

 Fulton County Board of Commissioners Agenda Item Summary		BOC Meeting Date November 20, 2019
Requesting Agency External Affairs		Commission Districts Affected All Districts
Requested Action <i>(Identify appropriate Action or Motion, purpose, cost, timeframe, etc.)</i> Approve Fulton County's 2020 Legislative Priorities		
Requirement for Board Action <i>(Cite specific Board policy, statute or code requirement)</i> Request Approval		
Is this Item related to a Strategic Priority Area? <i>(If yes, note strategic priority area below)</i> Yes All People Trust Government is Efficient, Effective and Fiscally Sound		
Is this a purchasing item? No		
Summary & Background		<i>(First sentence includes Agency recommendation. Provide an executive summary of the action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item.)</i>
Department Recommendation: Recommend approval History of BOC Agenda Item: Fulton County Board of Commissioners approves legislative priorities each year before the upcoming session of the General Assembly. Draft 2020 priorities were presented to the Board of Commissioners at the November 6 meeting.		
Contract & Compliance Information		<i>(Provide Contractor and Subcontractor details.)</i>

Agency Director Approval		County Manager's Approval
Typed Name and Title Jessica Corbitt, Director of External Affairs	Phone 404-612-8300	
Signature	Date 11/14/19	

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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	<i>(Include projected cost, approved budget amount and account number, source of funds, and any future funding requirements.)</i>			
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Exhibits Attached	<i>(Provide copies of originals, number exhibits consecutively, and label all exhibits in the upper right corner.)</i>			
Source of Additional Information	<i>(Type Name, Title, Agency and Phone)</i>			

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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)

.	Originating Department:	.	Date: .
.	County Attorney:	.	Date: .
.	Purchasing/Contract Compliance:	.	Date: .
.	Finance/Budget Analyst/Grants Admin:	.	Date: .
.	Grants Management:	.	Date: .
.	County Manager:	.	Date: .



FULTON COUNTY 2020 PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
Department of External Affairs - November 20, 2019



19-0969

SUPPORT LONG-TERM TRANSIT FUNDING AND REPRESENTATION IN GOVERNANCE

ENSURE AUTONOMY FOR FULTON COUNTY AIRPORT

CREATE EQUITY IN APPEALS PROCESS FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

PROTECT LEGACY HOMEOWNERS IN GENTRIFYING NEIGHBORHOODS

REQUEST ONGOING FUNDING FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

PROTECT AIR QUALITY

IMPROVE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCESS

ENSURE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TRANSPARENCY

CREATE MORE EFFICIENT JUSTICE SYSTEM

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FULTON COUNTY

2020 Proposed
State Legislative
Agenda

ENSURE SECURE
ELECTIONS & FUNDING FOR EXPENSES

SUPPORT
CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

SUPPORT
HOMEOWNER PROTECTIONS



**FULTON
COUNTY**

2020 Proposed State Legislative Agenda

SUPPORT LONG-TERM TRANSIT FUNDING AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

- As the largest county in Georgia and the economic center of the state, Fulton County is the heart of Georgia's transit system, and has provided financial support for transit for more than 40 years.
- **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 capital and operational needs to ensure appropriate integration and equitable connectivity.
- **Fulton County requests that the State of Georgia provide ongoing allocated funding for transit.**

ENSURE AUTONOMY IN FULTON INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD

- Fulton County seeks local legislation to ensure the ongoing autonomy of Fulton County Airport parcels currently in unincorporated Fulton County.

CREATE GREATER EQUITY APPEALS PROCESS FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

Fulton County proposes changes in the appeals process for assessments of commercial properties. Proposed changes include:

- Requiring mandatory reporting of all income and expenses associated with the commercial property at the time an appeal is filed.
- Amendment of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-299 (c) to clearly Define “significant / material” change in existing law to include includes changes in income, vacancy and cap rates.
- Updating appeals forms for commercial properties to require declaration of recent fee appraisals.
- Limiting appeal rights on Development Authority parcels during all or part of the 10-year “ramp up” period.

PROTECT LEGACY HOMEOWNERS IN GENTRIFYING NEIGHBORHOODS

- Fulton County seeks tax policies that would protect legacy/longtime homeowners against unmitigated tax increases in gentrifying neighborhoods.
- **Specifically, Fulton County seeks to amend the definition of Residential Transitional Property in O.C.G.A. § 48-5-7.4 (c) as “unrenovated home is affected by a change in conditions such as a neighborhood where at least one-third of the homes have undergone new construction and substantial renovation, and the neighborhood is experiencing revitalization in the areas of desirability and price point.”**

STRENGTHEN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MODEL & FUNDING FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

- Fulton County seeks to ensure ongoing state funding for core behavioral health services for individuals in permanent supportive housing.
- Fulton County also seeks to ensure a strong network of providers to meet the need of behavioral health uninsured residents.
- Fulton County supports policies and more funding to create greater capacity related to opioid and addiction prevention, treatment and recovery programs.

PROTECT AIR QUALITY

- Fulton County supports stronger protections for air quality, including stricter zoning provisions and greater reporting requirements for businesses that emit harmful chemicals, including ethylene oxide and others.

IMPROVE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCESS

- Fulton County supports an efficient, fair and timely appeals process for taxpayers. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 48 regarding county boards of equalization, review of assessments and citizen appeals, Fulton County proposes an opt-in opportunity for e-notification to taxpayers appealing their hearings.
- If the taxpayer chooses to exercise the one-time change of date/time of their scheduled hearing as allowed under statute, Fulton County requests that the rescheduled hearing be held in a time period that does not exceed 90 days beyond the initial appeals hearing date unless there are other extenuating circumstances including military service.

SIMPLIFY HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PROCESS

- Fulton County seeks opportunities to simplify the the homestead exemption process to improve outcomes for taxpayers.

CREATE A MORE EFFICIENT JUSTICE SYSTEM

- Fulton County support legislation that creates a more efficient justice system and improves outcomes for victims, defendants and taxpayers.

ENSURE SECURE ELECTIONS

- Fulton County is committed to providing secure elections in compliance with state law and **requests ongoing state funding for the implementation of new voting machines and associated costs borne by County governments.**
- Fulton County supports efforts to maintain and expand early voting opportunities.

SUPPORT CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

- Fulton County supports legislation that continues incentives that support job creation and business opportunity through creative industries, including film and television, music and gaming.

SUPPORT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TRANSPARENCY

- Fulton County supports improvements in emergency medical services. Fulton County specifically supports HB 264, introduced in 2019, which includes provisions to ensure that EMS vendors cannot serve on committees that select EMS service providers.

SUPPORT HOMEOWNER PROTECTIONS

- Fulton County seeks changes to O.C.G.A. Title 44 to provide for Community Associations Protection and Transparency to include specific requirements for governance, financial management, and business best practices for homeowner associations, and protections for individual property owners. Fulton County supports HB 329 introduced in 2019 which would create the House Study Committee on Homeowners' Associations, Condominium Owners' Associations, and Property Owners in Community Associations.

IMPORTANT DATES

- November 15, 2019 – First Day to Pre-file 2020 Legislation
- December 2019 – Legislative Reception for Fulton Delegation
- January 13, 2020 – Georgia General Assembly Begins Legislative Session