

1 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' CONSENSUS  
2 DECISION AT THE JULY 12, 2023 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING TO DIRECT THE  
3 FULTON COUNTY MANAGER AND COUNTY STAFF TO PROCEED WITH  
4 PLANNING AND SEEKING FINANCING FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND  
5 ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF A REPLACEMENT FULTON COUNTY JAIL FACILITY  
6 FOR THE APPROXIMATE PROJECT COST OF \$1,698,045,207.00, SUBJECT TO  
7 INCREASE OR DECREASE AS CONDITIONS MAY WARRANT; AND FOR OTHER  
8 RELATED PURPOSES.

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10 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners authorized a Jail  
11 Feasibility Study for the Fulton County Jail located at 901 Rice Street, Atlanta, Georgia,  
12 which was completed on February 1, 2023; and

13 WHEREAS, the Feasibility Study concluded that Fulton County should construct a  
14 replacement jail facility ("Replacement Jail Facility") due to the insufficient capacity and  
15 physical deterioration of the existing jail; and

16 WHEREAS, the Feasibility Study offered three population forecasts for the Fulton  
17 County Jail, including an "Optimal Improvement Forecast" that assumes the Fulton  
18 County Jail's population returning to pre-COVID levels, a reduction of court case backlog,  
19 an expansion of programs focusing on alternatives to incarceration, and case processing  
20 improvements; and

21 WHEREAS, the Feasibility Study also estimated that bookings at the Fulton  
22 County Jail will grow beyond historic levels, that the Fulton County/Metro Atlanta  
23 populations will continue to grow; and that it is likely the demands on the Fulton County  
24 Jail will continue to grow in the future, among other findings; and

25 WHEREAS, the consultants conducting the Feasibility Study recommended a new  
26 consolidated jail at the Rice Street site, with 21<sup>st</sup> century safety and other necessary  
27 features; and

1           **WHEREAS**, at the July 12, 2023 Special Called Meeting, the County manager and  
2 County staff discussed the findings of the Feasibility Study with the members of the Board  
3 of Commissioners; and

4           **WHEREAS**, at the July 12, 2023 Special Called Meeting, the County Manager and  
5 County staff also provided to the members of the Board of Commissioners the financing  
6 options and an estimated cost for the Replacement Jail Facility in the approximate amount  
7 of \$1,698,045,207 based on the Optimal Improvement Forecast Model; and

8           **WHEREAS**, with this briefing from the County Manager and County staff, the  
9 members of the Board of Commissioners supported the County taking steps to explore  
10 financing and plan the construction of a replacement jail; and

11           **WHEREAS**, the members of the Board of Commissioners reached consensus to  
12 direct the County Manager and County staff to move forward to pursue both sales tax and  
13 third party conduit financing options, and to continue planning for a Replacement Jail  
14 Facility for the approximate project cost of \$1,698,045,207, but did not take a formal vote;  
15 and

16           **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners finds it necessary to formally approve  
17 the consensus reached by the members of the Board of Commissioners present during  
18 the July 12, 2023 Special Called Meeting with respect to the Replacement Jail Facility.

19           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of  
20 Commissioners hereby formalizes its decision at the July 12, 2023 Special Called Meeting  
21 to direct the Fulton County Manager and County staff to pursue both sales tax and third  
22 party conduit financing options and to continue planning for a Replacement Jail Facility

1 for the approximate project cost of \$1,698,045,207.00, subject to increase or decrease  
2 as conditions may warrant.

3 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall become effective upon its  
4 adoption, and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution  
5 are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

6 **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2023.

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**FULTON COUNTY BOARD  
OF COMMISSIONERS**

Sponsored by:

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Robert L. Pitts, Chairman  
At-Large

**ATTEST:**

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Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney