

from Fulton County. In the past 15 years, 112,500 have been served. Most of them are Title I or underserved. We provide financial aid subsidies. That means we've spent -- provided 1.125 million in admission to them. We've provided them with funding close to \$575,000 in bussing, \$7,500 per year in snack packs because we're not only trying expose them to the arts, we're also trying to assist in the fight against food -- food insecurity. We've also been very glad to have students who have blossomed because of our arts programming. As a matter of fact, one now who participated in our five-time Emmy-awarding program the Schiller Awards, is a teacher at Langston Hughes, and another one just signed with DEF Jam Records, and a third young middle schooler and was able to get a free summer camp with the Harlem -- the Dance Theater of Harlem. What am I asking? I'm giving you stats to show how much we impact Fulton County, and if you can believe it, we've never received an ounce of funding. I think it's time to not only have your support in word, but also indeed. We would greatly appreciate --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

JENNIFER DOBBS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- that so that we can partner together in continuing to serve our beloved K-12 students. Thank you so much."

LENOARD MORROW, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Leonard Morrow. I'm a housing authority of Fulton County Commissioner District 1. And I'm speaking in response or as a follow-up to a letter that we penned to the Fulton County Commission regarding a Commissioner who has been disruptive such that we cannot have regular order in our meetings. And we're asking that you take the action required to see to it that we can proceed with our meetings in regular order. According to the letter that we submitted, asking that he be withdrawn and another person be appointed to the Housing Authority of the county. Thank you very much."

LOLITA GRANT, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. I'm Lolita Grant. I am the Interim Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Fulton County. I've served in that position since 2022, and Commission -- our Board of Commissioners meetings prior to the appointment of the Commissioner had been effective. We've been able to conduct business prior to that appointment. Since that appointment, our meetings have been disruptive. We have not been able -- we had to stop the meetings or reschedule the meetings. We've had to even hire security. I have staff that have some concerns, so we're asking for you to just consider the request to have that Commissioner replaced. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "Next five speakers, please come down: Barbara Duffy, Tanray Garcia, Tank Harper -- Hank Harper, Deborah Allen, and Andy Patterson."

BARBARA DUFFY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Barbara Duffy. I live in District 1 -- or 2, and I have been on the Housing Authority of Fulton County for over 20 years. I have never experienced the kind of disruption that we have been

existing with, with a fellow Commissioner. And I ask you please, please read the letter that we've sent you. We held a hearing at your direction. We went with a Fulton County judge. All of that has come to you, and we ask for your help. We'd like to serve the residents of Fulton County with their housing needs, and we can't do it in the current climate. Thank you."

TANRAY GARCIA, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Tanray Garcia. I am the Deputy Executive Director for Housing Authority of Fulton County, and I was a victim of sexual harassment by the Consent Commissioner that we're asking to be removed. We did have a hearing. We sent a thumb drive as well attached with that letter to you asking for his removal. Since the harassment has occurred, he comes to the meetings -- he still comes to my office. He's still doing things that are completely inappropriate, and I'm just wondering why we haven't heard from you because this letter and the thumb drive of the hearing was sent a couple of months ago. I'm afraid sometimes to leave. I'm nervous on Commissioner when we have our monthly meetings. And I'm just asking that you please remove this man, because there is a serious safety concern for me, and our request has been ignored. So I'm asking you please, so that I can do my job as effectively and safely which I am entitled to be able to do so. Thank you."

HANK HARPER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Hank Harper. I am a Fulton County Housing Authority Commissioner as well. And I concur with our young lady that just got through saying about this particular Commissioner. I actually am a former Florida legislator as well as a Housing Authority Commissioner here for over 20 years, a decade of service. And I have never in my life of service had a gentlemen ever become what I consider disrespectful comments, taking my food off of my plate, and doing things that made me extremely uncomfortable as a man. Trying to get his room next to mine and inviting me into his room; things that are just very unfair to anyone; and I just think I would have ask you to please consider removing this Commissioner because one of the things that I did not do and I had a right to do was file a lawsuit because of the sexual disrespect that I have witnessed as well as Ms. Garcia. So please consider removing this gentleman from the commission so that we can move forward in a healthy, happy situation on behalf of the residents of Fulton County. Thank you."

ANDREW PATTERSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Andrew Patterson. I am an attorney. I represent the Housing Authority of Fulton County. As you've heard, the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority voted to have Commissioner Ron Shakir removed on the grounds that his behavior has been disruptive, that he's exhibited conduct unbecoming of a Commissioner, and because of allegations of sexual harassment. He was given notice of these charges. We held a public hearing that was notice provided on the agenda for the public to attend that hearing. He was specifically given notice of the hearing and chose not to participate. The hearing was conducted by the Honorable Thelma Wyatt Cummings Moore, retired

Superior Court Judge. She heard testimony. She sustained the charges and recommended that he be removed, and we have transmitted this information to the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, and we're asking that you accept or reject these findings. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "Next five speakers, please come down: Antavius Weems, Michael Collins, Donna Nunn, Collins Desselle, and Tiffany Felix."

DEBORAH ALLEN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Deborah Allen. I am a resident Commissioner for the Fulton County Housing Authority, and I have been for 18 years. And I am here to ask that -- please consider removing this particular Commissioner for our Board because it has been disrupting. Never in my life with the Fulton County Authority have I ever seen a Commissioner like this. From day one, the first meeting that we had, he disrupted it as if it were a purpose for him to be there to do it. I'm very upset with him because we can't get anything done because of the disruptions. Different things that he's done: calling our chairman out of his name. I mean, being very disrespectful, and it's hard to get business done working with someone like that. And we're asking you please, please consider removing him."

ANTAVIUS WEEMS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Antavius Weems, Attorney Antavius Weems. I serve as the chair of the Housing Authority of Fulton County. Taking food off of someone's plate, trying to go into someone's room, representing -- misrepresenting himself as the spokesperson of the Housing Authority in DC to elected officials, taking pictures unsolicited of staff, going into staff members' offices, we are potentially facing two lawsuits on behalf of staff members against the Housing Authority because we have failed to act to protect them against Commissioner Ronnie Shakir. This authority has been notified on more than one more occasion of what he is doing. We've had to cancel meetings, specifically have to cancel the meeting tomorrow, because I literally can't be there. I have to travel to Seattle. I'm the only person that can generally try to get him to some type of order other than Attorney Patterson. He can't be here, so when the two of us can't be here to babysit him, we literally have to cancel the Housing Authority meeting. That means the business of the county cannot be accomplished. And we really genuinely need your help to remove Mr. Shakir. Maybe he's best served in another area, but certainly not in the Housing Authority. Thank you for your time."

MICHAEL COLLINS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hi, my name is Michael Collins. I'm from Color of Change. I'm here to talk about the Fulton County Jail. It's become clear that there is a culture of silence and obfuscation when it comes to the jail. You know it's very disappointing that there was no operations update published to date as there usually is every month that would give us detailed information about the jail. We know that there has been a substantial drop which we are appreciative of, and from 3,618 people on the 4th of September to today where there are 2,912 people. That's a drop of 20 percent, but we want to know, you know, what's driving that, what's going on, why we're without

CLERK GRIER: "Last six speakers in Assembly Hall, please come forward: Eddie Lee Brewster, Brain Allen, Anne Dennington, Ron Shakir, Devin Barrington -Ward, and Rosie Jackson Puckett."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Repeat them again so we --"

ANNE DENNINGTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hello, I'm Anne Dennington. I'm the executive director of Flux Project, a nonprofit arts organization in Fulton County that presents temporary public arts projects, and we work with artists of all disciplines. Obviously, I'm here to speak on support of the arts. I have no question whatsoever about your individual passion for the arts or the county's belief in the arts and the value that it brings to our communities. I'm just here to ask you to please leave the \$1.5 million in the budget. We -- it is -- it was such a windfall last year for that extra funding to come in; and it came after tremendous work from the Fulton County Arts and Culture. And it would be so wonderful if we would come one day and say, please increase the funding for the arts. So I know that it's in your hearts. And I just wanted to be another voice saying the community cares, and please sustain the funding for the arts and culture."

BRAIN ALLEN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hello, I'm Brain Allen. Vice Chair of Libertarian Party of Fulton County and District 3 resident. This August, you all decided against raising property taxes but not increasing the millage rate. This was the right decision, though an even better decision would have been to decrease the millage rate. A lot of people are struggling just to keep a roof over their heads and food on the table. They can't afford to be paying the taxes they already have, let alone paying more taxes. Decisions have consequences, though. And as I've heard some of you point out time and time again, when you made that decision, you committed yourself to cutting back on spending. The special interests and government bureaucrats those impact aren't going to be happy; and you've already seen a number of them coming out of the wood work asking for more money. You need to say, no to these people. It's the nature of the system that special interests have a greater incentive to come seeking handouts and the average citizen has to speak up against it. Concentrate benefits and disburse costs is a very real problem. Similarly, it's the nature of government bureaucracy to grow. Their incentive is always to ask for more funding, more resources. If you claim to represent the people in general, if you support the general welfare over special interests, then you have to say, no to these people. In fact, you should be more aggressive and cut out even more than what's already proposed. I don't want to be hearing a bunch of complaining every time a cut is being discussed. Cuts have to be made. If January comes around and y'all end up throwing in a bunch of pet projects and adding thing seemingly just for sake of adding them at the last minute like you did this past January, I'll be very disappointed. That process was a farce and you all know it. Thank you for your time and attention."

RON SHAKIR, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Ron Shakir, Southwest Atlanta. There were some comments made last week, and a Fulton County office was shut

down and people was marched down here to have testimony against my character and my -- what I consider my passion and my purpose. Anybody who know me, I always talk about housing and injustice. And coming from a small town in Alabama, my father was the oldest of 12 children. He graduated from college. His sons have attended and daughter have attended colleges. The fact is that he's is an honorable man, but we also lived in public housing. But when we came to Atlanta, we moved on Peyton Road. Atlanta was a new place. It was a place where citizens and mothers and fathers had good housing. And the fact that we need public housing today and good housing today is not a shame, but it's a shelter and a need for it. And for somebody to come and attack me from being kicked off that board, or removed from that board, it represents that chair. But I say the fact that the issues of the day of concerns, that hadn't changed much, housing matter, and I would hope that y'all will continue to be sensitive to it, and the fact that I was attacked personally here, I think that when people come up with those remarks they ought to prove them. But I want to thank you, Brother Curtis. But anybody who know me, if I come up the city of Atlanta to engage, it's because of housing. The city of Atlanta, Fulton County, tore down public housing --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

RON SHAKIR, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- people are sleeping on the streets today. Mothers and fathers who sent their kids to school, that made our schools great. Those houses were tore down and I think are shameful, and I will always speak up, and I definitely wish that you have someone come up here to say something to me that have proof. Thank you so much."

DEVIN BARRINGTON-WARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. Devin Barrington-Ward. When are we going to learn our lesson? Why do we keep doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result? Every day on the news, there's something about the Fulton County Jail. Every day. Every day. Now, the latest. Now we know that the Talitrix contract is being pushed by legislators down at the state capitol. So before we do anything else about the jail, we need a full stop. Because we can't even guarantee that this feasibility study has been done in a way that is above reproach; isn't that right, Commissioner Ellis? We don't necessarily know whose special interest and who has hedging bets on whether or not you all are going to put money into a broken system. Actually, it's a system that's working as tended as supposed to. You all are just being levers to the mass incarceration of our people with no end in sight. So I'm asking you all first, follow the city's lead. They recently increased funding for PAD at the tune of about a half a million dollars to do outreach at the airport because they recognize that criminalizing homeless people is not the way, the path forward for Atlanta. Throw out the feasibility study because we can't afford \$2 billion. For the art advocates that are here, they are pushing a \$2 billion jail. So that's where your money is going when you're talking about cuts to art funding. Everything costs, right? And then in addition to that, we need to pass legislation that commissions a real decarceration plan. We can't deal with another \$2 billion for a jail that will be

overcrowded yet again. We can't deal with another \$2 billion at the expense of property tax owners --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

DEVIN BARRINGTON-WARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- who are going to see their taxes go up. Enough is enough. The plan isn't working. Get with the people who actually know what they're talking about because thus far, we've been right. Thank you."

ROSIE JACKSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. It's been a long time. My name is Rosie Jackson Puckett, and I live at 4365 Melanie Drive, College Park. I have submitted to you each some paperwork -- I won't say what it is. But I realize there is a intergovernmental relationship between the city of South Fulton and our Fulton County. I don't believe you are aware of the continuous discrepancies that we have faced with the qualifying of candidates in the city of South Fulton. I submitted to you today the information from the candidate elect for the District 5 Council seat in the city of South Fulton. Base on information before you, the elected candidate did not live in the city of South Fulton at the time these papers were filed. She lived in Union City. This clearly disqualifies her candidacy. She clearly answered the summons before you on August 24th, 2023 which was the week of qualification. This information was brought to the attention of the election superintendent and the city of South Fulton, and the answer was that this information was presented after the fact. I am asking that you do not be a co-conspirator by certifying this election that clearly appears to be unlawful. The constituents of District 5 will be following the instructions of the election liaison for the Georgia Secretary of State's elections. We will contest the election in writing to the election superintendent, and hopefully there will be a special election held for the two deserving candidates that qualify and have lived in the city of South Fulton legally to run for the District 5 county seat. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have four speakers on Zoom and two e-mailed in comments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, quickly."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Good morning, Commissioners. The first person to speak is Adrian Coleman."

ADRIAN COLEMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Adrian Coleman. I live in Southwest Atlanta. I'm here today -- you have received multiple e-mails from me about the Housing Authority of Fulton County asking for the Fulton County Commission to provide some level of best practices to all the board's commissions and authority of Fulton County for transparency and for community engagement and accountability. I have been watching the Fulton County -- well, I did watch the Fulton County -- excuse me, the Housing Authority of Fulton County meetings until this summer when the chair unilaterally decided that Zoom meetings would not be

accessible for the public. I, too, was appalled and disappointed to see the Housing Authority of Fulton County come (inaudible) allegations against Commissioner Ron Shakir. And quite honestly, I found them to be defamatory and very dangerous, and I'm concerned that the Commission -- that you will make a decision that lacks evidence, and that has not been a fair process. I would hope that you will do an independent audit of the Housing Authority of Fulton County. I also would ask the law department to review the Commissions meetings and to actually take a look at these meetings. There's concerns about resident elections that when you have people who said that they've been on the Housing Authority for 20 -- 20 years, 18 years -- something is wrong in that --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

ADRIAN COLEMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- thank you. So I'm here today to say that Ron Shakir is not the problem. At HAFC there's much bigger problems, and I hope that you, as the Commission, will evaluate and do an objective review. I thank you for your time."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Lauren Parker. Lauren Parker. Okay, the next person to speak is Shaheedrah Elameed."

SHAHEEDRAH ELAMEED, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I have nothing to say."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Okay, and the last person to speak is Attendee 9618. Okay, with nothing said, that concludes the Zoom public comments."

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Greetings, Commissioners. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate, Public Policy Analyst. If Commissioner Chairperson Robb Pitts was to announce on canceling the next Commission meeting because I can't be there, eyebrows would really be raised. To the county seat last month came a parade of persons seeking the ouster of a fellow Housing Authority Commissioner. The Housing Authority of Fulton County chairperson's announce the November meeting of the Housing Authority was being canceled because he, himself, could not be present to control. Well, wait a minute. There is a well-qualified vice chair who can take over. Commissioner Natalie Hall has appointed him and Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr. only recently reappointed him. And did not the Housing Authority chairperson arrange for the presence of a Fulton County Sheriff Officer who was in handcuffs, and the second Sheriff deputy, and from the Fulton County police a third officer, yeah. That's how much force was needed to silence one outspoken activist."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "And this concludes the public comment."

REGINA WALLER, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: The first e-mail comment is from Zane Placie. The budget document has all the trappings of transparency with nice sounding summaries of the various projects. However, if you dig deeper, you would probably

it's an economic investment. Thank you. Happy holidays, and continue that good fight for the art and culture. God bless."

SUSAN ROSS, PUBLIC COMMENT: "Hello, my name is Susan Ross. And I'm a resident, long-time resident of Fulton County. And I know many of you personally. I am here as an artist, as a -- as a retired city employee, as a senior citizen, and probably three or four other hats. But I'm here to encourage you to continue Fulton County's outstanding support for arts funding and senior funding. I think it's very important that we -- we recognize that the arts are what enriches our lives. And then for those of us who have given so much over the years to Fulton County, we deserve to have some services that affect us as we are seniors. And so I think it is highly important that this Board take on -- take on continuing its historic responsibility of supporting the arts and seniors. I am -- I've been up before as a Member of the Nature Girls. I know we were honored by the Fulton County. And all of us are senior citizens, who regularly use the facilities around the county, on all sides of the county. I want to -- and as a -- as an artist, I exhibit regularly from the North of Fulton County, down to the South, from Johns Creek down to almost -- almost down Clayton, but down to the end of the county. We do exhibits all over the county. And I want to strongly encourage that you continue to support those nonprofit organizations and individuals that make this county great. Thank you very much."

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have three speakers on Zoom and five emailed-in comments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. It's 11:34, quickly."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The first person to speak is Ben Howard. Ben Howard. Okay, the next --"

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC COMMENT: "Greetings. Commissioners, staff, and special greetings, fellow citizens. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate, Public Policy Analyst. They were rolling merrily along; doling out millions of dollars in the dark, until one day a newly-appointed Housing Commissioner arrived. Instead of softly making a motion, the newcomer insisted, what have you Board Members been doing to increase affordable public housing? Uh-oh, trouble in the house. Shutdown that Zoom, in-person meetings only. We're heading to the Fulton County Commission to get them to get rid of this troublemaker, as the county seek two voices move to throw the so-called troublemaker out. A third voice moved to put the matter on hold until legal advice has been given to the Commission. But then came a call to throw the baby out with the bathwater, saying let's get rid of that whole Housing Authority. Oh, no, not yet. The media is covering this mess on air and in the Sunday papers. The can of worms has been opened. We need to let the worms fall out."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Lucia Frazier."

talk are not a representative sample of the county. There's over a million people in Fulton County, and most of them are too busy with the regular 9:00 to 5:00 job or just life in general to be following the county budget process, let alone coming here to talk. So again, I ask you to do the right thing, say no to the special interests, and get the budget under control. Thank you for your time and attention."

JANET HILL, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, and thank you for your time. I'm here today, again, respectfully requesting action to be taken on deed fraud. This is my third time here with the Commissioners on this issue. Scammers are using real estate agents, bar members, and Fulton County government services to steal properties. Fulton County has a duty to uphold and protect and serve our citizens; and also to uphold the Georgia and U.S. Constitution and the land records. This is a known systemic problem, and our citizens are being targeted, mainly African-Americans, seniors, females, and those that are vulnerable in these regentrified communities. And in the words of the Chief Justice -- Chief Judge that you just heard from, we are not receiving fair justice in Fulton County for these crimes. If you need assistance and you want to understand how this is being done, I am available and I will walk you through this process and what is happening in these land records. Thank you for your time."

RON SHAKIR, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Ron Shakir, Southwest Atlanta. Wow. That's what it's all about. Fraud. The idea and the obvious look of the fact that Atlanta is being gentrified by any means necessary with no sense of concern about the communities or how it was formulated or the history that these neighborhoods represent; the public housing, the low income housing, the unaffordable housing, the housing and sheds that people lived in before public housing, that before it was an idea that it's not robbery to provide safe, secure housing; but we tore them down. How can we do that? But what that young lady talking about is the robbery that mothers and grandmothers and fathers are losing their properties and don't feel like there's nothing that they can do. We're being told you guys is that don't say nothing, you know. A young lady spoke to the press about the situations that's going on with Fulton Housing Authority, and she was told by a member of this here council, don't say nothing. You know, before y'all got elected, you wanted your voices to be heard in the press; but now you don't want to have your voice to say nothing about citizens, insecure housing because of theft or the injustice? And, Ms. Dana Barrett -- Burnett. Please, please, please, don't think it's robbery that citizens have a right --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

RON SHAKIR, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- and a understanding of the Constitution, and lift it up high. It's some people that more privilege than others and it didn't matter. But it's a new thing that we should support and uphold freedom of speech."

MARGIE McCLEOD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good afternoon. Across the street, Robb Pitts, Chairperson, teamwork. We're not doing teamwork. It's just like that lieutenant just left off teamwork. City Council, the Housing Authority -- no money. The homeless,

you're not working together. Homelessness money, the people out here are crying and what you're doing the budget, spending unnecessary money not at all. It's not about that; I'm about the people. And the people put all y'all in -- Arrington, because you're sleep. But what I'm saying to you, Robb Pitts, why are you not working with the City Housing Authority? We're getting all this money coming in. What are we doing with it? You went to school with art; you had art, because I don't think you would be what you are today, because you have to have that in school. And then the courthouse, how are you not going to put money and that you're going to serve in a part-time position. I love the arts. I love them, but you put your money in the wrong place. That's what I'm all about. I'm a veteran to a veteran, but you wanted to a veteran but you didn't go in, but that's, okay. If you went in you would know teamwork because that's what it's about. All this money coming in Atlanta, what is -- who's been accountable for it? Where's the money going at? Where is it?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

MARGIE MCCLEOD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- where is it, Robb Pitts? I want to know where this -- me and you talk, and you know where this money -- y'all don't work. The city say I run out. The Housing Authority has no money. Don't homeless people -- do you see them people out there when you go across the street?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. All right. Thank you. Next speaker. Thank you. Thank you."

EARL FERGUSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I'm Earl Ferguson. I'm a registered voter in Fulton County, and I've followed the activities of the Fulton County Registration and Election Board. And I've told them in the past that the number of registered voters exceeds the number of eligible people that we have in the county, according to the Census Bureau. The chairman disagrees with me, but she fails to realize or fails to state that the Fulton -- that the estimates include felons and non-US citizens who are not eligible to vote. This indicates that the Board is not fulfilling their obligations to maintain the voter roll, which is required by Georgia Section 21-2-228. At your November meeting, the Chair was here, and she stated that in no uncertain terms that the Board will not and does not take any action to manage the list. Now again, they are not in compliance with state law. So I challenged a number of voters -- Fulton County voters who had moved and changed their address to North Carolina and registered to vote in North Carolina, and we have a section in the law, 21-2-217, which establishes residents' requirements, and if you've registered to vote in another state, you're no longer a registered voter in Georgia. Simple. Straightforward. All of my challenges were denied. Actually, two years ago, I submitted similar challenges again with North Carolina, all of them were approved. The problem here is the Chairman. I strongly disagree with what happened. I'm filing a complaint --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

ALMA LOTT, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- I'm ashamed of y'all. I'm very ashamed of y'all. Y'all -- y'all have poor leadership in these organizations, and I mean it from the bottom of my heart. Stop what you're doing and help the damn people."

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chair and Members of the Board, we have six speakers on Zoom. Fourteen e-mailed in comments, but they are all similar and can be read in three"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We got six on zoom. All right -- is that right? Let's go, quickly."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Okay. The first person to speak is Ben Howard. Ben Howard."

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Greetings, Commissioners and staff. A special greeting to you, citizens of Atlanta. Atlanta Journal-Constitution and other media, please continue your investigative reporting of the Housing Authority of Fulton County and especially that investigation by the federal government. I rest my case."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Kevin Muldowney."

KEVIN MULDOWNEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. Back in on September 23, Commissioner Barrett sponsored a Resolution supporting Fani Willis in bringing RICO charges against Donald Trump and 18 others. Just this week, it has come to light that Fani's office may not be so squeaky clean. The Fulton DA's office under Fani hired a special prosecutor, Nathan Wade, who had never prosecuted a felony case in his career. Fulton County has apparently paid the special prosecutor a total of \$652,000. As I understand it, Fulton County never did approve his hiring but paid him anyway. It is alleged that DA Willis's special prosecutor Wade carried on a romantic relationship and took trips together in Napa, Florida, the Caribbean, time will tell. The real tale of this matter lies in Special Prosecutor Wade's billable hours submitted to Fulton County and approved by Fani. One entry is for an eight-hour meeting with the White House special counsel in May of '23. Kind of curious as to what Fulton County business was conducted over eight hours with the White House counsel. Another entry is for an eight-hour meeting September 18th, entitled interview with DC/White House. This was just three days after Trump announced his reelection bid. We don't yet know what was discussed, but what we do know is that Fani's office brought out a rush indictment announcement of the RICO case shortly thereafter. Seems to me we could have found -- seems to me we have found the real collusion, and it is between the Fulton DA and the White House counsel colluding to destroy a political rival of the Biden administration --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

enrolled in PAD services today. See, this program was actually designed to catch the individuals who could or should have been a police diversion. These individuals simply just have unmet needs. These are 44 people that had not this program existed or been available, they would likely still be sitting in the Fulton County Jail. I have had the pleasure and the honor to witness reunifications, people getting documents, working on employment and housing."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds, ma'am."

DREW UMBERGER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Yeah, pre-accusation, please think about it."

QUINCEY SHOULDER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners, ladies and gentlemen, how y'all doing? I'm also a participant in PAD Program. My name is Mr. Quincey Shoulders. From the first moment I got introduced to the PAD program, staff and all of them have been very helpful. Currently, I'm in the fatherhood program, getting back in contact with my two daughters and my son. I just got my license, so I'm also getting a job at Amazon through them. I got my social -- well, I'm waiting on my social security card, and I have my birth certificate. They have helped me obtain all my legal documents. You know, I don't have a car right now, but for -- far as, like, the MARTA cards, it might not seem like much, but it means a lot to me. You know, they're very helpful. I'm attending by mental health classes, which they're helping me with. And I just wanted to say that I think the PAD program is wonderful for myself and others as well. I think it should keep going, and the staff is excellent. And that's all I have to say. Y'all have a blessed day."

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have nine speakers on Zoom, 22 emailed-in comments that have been combined, and can be read in four."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The first person to speak is Ben Howard. Ben Howard."

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Thank you. Greetings, Commissioners and staff and special greetings, fellow citizens. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate, Public Policy Analyst. To the senior citizens of Fulton County, the Commission on Elder Affairs was beguiled into taking a hike in the month of December. During December budget hearings, Office of Aging Administrators were bombarded with closed words, such as sliding scale, not sustainable, tight budget and millage rate constrictions. Take heart, however, hope is on the way and hope is in the wings, as more advocates have joined. To the Housing Authority of Fulton County, you won a hollow victory in that four-to-one vote. Following Executive Session, the motion should have been a three-part motion

instead of a two-part motion. Part One, accept the recommendation of the Housing Authority of Fulton County. Part two, reject the recommendation or Ronnie Shakur and company. Only then, part three, remove money secured from the Board of the Housing Authority of Fulton County. To the news media focusing on Fulton County, stay tuned."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Opal Baker."

OPAL BAKER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Opal Baker, I'm a resident of East Point, Fulton County, Georgia. As a naturalized citizen who's been living in the United States for over 50 years, I treasure my right to vote. I have never missed an opportunity to vote since I have been able to. And I absolutely value my right to cast my ballot for whomever I choose. You must uphold that right, as you consider your nomination for this Body, and ensure that you install a person who respects every eligible person's right to vote for -- and for whomever they choose, and not dismiss their lawfully-cast vote. As you consider and -- or choose to do the right thing about this with our right to vote, you must also do the right thing on how we, as taxpayers, want to spend our money. I applaud you for being the only county in Georgia to still allocate funding to the arts, and you cannot stop now. Exposure to the arts is foundational, it's indispensable, it's critical to communities for so many reasons. But for me, it is a way to relieve the stresses of everyday life to keep me engaged in my community. And it's -- it's one way, one important way to help our children grow, thrive, and build their coveted and critical-thinking skills as adults so that they can make up their own minds about important issues in their lives, such as why it is necessary to vote, and to whom to vote and for whom to vote for. Thank you."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Gita Prabhakar. Gita Prabhakar. The next person to speak is Mack Headrick. Mack Headrick. Okay, the next person to speak is a Paulette Haase. Paulette Haase. All right, the next person to speak is Rukuumba Nedd. Rukuumba Nedd. And the last person is Virginia Kriho. Virginia Kriho. Okay. Rukuumba Nedd. Okay. So with that being said, no one is answering that concludes our Zoom public comments."

REGINA WALLER, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The first emailed comment is Jane Zoellick: Thank you for, Commissioners for a valuable past support of the arts in Fulton County. As you are making budget decisions today, I encourage you to at least maintain the 2023 funding level in order to continue to nurture a vibrant arts scene in the cultural heart of the South. Your funding is critically important to a Atlanta Metro's arts community. And to all-sized art organization abilities to fulfill their missions to the experiences available to Fulton County residents and visitors and to their areas reputation. Thank you, too for funding the Board of Elections so that they may continue

has been rambling down the track since 2019. Fani fires whistleblower, Amanda Tipson, for exposing the DA's illegal use of grant money. Georgia Lieutenant Governor announces special bipartisan committee to investigate Fani. House Judiciary Committee subpoenas Fani. Fani accuses alleged lover -- alleged lover's wife of interfering with Trump prosecution. Fani Willis' team cries racism. And the most relevant today, Fani still hasn't responded to Commissioner's request for information relating to the alleged misuse of funds. Her office has been nonresponsive despite multiple follow-ups. What the hell's going on? I know you guys write the checks. She is an embarrassment to the Board and to the citizens footing the bill. Fani is doing exactly what Fani wants; whether it's caring on an adulterous relationship with an underqualified stud she has hired or ignoring a direct request from a sitting Commissioner for a full audit. I think you all agree this has got to stop. On another lasting matter, I fully support Commissioner Adbur-Rahman's agenda item, 24-0094, that we claw back a portion of the money the County has been forced to pay for the misdeeds of Commissioner Hall. Although I personally think \$200,000 is --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

KEVIN MULDOWNEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "nine hundred thousand plus settlement is woefully short. We have -- we have some things that need to be straightened out. Thank you very much, Commissioners."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Lucia Frazier."

LUCIA FRAZIER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. I also fully support reducing Commissioner Hall's budget. I do agree that the 902K is just -- it's a lot and to find a way to, you know, get that off the taxpayers' backs as much as possible. And I do think it's a personal thing that she should have to pay for, because it was a personal issue that we're dealing with, one of her personal issues. Second of all, I also agree that there needs to be some more pressure on the DA's office to comply with the County Audit Committee's request for information. Thank you very much."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Ben Howard. Ben Howard."

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Greetings, Commissioners and staff. And a special greeting fellow citizens. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate, Public Policy Analyst. To the senior citizens of Fulton County, mark your calendar. The Commission on Elder Affairs meets on the second Thursday of the month at 11 o'clock a.m. For information about the Commission on Elder Affairs, the Commission on Disability Affairs, or any matter relating to Fulton County senior citizens call the Fulton County Star Line at 404-613-6000. That Star Line number is 404-613-6000. Condolences to the family, relatives, and friends of Ms. Barbara Cook, the longtime program director at the HJC Bowdon, senior multipurpose facility, in East Point. The new advocate for the citizens is keeping an eye on the Housing Authority of Fulton County? You may want to start with

a connection between Board members of the Housing Authority and the millions of dollars that flow across their table. You may also want to take a look at the rationale Housing Authority Board members gives for not providing Fulton County Commissioners updates on the federal investigation of Housing Authority operations."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Jennifer Hill. Jennifer Hill. The next person to speak is Margie McLeod. Margie McLeod. The next person to speak is Nancy --

MARGIE MCLEOD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hello?"

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Margie McLeod, go ahead."

MARGIE MCLEOD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Yes. I am talking -- I'm supporting that we got to be very careful when we get the governor trying to get a position appointed. If you do that towards Judge Kirk, y'all got to be watching out also because he could do the same thing. And we don't need nobody, the Governor, to appoint anybody. We need to keep it as it is. We need to let the people vote for this, to put her back in office. She's doing a wonderful job, but it looked like to me when people do the right thing, they want them out. Our community is supporting Kirk. So you better be watching out for whoever vote for that. He gone be appointing you also. Have a blessed day."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Nancy Tauro. Nancy Tauro. The next person to speak is Sandra Thorne. Sandra Thorne. The next person to speak is Sarah Manley Simmons. Sarah Manley Simmons. With no response, that concludes the Zoom public comments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "No further speakers."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay. The item moved up on today's Regular Meeting Agenda, bottom of page 10, **24-0100**, Select Fulton, Presentation: Development Authority of Fulton County Governmental Accounting Standards Board, GASB77."

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, SELECT FULTON: "I'm sorry. Thank you. Good morning, Commissioners. Samir Abdullahi, Director of Fulton. I appreciate your time this morning in moving up this item. We'll have two quick presentations; one is our standard GASB77 report from the Development Authority on their year-end annual work

when you, Commissioner Hall, and Commissioner Barrett, align yourself with our corrupt DA. But for every day Fulton County residence that do the right thing and have to live within their means and often make difficult decision, it pisses them off --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

MATT ROWENZCAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- with this type of behavior. And I'd suggest putting some limitations on these proclamations if they, indeed, are excessively using county resources. Thank you."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Katie Benson."

KATIE BENSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hello, Commissioners. I am a resident of Fulton County, and I'm curious as to why there are so many -- many proclamations being issued from Commissioner Hall this morning? Why is that allowed; to have so many proclamations from only one Commissioner, especially on an election year? Especially, when Commissioner Hall is under so much scrutiny and her actions should be scrutinized as she has dug herself into a very deep hole professionally and personally with her abhorrent scandals. Thank you for your time."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Ben Howard."

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Greetings, Commissioners and staff, and a special greeting fellow citizens; Ben Howard, Senior Advocate, Public Policy Analyst. In February of this year, the movers and shakers of the Housing Authority of Fulton County had on this website a meeting notice for March of last year. We can only hope the board officers are treating those millions of dollars entrusted to them with a greater degree of accuracy and transparency. Office of Aging Administrators have chosen to not delineate unfinished business on the agendas for the Commission on Elder Affairs. A member of the present Commission on Elder Affairs proposed the COEA have a presence at the various senior facilities. A look back at the dusty minutes of COEA during the days when the Council on Aging had active representation on that board, will show that the Commission on Elder Affairs' presence at senior multipurpose facilities as well as matters like accreditation of the county's four senior multipurpose facilities was unfinished business way back then. Stay tuned on this matter of the delineation of unfinished business."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "And this concludes the Zoom public comments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "No, further speakers."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Continue, Madam Clerk."

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Greetings, Commissioners and staff; and a special greeting fellow citizens; Ben Howard, Senior Advocate, Public Policy Analyst. Kudos to Office of Aging administrators in their role as secretary to the Commission on Elder Affairs. They now delineate and publish unfinished business. About this time last year, the keepers of the Housing Authority of Fulton County abruptly and unilaterally stopped allowing members of the public to Zoom in on their meetings via Zoom. Citizens seeking to curtail secrecy will crack that board's wall of correctness one crevice at a time. Let's start with having them explain why their website states, "The Board of the Housing Authority of Fulton County consists of nine members appointed by Fulton County Commissioners." But in juxtaposition, they boldly list a tenth board member and the person or the person appearing as the Attorney for the Board. Stay tuned."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Matt Rowenzcak."

MATT ROWENZCAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Morning, Commissioners. I want to share two things with you this morning. The first is on the Consent Agenda, there are 19 proclamations, and 17 are from Commissioner Hall. Is the goal here, Commissioner Hall, to give a proclamation to every single resident in your district, in a year when you're seeking reelection? It sounds like we have an employee spending his entire time issuing proclamations. I support Agenda Item 24-0201, and I would support this item if it was \$50 for proclamation, and adding the limit on the number of proclamations allowed per Commissioner per month. Commissioner Hall, you're out-of-control. You have no regard for spending taxpayer money. Secondly, we still have fundamental issues in the Elections department. I still don't believe that they have standard operating procedures. Remember when the shocking audit came out in the department in August of 2021? One of the findings was that there was no standard operating procedures. And when the follow-up audit came out last year, there still weren't complete standard operating procedures. And for this most recent Presidential Primary Election, I requested the qualified electors list; meaning a list of all qualified voters, specifically for that Election. The department said they couldn't provide it. How do you run an Election and certifying an Election without a list of qualified voters? I also saw Board of Elections members have requested documents as well. And to my knowledge, they haven't received any of them. The Chair of the Board continues to come up with excuses like Fulton County is too big. The qualified electors list is a simple document; the size of the County has nothing to do with it. The public is tired of Patrice's excuses for not doing her job."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Lucia Frazier."

LUCIA FRAZIER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, everybody. We are paying taxes that are allocated to Fulton County Election staff. The staff is requesting 40 million for this year. This is still really high when you compare costs per person versus other counties, and I've been saying this for the last three years, that we're budgeting

ROBBIE CABAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Okay. You've added an agenda item that is completely fraudulent. I've sent you e-mail after e-mail with whistleblowers from Fulton County Animal Services managed by Lifeline Animal Project with audio, video, showing breach of contract. Showing they're not enforcing our laws, and you're about to have city of Atlanta taxpayers like me pay for a contract that's not performing under Lifeline, and none of you will do anything about it. That is fraud. That is corruption. That is not respectful. How can you talk about respect? That's a question. You want me to pay for something that's not being done? You have seen whistleblowers, staff members, supervisors, animal control officers, dispatchers, they called, they've e-mailed Alton Adams. Where did he go, because he was here before you, Dana Barrett, and he told Mandy, Amanda Brennan, I don't want to be involved in your legal entanglements because the staff is under duress under Lifeline. You're going to make us pay for something that's not being done, that is malfeasance, fraud, corruption. What else -- people know about the mass incarceration complex with prisoners? What a lot of people don't know is that the animal -- companion animal industrial complex, where animals make bank for NGOs who are tax-exempt who raise funds, and I guess they're giving them back to you because you all appear corrupt. I'm not going to pay for something that's not being done. Ask Logan Brett's mother how long she had to be in court with lifeline who got zero --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

ROBBIE CABAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- the little boy, mauled to death on our street. You have the same vendor with whistleblowers year after year. Investigate it."

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have four speakers on Zoom."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Good morning, Commissioners. The first person to speak is Ben Howard."

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Greetings, Commissioners and staff; and special greetings, fellow citizen. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate, and Public Policy Analyst. The Georgia Council on Aging is accepting recommendations for issues to be presented through the Georgia State Legislature in January. For information call (404)281-0430. (404)281-0430. Each April, HUD, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, partners with fair housing advocates and organizations to recognize April as Fair Housing Month. The aim is to underscore the Fair Housing Act to raise awareness of fair housing rights and responsibilities and among other things, to highlight fair housing enforcement efforts. So to the movers and shakers of the Housing Authority of Fulton County, I call upon you to be creative enough and ambitious enough to develop an annual event which would demonstrate and implicate Fulton County's commitment to fair housing principles. We'll stay tuned."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chairman's and Members of the Board, the item that was moved up today on today's agenda --

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Aren't there Zoom speakers?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes, we have four Zoom speakers."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Good morning, Commissioners. The first person to speak is Ben Howard."

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Greetings, Commissioners and staff. And special greetings, fellow citizens. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate and public policy analyst. Kudos to the Commission on Elder Affairs for encouraging the protection of that advocacy video. Members of the public may gain access to the advocacy video by calling the Fulton County Star line 404-613-6000, 404-613-6000. Thank you, news media for your coverage of the Housing Authority of Fulton County meeting on the second Thursday in April. You have scratched the investigative surface. At the upcoming meeting of that Housing Authority on Thursday, May 9th, you may want to dig deeper and as they say, follow the money. By the way, news media, don't be sidetracked when those bullies play their sexual innuendo card by falsely accusing a new, unbought board member of stalking a compliant board member 17 times. That's just a distracting ruse they use to sidetrack investigations. We'll stay tuned."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Derrick Blassingame."

DERRICK BLASSINGAME, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Did I hear Derrick Blassingame there?"

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, you did."

DERRICK BLASSINGAME, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Okay, great. Thanks for the opportunity. Sorry I couldn't make it down in person. But I didn't want to waste my time dealing with the shenanigans down there. According to our Commissioner -- according to some of the information that I received here, the only way for guys like me to get a woman in Fulton County is to submit to surveillance, harassment, and cohesion. It saddens me that black women have stooped so low in Fulton County that desperation is the key to your system's success. It doesn't work. Let's talk about 1300 votes that was not counted by the Board of Registration and Elections in 2022. Even though it did not change the outcome of any of the races, all votes must be counted in Fulton County. We must ensure election integrity in every count, in every election. I do not need to visit every courthouse in the state of Georgia. I am omnipresent. Apparently, Commissioner

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue, Madam Clerk.

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 6, Public Hearings, **24-0342**, Public Comment: Citizens wishing to participate in public comment will be allowed to appear in person or may choose to participate virtually via Zoom videoconferencing or by submitting their comments in writing by registering on the county's website www.fultoncountyga.gov. Priority for public comment will be given to Fulton County citizens and those individuals representing businesses or organizations located within Fulton County. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. The public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The public comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 60 minutes. In the event the 60 minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comments will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we will start with the speakers here in Assembly Hall. We have received 14 speaker cards. Will the first five speakers, please come forward: Sherrika Bellamy, James H. Harper, Jr., L.A. Pink, Mike Russell, and Scott Hughes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Come on down, speakers. And as always, when you have 15 seconds left, I'll simply say 15 seconds. That's your key to begin to conclude your remarks. I would also remind you and the Board to be respectful of the Board and the Board to be respectful of each other and the public. Proceed."

SHERRIKA BELLAMY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Okay, good morning. My name is Sherrika Bellamy. Thank you for this opportunity, Commissioners. On February 20th, '24, was appointed to the Interim Deputy Executive Director for the Housing Authority of Fulton County. I am your whistleblower. I sent this certified letter to you all in February and contacted HUD regarding the harassment of Chairman Antavious Williams and unethical practices of the agency. During the last board meeting, the whole entire staff sat in my office and we watched Commissioner Pittman exposed the truth. When she was done, we clapped, we were very thankful; but I remember lifting my hands and say, God, I thank you for Commissioner Pittman and Khadijah for sending us to her -- her to us. In 2010, I was hired to work on the Dream Team for the Housing Authority of Fulton County. I worked there for four and a half years and I went to another housing authority for 8-1/2 years. So I know the culture of the Housing Authority Fulton County and what is needed to clean it up again. The Housing Authority needs a new board. There has been five EOC complaints, nine written complaints all against Antavious Williams; all are females. I am one of those five. I was placed on administrative leave last Wednesday and was escorted out by the police. The last day -- the same day, I received a letter from the attorney, which is the same attorney I sent this invoice to be investigated; and the letter stated I had not been accused of any wrongdoing. Now this action was not retaliation. This is clear an act of retaliation. You will find in the packet that I received that I gave to you that Attorney VS Williams told Ms. Garcia to terminate myself, Ms.

Brown, Ms. Sims, and a receptionist. I clearly -- I care deeply about the Housing Authority of Fulton County. This is home for me. The current staff --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

SHERRIKA BELLAMY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- the current staff is not the problem. The problem is Antavious Williams involved in day-to-day operations. The solution to this problem is please select another board."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. What's going on? Thank you, ma'am. Do you have us a handout? All right, thank you."

JESSICA CORBIT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Mr. Chairman, I apologize. We have a small technical issue with the Zoom and had to restart it. So I apologize for the disruption."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So is it fixed now?"

JESSICA CORBIT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I believe so, yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, next speaker."

JAMES H. HARPER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. My name is James H. Harper. I am a former Housing Authority of Fulton County Commissioner. I just wanted to agree with Ms. Bellamy and offer my support to her comments to you all. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We got to talk about that. This thing is --"

L.A. PINK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- all righty, all righty, all righty. Let's get this party started. So we are dealing with the culture of corruption, okay, of Fulton County; this massacre of corruption and destruction. The first thing that I want to put on board is that I don't understand how Marvin Arrington and our Mayor Dre is endorsing on Fulton County dollars our supposed to be running for District Six, which is fine that you're running if that's what you want to do; but how do they endorse them on taxpayer dollars? Sitting -- Marvin Arrington did it right here in front of everybody, and then your mayor as well. However, the case may be on to Fani Willis on Grey Goose, getting loose. Anybody can get it. I'm coming down here wanting more money. She went online and said that it was cases is good. So why are we giving her more money? Why is she begging again for more money? Then we got your boy, Sheriff Labut, of course, we already know he's running a drug ring. Of course, he had a drug bust right inside of Fulton County. He did it, we didn't. He went -- he hasn't come forth to say that Travis Landris was murdered, but they had somebody that came in and said that he was -- he murdered him. He strangled him, and that hasn't come forward yet. We want to know when are you guys are going to do your job and ask for an investigation? When are you

major federal election is -- the equivalent is nine. We have a problem, and it needs to be addressed. I like the activity-based budgeting and, you know, it may be another phrase for that also zero-based budgeting. We need a line item budget from what the Elections Department is spending our dollars on. We already know about working in many of the polls and what not, there is a lot of waste and inefficiency, so please take a look. If we need a real full-on audit from the previous ones --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

MATT ROWENCZAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- as well. And just to support the comments made by a couple of others, the results from the State Election Board last week were damning. We all know that 2020 was not fine, and it never should have been certified. Thank you."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Ben Howard. Ben Howard. Okay, Ben Howard?"

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "You got me? Okay, sorry about that. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate and Public Policy Analyst. You're complaining about senior activities throughout Older American's Month, one may call the Fulton County Star Line at 404-613-6000. To the Housing Authority of Fulton County triumvirate, when will you resume having hybrid meetings so members of the public again may look over your shoulders as you shuffle the millions of public dollars that are entrusted to you on our behalf? Where might one find the results of your last forensic audit? What is the link to those summary minutes of your meetings which are required to be posted by the Georgia Open Meetings Act, which is state law? When, if ever, will you come to the public microphone here at Assembly Hall and make some kind of report that substantiates and validates your continued existence as our so-called County Housing Authority? We'll stay tuned."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The last person to speak is Janet Hill. Janet Hill. And with that being said, that concludes the Zoom public comments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Continue, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 6, Presentations to the Board, **24-0343**: Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority."

JEVON GIBSON, CEO, FDHA: "Good morning, Chairman Pitts distinguished Commissioners. My name is Jevon Gibson. Again, I thank you for the opportunity to present what's happening at the Fulton-DeKalb -- this is really intense -- sorry. The Fulton-DeKalb Board of Commissioners' meeting here. I'm happy to be here. I apologize. Give me two seconds. I'm listening to the public content -- comments and I'm listening to all that's going on, and I realize the importance of the work that we do."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 7, Public Hearing, **24-0391**, Public Comment - Citizens wishing to participate in public comment will be allowed to appear in person or may choose to participate virtually via Zoom videoconferencing or submitting their comments in writing on the county's website, www.fultoncountyga.gov. Priority for public comment will be given to Fulton County citizens and those individuals representing businesses or organizations located within Fulton County. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. The public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The public comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 60 minutes. In the event the 60-minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have received 14 speaker cards. Will the first five speakers please come forward: Sherrika Bellamy, L.A. Pink, Camille Houston Jackson, Paul Hershey, and Mike Russell."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. And speakers, as always, when you have 15 seconds remaining of your two minutes, I'll say -- simply say 15 seconds and that's your key to begin to conclude your remarks. All right, first speaker."

SHERRIKA BELLAMY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. Thank you for this opportunity. My name is Sherrika Bellamy. I am the interim executive director of the Housing Authority of Fulton County. I will be here every chance I get pleading for help for the residents and the staff. Last time I was here, I was placed on administrative leave by some of the board members with pay. I'm still on administrative leave with pay; but unfortunately, I have not received a paycheck in the last two pay periods. When they were asked why I have not received any pay, they said they have no reason, nor did they give me an explanation. No matter what retaliation I'm going through because of this board, I'm still going to be the voice of the residents, the landlords, and the staff. As of today, 1300 residents' rent has not been paid. Therefore, they will receive eviction letters and late fees. This will cause a hardship for these residents. It's a privilege for landlords to put their units on these programs; therefore, it is no excuse why the landlords cannot get paid timely. I was the only manager in the building keeping it running, and they removed me because I reached out to the Housing Authority Board for help and they rejected me. Then I contacted OIG, HUD, EEOC, Georgia Wage and Labor, and his Board. I am a woman of God, and my work is ministering for me. And if something is not right, I'm going to speak the truth even if it causes me to be retaliated against. I've asked this Board to contact your appointees. Some of them resigned, and you should know why. Some was ostracized, and they were muted on board meetings where they had to hold up a yellow Post-It note saying, please unmute me. My request is that this Board would meet with the whole entire Housing Authority and HUD to come to a resolution to help the Housing Authority of Fulton County, and I will see you the next Board meeting. Thank you."

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Greetings, Commissioner and staff and a special greeting fellow citizens. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate and public policy analyst. For matters relating to senior citizens, one may call the Fulton County Star Line at 404-613-6000. Now back to this Board of the Housing Authority of Fulton County: Why would a presiding officer take public pride in operating from a bully pulpit? The optics should raise an eyebrow. Women are waving bye-bye to employment at that Housing Authority. The optics should raise an eyebrow. Dismissing the Fulton County standard of transparency, the Housing Authority Board has unilaterally shut out public participation via Zoom. Those optics should raise an eyebrow. Board composition and titles of President, Vice President, Board Attorney, and ten representatives continue to be misty and muddled. Complaints about that authority and that Board continue to come before County Commissioners. It's time to bring in outside eyebrows and eyes to look into this sad saga. So stay tuned."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "And this concludes our Zoom public comments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Continue, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 7, County Manager's Items: Under Open and Responsible Government, **24-0392**, Finance: Presentation, review and approval of the June 5th, 2024 Budget Soundings and Resolution."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Mr. Chairman, the item that is before the Board is a no-funding, no additional funding requested item. It's two changes to the annual hardware software maintenance and support list, an item for senior services, for web hosting, and an item for the IT department for our -- some technology support related to Microsoft agreements."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's it?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, any questions, Commissioners?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. All right, motion to approve by Commissioner Natalie Hall, seconded by Commissioner Bridget Thorne. Please vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes unanimously."



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July 10, 2024

Mr. Antavius Weems
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Dear Mr. Weems,

On June 3, 2024, due to Housing Authority of Fulton County's (HAFC) failure to submit the annual Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) certification, we sent the standard email notification to the Interim Executive Director for HAFC that an on-site SEMAP confirmatory review was scheduled for June 26, 2024. The email notice provided a list of documents and files required to complete the on-site review. The Interim Executive Director Dr. Roslyn Harper and her executive staff Dr. Charcella Green and Dr. Devetria Caldwell informed the HUD team they were unaware of the HUD visit. We asked them to check their email for the notice sent on June 3, 2024, and the executive staff received the notice of the on-site review. While we were waiting, the current Board Chairman, Antavius Weems, joined us in the meeting. The new executive team explained the obstacles they faced when onboarding to include: no staff, disorganized files, and no access to HAFC systems. Dr. Harper and her team shared their education and experience is primarily education and social work, but they also possessed extensive administrative experience with various corporations. While the new leadership are well educated and making an effort to get the HAFC on track, without specific public housing experience necessary to lead an organization with serious HUD noncompliance concerns, it is unlikely they will be successful in a reasonable amount of time. While the new HAFC leadership team learns their respective roles, the residents will suffer housing insecurity and some will likely lose their housing as landlords grow frustrated over the late rental payments from HAFC. The current leadership team explained there were no procedures in place, and they are starting from ground zero.

The HAFC leadership team was unable to provide any of the requested documents for the required on-site SEMAP confirmatory review. The HUD team acknowledged the day-to-day challenges of the new leadership at HAFC. Since we couldn't review the SEMAP data, we inquired of Mr. Weems and the leadership team regarding the areas of concern: late June 2024 landlord payments and the approaching July 2024 landlord payments. The HAFC leadership informed us that the June 2024 landlord payments were made June 25, 2024. We inquired of the status of the selection of a fee accountant to handle the routine accounting functions. Mr. Weems advised that they have not secured the services of an accountant. In spite of none of the team having an accounting background, the current leadership team is performing daily accounting functions for HAFC. We also discussed the lack of responsiveness to HUD contacts with the interim leadership. We sent several emails, including the notice of on-site review, without any response. We explained that our team is trying to assist HAFC staff to maintain compliance with HUD program guidelines, and the importance of responding to any correspondence.

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received from the Atlanta Field Office and the Financial Management Center. We inquired about the status of the audited financial submission for fiscal years 2022 and 2023. Mr. Weems advised that an independent audit firm has not been engaged to review and submit the required annual financial data.

Due to the failure to meet business obligations related to financial data submission and annual SEMAP certification submission, it is very likely that sanctions and financial penalties will be assessed against the HAFC. We anticipate HAFC will soon be designated as a troubled agency, and required to undergo our troubled property protocols to include: on-site independent assessment, determination of root causes of the non-compliance, and a required recovery agreement with specific HUD conditions to avoid a substantial default and likely administrative actions which could include a HUD receivership.

During our meeting on June 26, 2024, Mr. Weems expressed a willingness to consider assistance from a third party to manage the HCV, financial reporting, and public housing programs. We believe that is the most efficient approach to get HAFC in compliance, reduce the risk to current residents, and to avoid the potential loss of landlords due to late payments.

We request that HAFC seriously consider obtaining the services of a third party to manage their programs. We recommend one of two options: a nearby public housing agency to manage HAFC housing programs and finances or a third-party consultant. The federal regulations permit a nearby housing authority to manage the affairs of another housing authority without competition. This is the easiest route to take. Considering the concerns we will further outline in this letter, we believe exigent circumstances exist for us to declare emergency conditions exist at HAFC that justify a short-term sole source contract with an independent entity.

The local housing authority we believe has the capacity to assist with management of HAFC programs and finances and independent consultants are listed below:

Public Housing Authority:

Atlanta Housing

Contact: Tracy Jones (404) 680-8793; Tracy.Jones@AtlantaHousing.com

Independent Consultant Options:

1. Allecca Consulting
Contact: Cydney Jones-Ratliff (909) 730-6200; Alleccainc@gmail.com
2. CVR Associates
Contact: Michael Tonovitz (585) 746-7956; MTonovitz@CVRAssociates.com
3. Nan McKay
Contact: Sales (800) 783-3100; sales@NanMcKay.com

We strongly recommend your Board authorize the current leadership to immediately contact one of the parties above to determine which organization is most appropriate to bring the HAFC programs into compliance. We are not limiting you to the vendors above. You may select the third-party vendor of your choice. We only insist that the entity selected has experience with bringing a public housing authority from a troubled status to standard performer. We request that you notify our office on or before July 31, 2024 which organization you select as a partner.

We determined selecting a partner to assist HAFC is the most efficient manner to improve HAFC compliance. The following represent some of the concerns with HAFC current operations which support our recommendation that HAFC act immediately to select a partner to manage its finance and programs:

1. Operations

- Inexperienced Executive Director and staff;
- No senior staff with HUD compliance experience;
- The current Executive Director's contract expires July 15, 2024;
- Inability to attract and retain staff;
- Unprocessed capital fund submissions (2022-2024);
- Procurement concerns with respect to established procurement policy;
- Significant delays in responding to all HUD programmatic correspondence;
- Late landlord payments for June and July 2024;
- Failure to submit Voucher Management System (VMS) data for April or May 2024;
- Potential financial penalty if VMS reports are outstanding at end of fiscal year.

2. Governance:

- Failure to maintain professional decorum at Board meetings;
- Allegations that Board actions are not in accordance with HAFC by-laws;
- Allegations of Board Chair actions without Board approval;
- Allegations that procurement policies and procedures were violated during the period no Executive Director was in position;
- Allegations not all Commissioners received notice of meetings;
- Allegations the State Open Records laws regarding Board of Commissioner meetings have been violated;
- Failure to ensure required HUD reports and financial data submitted annually;
- April 2024 Board meeting behavior resulted in negative local media reports; and
- Failure to timely inform tenants and landlords about the late landlord voucher payments for June and July 2024.

3. Financial Management:

- Failure to submit required audited financial data for FY 2022 and FY 2023;
- Reported failure to close out financial records for FY 2022 and FY 2023;
- Failure to attract and retain qualified financial staff;
- Unresponsiveness to requests for current financial data and bank statements; and
- No action to procure independent auditor to review and submit financial data.

The recommended course of action is a substantial step in getting HAFC in compliance with HUD program guidelines. From our perspective, selecting a partner is also in the best interest of the residents HAFC serves. We all have the common interests of providing the families HAFC serves with excellent customer care, safe affordable rental units, and the security of knowing their rent will be paid as agreed.

Thank you for your willingness to serve the residents of Fulton County by volunteering to serve on the Board of the Housing Authority of Fulton County. We look forward to hearing from you soon regarding

your partner selection. If you need additional information, please feel free to contact your assigned Portfolio Management Specialist, LaTrecia Thomas at Letrecia.M.Thomas@hud.gov.

Sincerely,



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June 27, 2024

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Dear Dr. Harper:

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the final results of the on-site confirmatory review conducted on June 26, 2024, of the Section 8 program administered by the Housing Authority of Fulton County (HAFC). This review was conducted under the provisions of 24 CFR 985.107 as a result of the most recent Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) score and the designation of troubled status. The designation applies to the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

On September 10, 1998, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published a final rule (63 FR 48548), which established the SEMAP to objectively measure a public housing agency's (PHA) performance in key HCV tenant-based assistance program areas. SEMAP enables HUD to ensure program integrity and accountability by identifying CHA's management capabilities and deficiencies and improving risk assessment to target monitoring and program assistance effectively. PHAs can use the SEMAP performance analysis to assess their program operations.

The final rule provided that HUD would rate the performance of a Housing Authority (HA) under seven of the 14 SEMAP indicators based on statements in the latest independent auditor (IA) annual audit report. The eight indicators are: (1) Selection from the Waiting List; (2) Reasonable Rent; (3) Determination of Adjusted Income; (4) Utility Allowance Schedule; (5) Housing Quality Standards (HQS) Quality Control Inspections; (6) HQS Enforcement; and (7) Expanding Housing Opportunities. The remaining six indicators are rated information from HUD's database system. These indicators are Lease-up, Payment Standards, Annual Recertification, Annual HQS Inspections, Pre-contract HQS Inspections, and Correct Tenant Rent Calculations.

On July 26, 1999, HUD published an interim rule amending its regulations for the SEMAP. The interim rule, which became effective on August 25, 1999, made various technical amendments to conform the SEMAP regulation to the requirements of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996. Specifically, the interim rule provides that HUD will base its SEMAP rating for a Public Housing Authority (PHA) based on the HA's SEMAP certification to HUD, rather than on the IA's annual audit report. HUD continues to rely on the IA to verify the accuracy of the PHA's SEMAP certification with respect to the eight

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SEMAP indicators listed above. The July 26, 1999, interim rule also clarifies that HUD confirmatory reviews will be used as an additional method of verification to the extent they are performed. The final rule, dated December 3, 1999, finalizes the amendments made by the July 26, 1999, interim rule. The public comment period on the interim rule closed on September 24, 1999. No public comments were submitted in the interim rule. Accordingly, HUD adopted the interim rule without change.

The annual SEMAP Certification, form HUD-52648, was not submitted, in an electronic format, by the reporting deadline of November 29, 2023, as required by the program regulations. A late submittal of the Certification results in a presumptive "Troubled" rating. In assigning an overall performance rating of troubled, HUD must conduct an on-site review of PHA program management to assess the magnitude and seriousness of the PHA's noncompliance with performance requirements. HUD must provide the PHA with a written report of its on-site review containing HUD findings of program management deficiencies, the apparent reasons for the deficiencies, and recommendations for improvement. The following report provides specific details on the results of the on-site review by functional areas of the Section 8 program administration. Please be advised that some of the information contained in the enclosed report may be confidential in nature under the Privacy act and should only be revealed in the course of Housing Authority business. The following chart is a summary of the scoring results from the submitted certification and the modified score based on the on-site review.

**Scoring Report of the Confirmation of SEMAP Certification
Housing Authority of Fulton County Housing Choice Voucher Program
Fiscal Year Ended November 29, 2023**

No.	Indicator	Maximum Possible Points	Score Based on Certification	Modified Score
1	Selection from the Waiting List	15	15	0
2	Reasonable Rent	20	20	0
3	Determination of Adjusted Income	20	0	0
4	Utility allowance schedule	5	5	0
5	HQS Quality Control	5	0	0
6	HQS Enforcement	10	0	0
7	Expanding Housing Opportunities	5	5	0
8	Payment Standards	5	5	0
9	Timely Annual Reexaminations	10	0	0
10	Correct Tenant Rent Calculations	5	0	0
11	Pre-Contract HQS Inspections	5	0	0
12	Annual HQS Inspections	10	0	0
13	Lease-up	20	0	0
14	Family Self Sufficiency	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
	Total	135	50	0

On June 3, 2024, we requested the HAFC prepare the following information or documents due to the FO by June 12, 2024.

- The Administrative Plan Table of Contents with most recent revision date
- Four (4) tenant files with information (a redacted sample provided by HAFC)
- Determination of adjusted income
- Income information
- Housing Quality Standards (HQS) Quality Control and Enforcement Information
- HQS Pre-Contract and Continuing HQS Inspections
- Lead-based paint information provided by PHA or landlords
- Timely annual reexamination
- Correct tenant rent calculations for the last two years
- The previous six (6) months of HAP registers

In addition to the above, the items below were due by June 19, 2024.

- The Board-approved operating budget for PH and HCV (including budgeted vs. actual)
- Most recently prepared monthly financial statements from fee accountant
- HCV and PH disbursement registers from the general ledger for
- Bank and credit card statements for previous six (6) months

During the on-site confirmatory review, the HAFC did not provide any of the requested documents. On April 16, 2024, the FO sent the HAFC the SEMAP deficiency letter of scores and ratings. A PHA must correct any SEMAP deficiencies (indicator rating of zero) within 45 calendar days of HUD the notice. The HAFC also failed to submit the deficiencies report that was due on May 31, 2024. Therefore, the modified score of 0 points out of 135 possible points is equivalent to zero percent, which results in a troubled designation. HAs that receive a troubled designation are prohibited from using any Administrative Fee reserves for other housing purposes under 24 CFR 982.155 and are also required to complete, for HUD review and approval, a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to correct deficiencies as defined in 24 CFR 982.107 that include strategies and goals for achieving improved management performance. Specifically, the CAP must:

- Specify goals to be included
- Identify obstacles to goal achievement and ways to eliminate or avoid them
- Identify resources that will be used or sought to achieve goals
- Identify a PHA staff person with lead responsibility for completing each goal
- Identify key tasks to reach each goal
- Specify time frames for achievement of each goal, including intermediate time frames to complete each task and
- Provide for regular evaluation of progress toward improvement

The CAP must be signed by the Section 8 program director and the Chief Executive Officer of the County or his or her designee. The CAP is due to this office no later than 60 calendar days from the date of this report. In order to provide technical assistance to the HAFC, we have included in this report

the proposed recommendation for the corrective action plan, based on the results of the on-site review and the recommendations for improvement for consideration by the HAFC.

The recommendation for the corrective action plan is to procure a third party to manage their HCV program. We believe the deficiencies cited in this report are beyond the abilities of the current management to correct. We also noted that the current staff lack the experience in their current roles to correct the deficiencies and improve the reporting procedures used to track the workload and the correct the information that is needed to make the annual self-certification to HUD under the SEMAP rules. If you have any questions regarding the information in the report or require clarification of any issues, please contact LaTrecia Thomas at (678) 732-2288 or LaTrecia.M.Thomas@hud.gov.

Sincerely,

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William Biggs

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July 17, 2024

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Subject: Housing Authority of Fulton County – GA264
Failure to submit timely Voucher Management System (VMS) Data

Dear Dr. Harper

This letter is to inform the Housing Authority of Fulton County that the housing authority has continually failed to submit the required monthly data to the Voucher Management System (VMS) in a timely manner.

Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) that participate in the Housing Choice Voucher program are required to transmit certain leasing and cost data electronically through VMS. HUD uses VMS data for budget formulation, cash management, monitoring, determining renewal funding levels, and funding-related factors under the Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP). It is imperative that the PHA provide this information in a timely manner. Monthly VMS submissions are due on the 22nd day of each month for the information covering the previous month.

Fulton County's VMS submissions for the last four months have been submitted late and the May and June submissions are overdue. As of the date of this letter, your May 2024 submission was due June 22, 2024, and the June submission (due July 22nd) has not been submitted. This letter serves as a warning that if the late VMS submissions continue, HUD will withhold or offset administrative fees as authorized by 24 CFR 982.152 (d).

Title 24 C.F.R. § 982.152(d) provides that HUD may reduce or offset any administrative fee to the PHA, in the amount determined by HUD, if the PHA fails to perform PHA administrative responsibilities correctly or adequately under the program. Administrative fee sanctions are considered permanent, meaning once a reduction of ongoing administrative fees earned has been imposed, the amount of fees withheld while the sanction is in place, will not be restored to the PHA later.



The overdue VMS submissions should be received by July 30, 2024, at the latest otherwise HUD will proceed with pursuing sanctions of your HCV program administrative fees. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Latrecia Thomas, Financial Analyst, by email at Latrecia.M.Thomas@hud.gov or call (678) 732-2288.

Sincerely,



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C: Fulton County, Board Chairman Antavius Weems