



Fulton County Board of Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary

18-0890

BOC Meeting Date

12-19-18

Requesting Agency

Office of External Affairs

Commission Districts Affected

All Districts

Requested Action *(Identify appropriate Action or Motion, purpose, cost, timeframe, etc.)*

Presentation of 2019 Legislative Agenda

Requirement for Board Action *(Cite specific Board policy, statute or code requirement)*

Request Approval

Is this Item related to a Strategic Priority Area? *(If yes, note strategic priority area below)*

Yes All People trust government is efficient, effective, and fiscally sound

Is this a purchasing item?

No

Summary & Background

(First sentence includes Agency recommendation. Provide an executive summary of the action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item.)

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Contract & Compliance Information

(Provide Contractor and Subcontractor details.)

Agency Director Approval		County Manager's Approval
Typed Name and Title	Phone	
Signature	Date	

Revised 03/12/09 (Previous versions are obsolete)

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Solicitation Information	NON-MFBE	MBE	FBE	TOTAL
No. Bid Notices Sent:				
No. Bids Received:				

Total Contract Value	.
Total M/FBE Values	.
Total Prime Value	.

Fiscal Impact / Funding Source *(Include projected cost, approved budget amount and account number, source of funds, and any future funding requirements.)*

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Exhibits Attached *(Provide copies of originals, number exhibits consecutively, and label all exhibits in the upper right corner.)*

Source of Additional Information *(Type Name, Title, Agency and Phone)*

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Procurement

Contract Attached: .	Previous Contracts: .		
Solicitation Number: .	Submitting Agency: .	Staff Contact: .	Contact Phone: .

Description:.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Total Contract Value:	MBE/FBE Participation:
Original Approved Amount: .	Amount: . %: .
Previous Adjustments: .	Amount: . %: .
This Request: .	Amount: . %: .
TOTAL: .	Amount: . %: .

Grant Information Summary:

Amount Requested: .	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash
Match Required: .	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-Kind
Start Date: .	<input type="checkbox"/>	Approval to Award
End Date: .	<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply & Accept
Match Account \$: .		

Funding Line 1: .	Funding Line 2: .	Funding Line 3: .	Funding Line 4: .
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KEY CONTRACT TERMS

Start Date: .	End Date: .
Cost Adjustment: .	Renewal/Extension Terms: .

ROUTING & APPROVALS
(Do not edit below this line)

X	Originating Department:	Corbitt, Jessica	Date: 10/1/2018
.	County Attorney:	.	Date: .
.	Purchasing/Contract Compliance:	.	Date: .
.	Finance/Budget Analyst/Grants Admin:	.	Date: .
.	Grants Management:	.	Date: .
X	County Manager:	Anderson, Dick	Date: 10/24/2018



FULTON COUNTY 2019 PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
Department of External Affairs – December 5, 2018



**DESIGNATED ATL TRANSIT
BOARD REPRESENTATION**

**EXPANSION OF
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**MEDICAID 1115 WAIVERS DEMONSTRATION
PILOTS**

**PROHIBIT PUPPY MILLS
RETAIL SALES**

**ANTI-SEX TRAFFICKING POLICY EXPANSION AND
ENFORCEMENT**

**RECORDS RESTRICTIONS FOR CERTAIN NON-
VIOLENT OFFENSES**

**PROPERTY & SALES TAX REFORM
AND REVIEW**

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION APPEALS PROCESS
IMPROVEMENTS**

**ELECTIONS CODE
CLARIFICATION & EQUIPMENT FUNDING**

**REPEAL OF POPULATION BILLS
ONLY IMPACTING FULTON COUNTY**



2019 Proposed State Legislative Agenda

TRANSIT REPRESENTATION & AUTHORITY

- Fulton County supports designated elective representation and appointment authority for transit boards, as applicable, to ensure the interests of the citizens and businesses in Fulton County. Fulton County continues its support for long-term financing tools to help local governments address their transit operational needs to ensure appropriate integration and equitable connectivity.

EXPANSION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

- Fulton County urges support for additional funding for the creation of a Behavioral Health Crisis Center and emergency housing. Specifically, Fulton County seeks to provide Medication-Assisted Treatment services to 240 residents and to operate a 28 Bed & 18 Observation Bed Crisis and Intervention Center. Medication-Assisted treatment (MAT), including opioid treatment programs, combines behavioral therapy and medications to treat substance use disorders.

MEDICAID 1115 WAIVERS DEMONSTRATION PILOTS

- Fulton County supports access to quality medical care for all persons regardless of income and insured status, and urges the State of Georgia to support 1115 waivers to improve access to high-quality, person-centered services that produce positive health outcomes for residents of Georgia.

PROHIBIT PUPPY MILLS RETAIL SALES

- Fulton County discourages the use of puppy mills and requests the General Assembly to prohibit the retail sale of puppies from high volume breeders as a matter of good faith in commerce and for the ethical treatment of animals.

ANTI-SEX TRAFFICKING POLICY EXPANSION AND ENFORCEMENT

- Fulton County Government requests that the anti-sex trafficking posting requirement be expanded and that appropriation inspections be conducted for enforcement of this law. Current law requires posting in government buildings, truck stops, bus stations and bars but does not require such action for restaurants, convenience stores and gas stations.

RECORDS RESTRICTIONS FOR CERTAIN NON-VIOLENT OFFENSES

- Fulton County supports expanding record restriction laws to include convictions of certain non-violent misdemeanor offenses to remove barriers to self-sufficiency including employment and housing for thousands of Georgians. Currently, only certain misdemeanor convictions of “youthful offenders” (*below the age of 21*) are eligible for sealing in Georgia.

PROPERTY AND SALES TAX REFORMS AND REVIEW

- Fulton County continues to seek remedies to address the reform and streamlining of the property assessment system, including simplification of the homestead exemption process. Fulton County further urges the creation of a study committee to review the use of Tax Allocation Districts.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION APPEALS PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS

- Fulton County supports an efficient, fair and timely appeals process for tax payers. Pursuant to OCGA Title 48 regarding county boards of equalization, review of assessments and citizen appeals, Fulton County proposes an opt-in opportunity for e-notification to tax payers appealing their hearings. Further, if the taxpayer chooses to exercise the one-time change of date/time of their scheduled hearing with the Board of Equalization, arbiter or hearing officer as allowed under statute, Fulton County requests that the rescheduled hearing be held in a time period that does not exceed 90 days from the initial appeals hearing date unless there are other extenuating circumstances including military service.

ELECTIONS CODE CLARIFICATION

- Fulton County supports changes to the Georgia Elections Code to provide greater clarity for Georgia citizens. Specifically, Fulton County requests that language be amended in Title 21 of the OCGA to change all references for “Absentee In Person” to “Early Voting” to reduce confusion among voters, and Fulton County supports the countywide-precinct voting model.

ELECTIONS EQUIPMENT FUNDING

- Fulton County Government supports a modernized and secure elections system with equipment and program funding to counties that match local needs and compliance requirements to implement the full rollout of the new voting system for Georgia counties.

REPEAL OF CERTAIN POPULATION/LOCAL LAWS RELATED TO FULTON COUNTY

- Fulton County Government requests that certain population statutes, local laws & amendments that preempt local home rule related to Fulton County be repealed and removed from the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

KEY POLICY POSITIONS

- **HARM REDUCTION PROGRAMS**

Fulton County supports legislative changes to allow harm comprehensive reduction programs that provide mental health counseling and treatment options including syringe case management services to reduce transmission of HIV, Hepatitis and other communicable diseases.

- **AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES PROGRAM RESEARCH**

Fulton County supports funding for advanced testing for emerging transportation technologies including autonomous vehicles and for the collection of relevant data for demonstration projects.

KEY POLICY POSITIONS

- **DISABILITY AFFAIRS FUNDING ENHANCEMENTS**

Fulton County seeks increased state funding for disability affairs, including physical and mental health integration services. People with disabilities are more likely to live in poverty, endure material hardships, and experience food insecurity. Inadequate state funding of health services for persons with disabilities places the burden of caring for these individuals on county and local governments, often through the criminal justice system.

- **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS TRANSPARENCY AND PROTECTIONS**

Fulton County seeks to advocate for greater transparency and stronger protections for all residential community associations and individual property owners.



2018 SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- A Special Session of the General Assembly convened November 13 - November 17.
- The legislature approved an emergency funding package of \$270 million in grants-in-aid and \$200 million in tax credits to remediate storm damage from Hurricane Michael.
- Lawmakers also ratified Governor Deal's executive order temporarily halting jet fuel sales and use taxes.
- Pre-filing of legislation for the 2019 legislative session began November 15, 2018.
- The 2019 Regular Session begins January 14, 2019.