

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AMENDING**
2 **POLICIES LIMITING THE USE OF FULTON COUNTY STAFF FOR CERTAIN EVENTS**
3 **BY MEMBERS OF THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; AND FOR**
4 **OTHER PURPOSES.**
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6 **WHEREAS**, the members of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners ("BOC") hold
7 and participate in various events in their districts and throughout Fulton County (the "County") in
8 their roles as elected officials and as representatives of their constituents and the County;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, Commissioners often utilize their own office staff to assist with such events
11 but also sometimes seek to utilize the services of staff from other County departments and
12 entities ("County staff") for events, including staff from the Department of External Affairs and
13 FGTV; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the BOC finds it to be in the best interest of the County and County staff
15 for Commissioners to prioritize utilization of their own staff at Commissioner events and limit
16 other County staff involvement at such events; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the BOC finds it to be in the best interest of the County for the BOC to
18 implement certain policies limiting County staff involvement in Commissioner events and
19 instead utilize their own staff; and

20 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the County's home rule powers found in the Constitution of the
21 State of Georgia, Art. 9, § 2, ¶ 1(a), the BOC is authorized to adopt reasonable ordinances,
22 resolutions, or regulations relating to the County's affairs for which no provision has
23 been made by general law and which are not inconsistent with the Constitution or any
24 local law applicable thereto; and

25 **WHEREAS**, on April 17, 2024, the BOC adopted Resolution 24-0247 setting out policies
26 and limitations for use of County staff by BOC members at events held or participated in by BOC
27 members; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the BOC desires to amend policies limiting Commissioners' use of County

staff at events held or participated in by BOC members to ensure that the use of County staff does not constitute improper use of County resources, does not negatively impact the routine business of the County, does not interfere with the important day-to-day work performed by County staff, and does not result in unnecessary overtime pay.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby amends Resolution 24-0247 by repealing the policies set forth at Exhibit A thereto, and adopting in their place the provisions set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution will take effect upon its adoption and all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Georgia, this 5th day of November 2025.

**FULTON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Sponsored by:

Bob Ellis, Vice Chair (District 2)

ATTEST:

Tonya Grier, Clerk to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney

EXHIBIT A

Policies on County Staff Support for Commissioner Events

The following policies are hereby adopted by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to relieve the burden on County staff as well as prioritize the day-to-day work of the County.

1. Commissioners shall prioritize using their own district staff and budget to support events.
2. Commissioners shall avoid the appearance of using County staff and facilities for campaign purposes. Public outreach about County services should be conducted primarily by individual departments and the Department of External Affairs. Individual Commissioners should generally collaborate and join the efforts of individual departments rather than schedule their own outreach events on behalf of departments.
3. A Commissioner may only request County staff for up to four (4) in-person or virtual town hall events per year. A town hall is defined as an event that is open to the public and hosted by one or more Commissioners, where the Commissioner(s) answer questions presented by members of the public as a significant portion of the event. Town hall events shall take place on weekdays and at a Fulton County facility.
4. Commissioners shall provide any request for County staff participation in support of town hall events in writing to the head of the relevant County department a minimum of 30 days in advance of the event. External Affairs support of such town hall events will be limited to providing publicity and promotion of the event. Department of Real Estate and Asset Management ("DREAM") support of such town hall events will be limited to set-up and tear down, safety controls for equipment or displays and security.
5. County staff selection, participation, and scheduling for town halls is subject to the direction of the department head and not at the direction of an individual commissioner.
6. Department heads may involve County staff, supplies, materials, and equipment for town halls subject to their individual discretion and alignment with departmental goals. Department heads are not obligated to support Commissioner's Town Hall events when it would interfere with their normal operations and departmental goals.
7. Events other than town halls or town halls outside of the limitations noted shall be conducted solely by individual Commissioners and their staff, including funding, set-up, promotion. Commissioners shall not expect County staff to attend or provide supplies, materials, and equipment to such events or events held by a municipality, government agency (other than Fulton County), non-profit, or commercial organization, or to any vendor fairs, NPU meetings/events, grand openings, or ribbon cuttings.
8. County staff shall not be used to boost coverage of a Commissioner's attendance at third party events. For purposes of this section, a third-party event is defined as an event that is not held or funded by a County department or where the event is not approved, held or supported by the full Board of Commissioners. County staff should also not be requested to prepare materials or goody bags for Commissioners.

to take to third party events.

9. Events conducted by individual departments and the Department of External Affairs on behalf of the County of individual departments shall be promoted as County sponsored or events sponsored by the full Board of Commissioners.