

Trump endorsement gives Perdue bump in governor's race

By Dave Williams
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A new poll conducted since former U.S. Sen. David Perdue entered the 2022 Republican primary race for governor shows him neck and neck with incumbent Gov. Brian Kemp. Perdue and Kemp each drew support from 34% of 500 likely GOP primary voters when the respondents were informed that former President Donald Trump has endorsed Perdue, according to a

survey conducted the evening of Dec. 6 by FOX 5 and InsiderAdvantage. The poll was conducted on the same day Perdue both formally entered the race and received Trump's blessing. When asked to declare their preference before being informed of the Trump endorsement, the respondents supported Kemp 41% to 22%. "This shows the amazing impact that a Trump endorsement can have on a Republican primary and

certainly in Georgia," InsiderAdvantage Chairman Matt Towery said. "This should be a huge additional wakeup call to national GOP leaders and candidates as to the political might of Trump." Trump has been urging Perdue for months to challenge fellow Republican Kemp, who drew Trump's ire when he refused to back the then-president's attempts to overturn 2020 presidential election results that saw Democrat Joe



David Perdue

Biden carry Georgia by nearly 12,000 votes. Perdue's entry into the contest promises a bitter struggle that's bound to further divide Republicans in Georgia. "This race will be what I often refer to as a 'Town versus Gown' contest," Towery said. "While the more suburban and politically connected 'Gown' Republicans will favor Kemp, the working class and more exurban

and rural GOP voters will be more likely to support Perdue." On the Democratic side, former Georgia House Minority Leader Stacey Abrams, who lost a close election to Kemp in 2018, appears to enjoy a clear path to her party's nomination next spring. The Republican poll found former state Rep. Vernon Jones and Appling County educator Kandiss Taylor far behind Kemp and Perdue. The survey had an error rate of plus-or-minus 4.5%.

Third Georgia resident tests positive for Omicron variant

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The Georgia Department of Public Health has confirmed

the Omicron variant in an unvaccinated metro Atlanta resident with no recent international travel history. According to the DPH, the individual has mild COVID

symptoms and is isolating at home. Contact tracing is underway to identify close contacts at risk of COVID-19 infection. Previously, two cases of the Omicron variant were confirmed in metro Atlanta residents. One of those individuals was tested in New Jersey and is recovering there.

The omicron variant has now been detected in patients in at least 21 U.S. states and in dozens of countries around the world. Preliminary data show that Omicron may cause less

severe illness but may spread more easily than the Delta variant. Scientists are still researching how well the current COVID vaccines or natural immunity hold up against Omicron, and caution that it is too early to make conclusions about Omicron because there is not enough data available. More than 1,000 new cases of COVID are reported daily in Georgia, 99% of which are Delta variant and predominantly in unvaccinated individuals. Vaccination is crucial to stopping transmission of

COVID and preventing the emergence of variants. All Georgians over the age of 5 are now eligible for COVID vaccination. Booster doses of vaccine are recommended for adults 18 and older who completed their first series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least six months ago or two months ago for the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations for booster doses of Pfizer vaccine are currently pending for 16- and

17-year-olds. The CDC also recommends general prevention measures such as wearing a mask in public settings, staying 6 feet from others, avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, and frequently washing your hands to protect against COVID-19. Individuals who have symptoms of COVID-19 or who may have been exposed to someone with COVID should get tested. To find a COVID vaccine or COVID testing location near you log on to dph.ga.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Housing Authority of Union City will host a Public Hearing that will address the Annual Agency Plan, Capital Fund Budgets/Annual Statements FY 2022 and Revised Capital Fund Budgets.

The Hearing will be held on December 17, 2021 at 4:00 PM via zoom:

Topic: Housing Authority of Union City Public Hearing for Annual Plan
Time: Dec 17, 2021 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 897 4120 1123

All documents will be available for review and comment at the Administrative Office – 57 Middle Street, Senoia, GA 30276 or via the website at <https://www.palmettosenoiaunioncityhousing.org/>.

If you have any questions please call: 770-599-6442

Fresh MARTA markets receive USDA grant to expand food access in DeKalb

By Rachel Kellogg
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MARTA has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to fund operation of its Fresh MARTA Markets and expand the program to provide greater food access in DeKalb County. MARTA currently operates markets at West End, H.E. Holmes, Bankhead, College Park, and Five Points

rail stations in the cities of Atlanta and College Park. The \$851,677.10 grant will continue operations at those markets and pay for additional markets to be established at Kensington and Doraville rail stations next spring. Fresh MARTA Markets will open for the winter season beginning with Five Points in late January. The regular season begins in mid-April at West End and includes a new market opening at Kensington Station on April 14. You can find the 2022 winter and regular season schedules, and an opening date for the Doraville market

here MARTA (itsmarta.com). Launched in 2015, Fresh MARTA Markets provide convenient access to affordable, fresh produce in food deserts and expand opportunities for Georgia's local growers to sell their fruits and vegetables. MARTA operates the markets in partnership with Community Farmers Markets, with support from Open Hand Atlanta, Wholesome Wave GA, and Urban Recipe, and together have served over 150,000 people over the last four years, selling more than 170,000 pounds of produce. This USDA grant expands

operations through 2024 and will allow MARTA to serve an additional 250,000 people and source \$100,000 worth of produce from local farms. "MARTA appreciates the support of Senator Raphael Warnock and the Senate Agriculture Committee in helping secure this grant that ensures everyone has access to fresh, affordable produce, and that small- and medium-sized farms in Georgia have equal opportunity to sell their products and support the local economy," said MARTA General Manager and CEO Jeffrey Parker.

Fulton County Seeks Citizen Comments on the Draft Action Plan for FY 2022 And Substantial Amendment to 2021 AAP

Feedback is requested on Fulton County's Draft Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2022 for the following federal programs: Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and the Emergency Solutions Grant. Feedback is also requested on the proposed Substantial Amendment to the FY2021 AAP.

For FY 2022, Fulton County expects to receive the following amounts:

CDBG: \$1,400,000
HOME: \$670,081
ESG: \$159,268

These amounts are estimates only and final allocations to the County are dependent on Congressional budget and appropriations. The Annual Plan document describes how changes to these amounts will be treated should the County receive more or less than anticipated. These funds will be used for a variety of eligible activities and services that will benefit Fulton County citizens, with the exception of those citizens residing within the city limits of Atlanta, Roswell, South Fulton and Sandy Springs.

The public is invited to comment on the Draft Annual Action Plan for FY2022 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs and the FY2021 Substantial Amendment during a virtual hearing.

The virtual hearing will be held on January 6, 2022 at 6 PM via Zoom.

To participate, use the link below to join the ZOOM meeting <https://zoom.us/j/96954116074>

Or Call In: Meeting ID: 969 5411 6074
1-646-558-8656

The County encourages all interested parties to participate in the hearing, to review the draft document and to submit written comments no later than 5:00 PM(EST) January 10, 2022. All written comments should be emailed to communityfeedback@fultoncountyga.gov.

The draft Annual Action Plan and Substantial Amendment are available for review at:

Fulton County Government Website: <https://www.fultoncountyga.gov/inside-fulton-county/fulton-county-departments/community-development>

This report may be made available in alternative formats for persons with disabilities or limited English speaking abilities by contacting (404) 612-7390. For TDD/TTY or Georgia Relay Service Access, dial 711.

La información será proporcionada en español por petición.

Fulton County COO tapped to head Atlanta Regional Commission

By Dave Williams
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ATLANTA — The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has a new executive director. The ARC's board voted to appoint Anna Roach, Fulton County's chief operating officer since 2017, to head the 11-county planning agency. Roach, 47, will become the ARC's first female executive director when she takes the reins in February. She will succeed Doug Hooker, who will retire at the end of March after more than a decade in the post. "Anna Roach is a proven leader with a strong track record of success and a deep passion for the Atlanta region," ARC Board Chairman Kerry Armstrong said. "She's poised to build on the innovative

work taking place at ARC and continue to move the agency forward." Before coming to Fulton County, Roach — who holds a law degree from St. John's University — served as assistant deputy general counsel for the District of Columbia Department of Human Resources. She also has served as an administrative law judge in New York City, and as an appellate counsel for the Legal Aid Society of New York. "I am honored by the confidence shown in me by the ARC Board and am eager to lead the agency's efforts to build a better, brighter future for all residents," she said. Roach, who lives in the city of South Fulton, said



Anna Roach

her priorities include promoting housing access and health equity and developing a highly skilled, regional workforce. She also aims to look for common ground on the best way to move forward on transit in the Atlanta region and promote open dialog on addressing climate change. "This is a critical time for the Atlanta region," Roach said. "We must seize the moment before us to make transformational advancements that will drive economic recovery and long-term prosperity for our region." The ARC includes Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, and Rockdale counties.

**NOTICE OF ACTION
Fulton County**

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: The license to practice Certified Nursing

Kimlyann T. Brown, C.N.A.
3190 Redwood Run
Atlanta, GA 30349

CASE NO.: 2020-10160

LICENSE NO.: CNA318145

The Department of Health has filed an Amended Administrative Complaint against you, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting, Nicole M. DiBartolomeo, Assistant General Counsel, Prosecution Services Unit, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C65, Tallahassee Florida 32399-3265, (850) 841-8445.

If no contact has been made by you concerning the above by January 3, 2022 the matter of the Amended Administrative Complaint will be presented at an ensuing meeting of the Board of Nursing in an informal proceeding.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending this notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on the notice. Telephone: (850) 245-4640, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

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