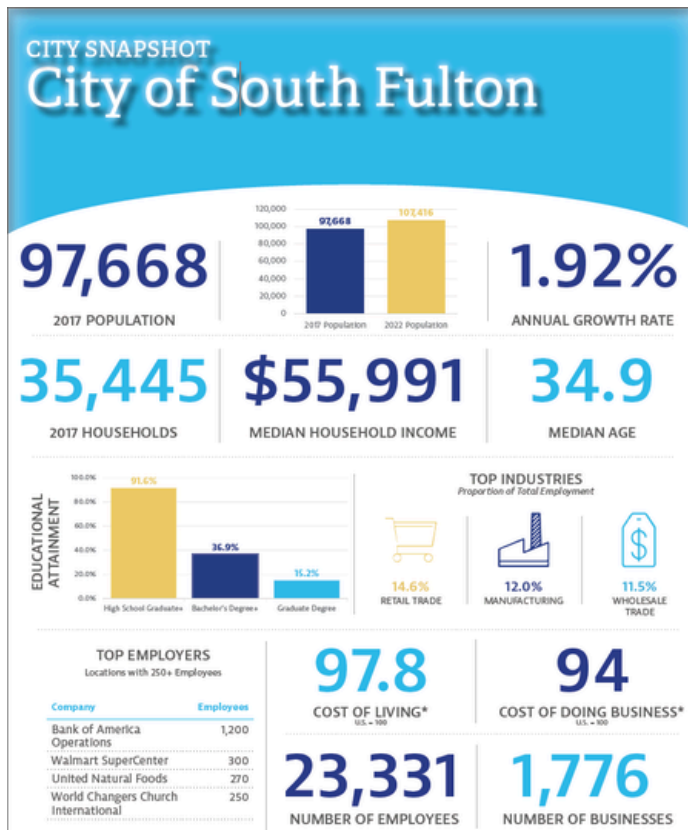
Population: 11,158
White: 4.8%
Black: 91.9%
American Indian/Alaska Native: 0.1%
Asian: 0.4%
Hispanic/Latino: 2.5%
Veterans 2017-2021: 6,888
Foreign Born Persons 2017-2021: 5.5%

2 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%

3 Income & Poverty (U.S. Census: 2017-2021)

Median Household Income: \$69,557
Persons Per Capita Income: \$33,103
Persons In Poverty: 9.8%



South Fulton Mayoral Candidate



Carmalitha Gumbs

Occupation: Councilwoman, City of South Fulton (District 2)

South Fulton Resident: 18 Years

What is your motivation for being a candidate in the 2025 South Fulton Municipal election? What makes you the best candidate to represent South Fulton in this election?

I've served South Fulton since its founding in 2017, helping build this city from the ground up. As a mother, caregiver, and councilwoman, I know firsthand what it means to sacrifice, to serve, and to fight for a better future. My motivation comes from the people — seniors on fixed incomes, parents stretching dollars, entrepreneurs trying to make payroll.

I'm running because I believe South Fulton is ready for its next chapter: a city that delivers on its promises, puts residents first, and embraces its identity as a major city in metro Atlanta. My experience, consistency, and proven ability to lead make me the candidate who can move us from potential to progress.

What do you think is the biggest challenge facing South Fulton today and how would you go about solving it?

Our biggest challenge is trust — in city services, in leadership, and in how quickly issues get resolved. Residents want to see results they can feel in their daily lives: safer streets, responsive city services, and a clear plan for growth.

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South Fulton Mayoral Candidate



Jewel Johnson

Occupation: Retired Healthcare Professional

South Fulton Resident: 40 Years

What is your motivation for being a candidate in the 2025 South Fulton Municipal election? What makes you the best candidate to represent South Fulton in this election?

My Motivation for Running

I am deeply vested in South Fulton—not a “pop-up” candidate. I helped build up Unincorporated South Fulton and stood on the front lines in forming the new City of South Fulton. From the beginning, I’ve rolled up my sleeves to serve. I’m not waiting for permission or an appointment—I am called to lead.

We created this city to chart our own destiny with local control. My philosophy is simple: “People, people, people—see the people.” South Fulton is full of talent, energy, and vision. We need leadership that doesn’t just talk about involvement but actively pushes residents to engage, just as we did in the 80s, 90s, and 2000s. My goal is to bring our seniors, Gen X, millennials, and Gen Z together so we understand legacy, build on tradition, and create opportunities for the future. I see myself as a vessel to guide, coach, and mentor.

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South Fulton Mayoral Candidate



Ryan Olson

Occupation: Entrepreneur / SAG-AFTRA Stuntman

South Fulton Resident: 6 Years

What is your motivation for being a candidate in the 2025 South Fulton Municipal election? What makes you the best candidate to represent South Fulton in this election?

My motivation for running for Mayor of South Fulton comes from a genuine commitment to serve the community I call home. Over the years, I've worked in fitness, community programs, and Georgia's film industry — experiences that taught me the value of teamwork, accountability, and perseverance. I've also seen how residents can feel left out of the process when leadership is divided or disconnected. I want to change that by ensuring every voice is heard and every neighborhood is part of the conversation.

What makes me the best candidate is not politics-as-usual, but my willingness to listen, work hard, and bring people together. I've built programs that served families, managed teams, and ran a small business, giving me firsthand understanding of both challenges and opportunities in our city. My approach is collaborative and practical: creating advisory boards so residents are heard, hosting community events for accountability, and making government decisions clear and accessible. Together, we can build a stronger, more united South Fulton.

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South Fulton City Council District 2 Candidate



D'Jaris Glasco

Occupation: Global HR Consultant

South Fulton Resident: 5 Years

What is your motivation for being a candidate in the 2025 South Fulton Municipal election? What makes you the best candidate to represent South Fulton in this election?

My motivation for running in the 2025 South Fulton Municipal election comes from the lens of my own household, where four generations live under one roof. While this is a blessing, it has also allowed me to see firsthand the challenges families in South Fulton experience across every stage of life. From the youngest to the oldest, our residents deserve a city where resources are accessible, infrastructure is reliable, public safety is progressive, and opportunities for growth are within reach. Witnessing the gaps in these areas has motivated me to step forward, because I believe South Fulton needs leaders who are prepared to address today's challenges with practical solutions and long-term vision.

What qualifies me to represent South Fulton is my professional background as a global HR consultant. In this role, I have been responsible for advising senior leaders on complex issues that require balancing expectations, understanding legislative requirements, and developing policies that drive results. My work has demanded that I manage competing priorities, create accountability, and build consensus among diverse stakeholders. These same skills are essential for effective city council leadership, where decisions must serve the community fairly and strategically.

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South Fulton City Council District 2 Candidate



Stephanie Johnson

Occupation: Attorney

South Fulton Resident: For the majority of my life

What is your motivation for being a candidate in the 2025 South Fulton Municipal election? What makes you the best candidate to represent South Fulton in this election?

South Fulton deserves more than promises. We deserve results. I'm running because I am the candidate who is - Smart on the Issues and Strong on What's Right.

Right now, our tax dollars are not managed wisely, and residents are not seeing a return on their investment. Growth has been unstructured, with projects pushed through that do not match the needs or culture of our district. And too many neighborhoods are still waiting for the basics—sidewalks, streetlights, and services we should have had long ago. I will bring accountability and focus back to City Hall so every decision strengthens the foundation of our community.

I am rooted here. I grew up here, graduated from Westlake, and returned home as a practicing attorney to care for my Mom and invest in this city. With 11 years of legal experience, I know how to read budgets, contracts, and ordinances to protect taxpayers. I also bring the perspective of a builder and problem-solver who knows how to turn complex issues into practical solutions.

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South Fulton City Council District 2 Candidate



Connie Robinson

Occupation: Retired (Federal Government)

South Fulton Resident: 16.5 Years

What is your motivation for being a candidate in the 2025 South Fulton Municipal election? What makes you the best candidate to represent South Fulton in this election?

My motivation is the lack of government transparency for the people. There are far too many questionable spendings and delayed financial reports. As per our July 2025 audit presentation for FY 2023, the last 3 annual reports were each more than a year late. This signals consistent operational inefficiencies which can lead to misaligned budgets, wasted time on data reconciliations, and lost financial opportunities, such as an inability to secure future financing. Hence, our leaders' recent discussions to create a Public Facility Authority and changes proposed to the millage rate cap.

I am the best candidate for District 2 because I've been more engaged and serving on the frontline the longest. I have stood up fighting for millage rate rollbacks and budget cuts and won. I've helped communities reassess their budget shortfalls and achieve success. My hands-on approach to engaging community stakeholders and my 37-year government record of successfully implementing policies around fiduciary accountability and transparency programs set me apart from other candidates.

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South Fulton City Council District 2 Candidate



Joy Treadwell

Occupation: Educational Consultant

South Fulton Resident: Since 2019

What is your motivation for being a candidate in the 2025 South Fulton Municipal election? What makes you the best candidate to represent South Fulton in this election?

I was raised by parents who believed in giving back to the community, but the unexpected and sudden passing of my partner, James last year was the catalyst. Our shared love for this city continues to push me more and more. I think he'd be very happy to hear about our positive, grassroots campaign to Build A Brighter Future for South Fulton.

As our next member of Council I believe I will effectively advocate for all South Fulton residents. My longtime experience teaching teachers and improving education policy in Georgia has taught me strong communication and critical thinking skills. I have an extremely high level of integrity and a rock solid commitment to the South Fulton greater good. I have a proven ability to think strategically and am a fantastic team player. I'm respectful, lean towards collaborative learning, and have no personal biases that would interfere with fighting for my neighbors every day.

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South Fulton City Council District 4 Candidate



Mel Keyton

Occupation: Dekalb County

Government Engineering

South Fulton Resident: 46 Years

What is your motivation for being a candidate in the 2025 South Fulton Municipal election? What makes you the best candidate to represent South Fulton in this election?

My vision is simple: a government that serves everyone, fosters unity, and drives economic growth. I believe in a city where businesses thrive, families feel secure, and our neighborhoods flourish. Through smart policies and responsible leadership, I will ensure that development benefits all residents, bringing high-quality commerce, job opportunities, and improved infrastructure.

As your council member, I will:

Streamline government processes to make services more accessible and efficient.

Unite our city by prioritizing collaboration over division, ensuring every community has a voice.

Attract quality development and commerce that enhances our economy while preserving our city's unique character.

Ensure fiscal responsibility to maximize resources without burdening taxpayers.

Our city deserves a leader who understands how government functions—and how to make it work better for everyone. With your support, we will build a stronger, more connected, and more prosperous community

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South Fulton City Council District 4 Candidate



Mike Johnson

Occupation: Construction Management
(Superintendent)

South Fulton Resident: 25 Plus Years

What is your motivation for being a candidate in the 2025 South Fulton Municipal election? What makes you the best candidate to represent South Fulton in this election?

One of my motivations for being a candidate in the 2025 South Fulton Municipal elections is dissatisfaction with current leadership.

What do you think is the biggest challenge facing South Fulton today and how would you go about solving it?

I think the biggest challenge facing South Fulton today is trust in our elected officials and I would go about solving the trust issue by being more transparent and inclusive of the citizens ideas and opinions.

If elected how do you intend to improve financial accountability and transparency for South Fulton residents?

I would start by attempting to encourage my fellow council members to look and consider all available check and balance options within reason and within the adopted charter to eliminate any misunderstandings and negative perceptions.

South Fulton City Council District 6 Candidate



Natasha Williams

Occupation: Research Administrator

South Fulton Resident: 47 Years

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What do you think is the biggest challenge facing South Fulton today and how would you go about solving it?

My motivation for running for re-election in the 2025 South Fulton Municipal election is rooted in my deep commitment to service and to the people of our city. Long before I was elected, I was active in the community, working alongside neighbors, organizations, and local leaders to strengthen South Fulton. Over the past four years as your councilwoman, I have been honored to continue that work in office—advocating for policies that improve quality of life, supporting initiatives that strengthen our neighborhoods, and ensuring that residents' voices are heard at City Hall.

What makes me the best candidate to represent South Fulton in this election is the combination of experience and community connection I bring. I understand the challenges we face because I live them alongside you, and I have a proven record of turning community concerns into action.

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South Fulton City Council District 6 Candidate



Tashima Freeman

Occupation: Accountant

South Fulton Resident: 7 Years

What is your motivation for being a candidate in the 2025 South Fulton Municipal election? What makes you the best candidate to represent South Fulton in this election?

I am motivated to be a candidate by seeing a need that I truly believe I can assist in correcting. I am the best candidate because I am a natural born servant and I am excited to work for a better South Fulton.

What do you think is the biggest challenge facing South Fulton today and how would you go about solving it?

The biggest challenge that we face in South Fulton is that we are lacking people who are a good representation of the residents in our city.

If elected how do you intend to improve financial accountability and transparency for South Fulton residents?

We just need to make it plain. If it is city funds, we need to create a transparency system that allows for the Council to still do what needs to be done in the city but also gives the residents of this city the opportunity to be apart of that.

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They Didn't Answer.

City of South Fulton

Mayoral Candidates

Joseph Adyemi: No Response To Inquiries

Mark Baker: No Response To Inquiries

Kelvin Davis: No Response To Inquiries

William "Bill" Edwards: No Response To Inquiries

Ray Mills: No Response To Inquiries

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Araba Dowell: No Response To Inquiries

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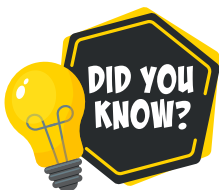
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Why the Georgia Public Service Commission Election is Important

The Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) plays a crucial role in overseeing and regulating essential public utilities across the state. Comprised of five elected commissioners, the PSC is responsible for regulating electric, natural gas, telecommunications, and intrastate transportation services. One of its most significant responsibilities is setting utility rates—determining how much customers pay for services like electricity and gas.

When utility companies propose infrastructure projects, such as building new power plants or expanding the electric grid, they must first obtain approval from the PSC. The Commission also decides who bears the financial burden of these projects—whether costs should be passed on to consumers or absorbed by the utility companies themselves. This gives the PSC substantial influence over household utility bills and long-term energy planning in Georgia.

However, the PSC's regulatory authority has limits. It does not oversee services such as water utilities, cellular phone service, or broadband internet, which fall under different jurisdictions or private market regulation. Despite this, the Commission's decisions have a significant impact on economic development, environmental sustainability, and public health across the state.



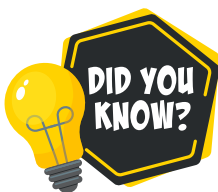
Since December 2022, the PSC has approved three Georgia Power rate increases, raising residential rates by 28% since 2021. Since 2020, the average household is paying about \$43 more per month for electricity.

Delayed Democracy: The Public Service Commission Election Controversy in Georgia

For the first time since 2020, Georgia voters will have the opportunity to vote for members of the Public Service Commission (PSC)—but only in 2025. Although PSC elections were originally scheduled for 2022, a federal judge delayed them after ruling in favor of a lawsuit filed by Georgia WAND and Georgia Conservation Voters. The lawsuit argued that the current statewide election system—where all Georgians vote for every commissioner, rather than just the one representing their district—diluted the voting power of Black residents and violated the federal Voting Rights Act.

While a federal appeals court overturned that ruling in November 2023, the case remained unresolved, leading to the cancellation of the 2024 election as well. In response, Georgia lawmakers passed legislation in 2024 to extend the terms of the sitting commissioners and resume elections in 2025. However, that new law is also facing legal challenges, keeping the future of PSC elections uncertain.

This drawn-out legal battle underscores how electoral systems—even at the state level—can have profound implications for representation, civil rights, and public accountability. As the PSC plays a key role in setting utility rates and approving energy infrastructure, who sits on the Commission directly affects the lives and wallets of millions of Georgians.



In 2023, the PSC allowed Georgia Power to increase customer utility rates to cover \$7.6 billion, roughly 74%, of the overrun for the long-delayed Plant Vogtle nuclear reactors. This rate increased the average customer's electric bill by almost \$9 per month.

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College Park Demographics

- The community that became College Park was founded as Atlantic City in 1890 as a depot on the Atlanta and West Point Railroad.
- The town was renamed Manchester when it was incorporated as a city in 1891.
- It was renamed again as the City of College Park in 1896. The city's name came from being the home of Cox College (*where the City Hall now stands*) and Georgia Military Academy (*now the Woodward Academy*).
- Due to its proximity between the airport and downtown Atlanta, College Park is home to more than 5,000 hotel rooms.
- Originating from a land grant awarded in 1846, College Park has the fourth largest urban historic district in Georgia with 867 structures on the Historic Register. The City's historical collection consists of homes, monuments, businesses, schools, churches, parks, a cemetery, government building, and railway station.

City of College Park 2025 Candidates

Ward 2 Candidates
Joe Carn (Incumbent)
Lakresha Williams

Ward 4 Candidates
Roderick Gay (Incumbent)
Steven Alexander

College Park Early Voting Location:
Conley Recreation Center
3636 College Street
College Park, GA 30337

1 College Park Population Estimates (U.S. Census: 2020 Decennial Census)

Population: 13,930
White: 1,638
Black: 11,138
American Indian/Alaska Native:
40 Asian: 121
Hispanic/Latino: 7.9%

2 Family & Living Arrangements (U.S. Census: 2020 Decennial Census)

Households: 6,016
Persons Per Household: 3.29

3 Income & Poverty (2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates)

Median Household Income:
\$47,706 Persons In Poverty:
18.1%

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