

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Art Geter organized and worked as President of the Association of West Cascade Communities to bring residents of Unincorporated Fulton County and the City of Atlanta together to master plan the West Cascade Business District, and

WHEREAS,

Art Geter and the Association of West Cascade Communities developed Fulton County's first overlay for the unincorporated area, which was later inspired but North and South Fulton unincorporated communities to do the same to master plan their communities; and

WHEREAS,

Art Geter stood along with the Association of West Cascade Communities to define a vision of development and quality of life which attracted several grocery stores, multiple bank branches, a sit-down restaurant, conversion of the Greenbriar library into a regional library, a major home improvement store, and several small businesses to serve the commercial needs of Unincorporated South Fulton and Southwest Atlanta which remains vibrant to this day; and

WHEREAS,

Art Geter stood firm on quality development to protect homeowners from intrusive development by working with the Association of West Cascade Communities by stopping an 8 apartment complex that would have abutted homes with values close to a quarter million at the time; and

WHEREAS,

this decisive and tough action led Fulton County Government to acquire the land which, a portion of it consists of the Southwest Arts Center; Fulton County has continued investment in the corridor because of this foundational work by Art Geter and the Association of West Cascade Communities by investing in decorative street lighting, building out Trammell Crow Park, and a fire station with a police precinct; and

WHEREAS,

many other nearby community groups, business associations, and nonprofits often point out the work done on West Cascade as their motivation to fix and improve other parts of Southwest Atlanta and South Fulton; and

WHEREAS,

Art Geter's vision and work exemplify where society grows great when men plant trees in whose shade they shall never sit, and future generations reap the benefits and the principle of Ujamaa (shared work, wealth, and good in the world); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognize the legacy of community involvement exhibited by Art Geter, and his dedication to the livelihood of his fellow South Fulton County citizens, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 7, 2023 as "**ART GETER AND THE ASSOCIATION OF WEST CASCADE COMMUNITIES APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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