

1 **A RESOLUTION BY THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO**
2 **CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS TO**
3 **ALLOW APPOINTEES FROM THE ATLANTA HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE**
4 **FULTON ATLANTA COMMUNICATION ACTION AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER**
5 **PURPOSES.**

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7 **WHEREAS**, on October 26, 1988, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners approved
8 a Resolution creating the “Fulton County Aging Services Council”; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Aging Services Council was created to improve the quality
10 of life for the entire Fulton County community by serving as a focal point for communication and
11 insight between elderly persons, their caregivers, other concerned citizens, and to advise the Board
12 of Commissioners, the Department of Senior Services [previously, the Department of Aging and
13 Youth Services], and the community regarding the needs of the elderly within Fulton County; and

14 **WHEREAS**, on February 3, 1993, by way of Agenda Item # 92-RC-397, the Board of
15 Commissioners approved a change in the name of the Fulton County Aging Services Council to
16 the “Commission on Elderly Affairs”; and

17 **WHEREAS**, on January 20, 2021, by way of Resolution 21-0071, the Board of
18 Commissioners approved a change in the name of the Commission on Elderly Affairs to the
19 “Commission on Elder Affairs” to better reflect the active and vibrant nature of Fulton County
20 seniors and the mission of this commission; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Department of Senior Services coordinates with the
22 Commission on Elder Affairs on implementation of its mission, attends its meetings, recommends
23 individuals for appointments to this entity to the Board of Commissioners, and works with the
24 umbrella agencies on the delivery of services to the senior population; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Council on Aging was a non-profit corporation created in 1977 “to
26 provide a mechanism through which local residents, groups, and agencies can work to assist the
27 elderly in Fulton County to live full, meaningful, and independent lives”; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the Council on Aging was informally divided into area Councils (originally
29 North, South and Central Area Councils, and more recently, North, South, East and West Area
30 Councils) to allow its members to meet in more convenient locations; and

31 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the enabling legislation passed on October 26, 1988, the entity
32 now known as the Commission on Elder Affairs officially consisted of thirteen members: six (6)
33 adults, two (2) each elected from the North, South and Central Area Councils on Aging, six (6)
34 Task Force Chairpersons, and one (1) elected county official; and

35 **WHEREAS**, to better align with the needs of seniors in Fulton County, on January 20,
36 2021, by way of Resolution 21-0071, the Board of Commissioners approved a change in the
37 membership of the Commission on Elder Affairs to consist of the following thirteen (13) members:
38 one (1) appointee by each of the seven (7) Fulton County Commissioners, one (1) appointee by
39 each of the four (4) area Councils on Aging, and one (1) program participant from each of the two
40 (2) agencies providing Senior Center Management under contract with Fulton County; and

41 **WHEREAS**, according to the Georgia Secretary of State's webpage, the non-profit
42 Council on Aging was administratively dissolved on October 28, 2022 by the Georgia Secretary
43 of State, and the four (4) area Councils on Aging are no longer in operation; and

44 **WHEREAS**, the Commission on Elder Affairs and the Department of Senior Services
45 agree that the membership of the Commission on Elder Affairs must be amended because the
46 Councils on Aging are no longer in existence, and thus, do not have the ability to make
47 recommendations for appointments to the Commission on Elder Affairs; and

48 **WHEREAS**, the Commission on Elder Affairs and the Department of Senior Services
49 recommend that the Board of Commissioners amend the membership of the Commission on Elder
50 Affairs by replacing the four (4) Councils on Aging appointees with two (2) appointees by The

Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta, Georgia (“Atlanta Housing Authority”) and two (2) appointees by the Fulton-Atlanta Communication Action Authority, Inc. (“FACA”); and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Housing Authority meets its mission by deploying its assets to facilitate affordable housing opportunities for low-income, elderly and disabled households in the City of Atlanta, providing housing subsidy assistance to more than 6,000 senior citizens across its housing programs; and

WHEREAS, FACA, a Georgia non-profit agency, has provided services to low-income individuals and families in Fulton County since 1991 and mobilizes resources through a network of programs and services; and

WHEREAS, all recommended appointees to the Commission on Elder Affairs must be approved by the Board of Commissioners prior to appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that it is in the best interest of the seniors of Fulton County to change the membership of the Commission on Elder Affairs to include appointees from the Atlanta Housing Authority and FACA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the recommendation from the Commission on Elder Affairs and the Department of Senior Services to amend the membership of the Commission on Elder Affairs to consist of thirteen (13) members as follows: one (1) appointee by each of the seven (7) Fulton County Commissioners, two (2) appointees by The Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, two (2) appointees by the Fulton-Atlanta Communication Action Authority, Inc., and one (1) program participant from each of the two (2) agencies providing Senior Center Management under contract with Fulton County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all recommended appointees to the Commission on

Elder Affairs must be approved by the Board of Commissioners prior to appointment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective when adopted, and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SO PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Georgia, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Sponsored By:

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tonya R. Grier
Clerk to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Fulton County Attorney