

1 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN**
2 **FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND SK ARO, LLC, TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR THE**
3 **FULTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE; AUTHORIZING THE**
4 **CHAIRMAN AND THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE LEASE AGREEMENT**
5 **AND RELATED DOCUMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND THE**
6 **COUNTY MANAGER TO FINALIZE NEGOTIATION OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT**
7 **AND RELATED DOCUMENTS PRIOR TO EXECUTION; AND FOR OTHER**
8 **PURPOSES.**

9 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County District Attorney’s Office (the “DA’s Office”) is
10 responsible for investigating and prosecuting violations of criminal statutes within Fulton
11 County; and

12 **WHEREAS**, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, historic backlog of cases
13 maintained by the Office of the Fulton County District Attorney and the current high crime
14 rate, there is currently a significant backlog of criminal cases in the Superior Court of
15 Fulton County, Georgia; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in order to timely investigate and prosecute these backlogged criminal
17 cases, the DA’s Office must increase personnel and office space; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the current space occupied by the DA’s Office is insufficient to
19 accommodate current staff, let alone increased staff; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the DA’s Office has located additional space for its operations on the
21 second, third and fourth floors at 86 Pryor Street, Atlanta, Georgia; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the FY 2021 cost for any such lease that may be entered into will be
23 paid from monies budgeted for the DA’s Office; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County staff seeks approval from the Board of Commissioners
25 of the lease agreement and related documents, authority for the Chairman and the County
26 Manager to execute same and related documents, and authority for the County Manager
27 and the County Attorney to finalize negotiation of the lease agreement consistent with the
28 terms as directed by the Board of Commissioners herein; and

WHEREAS, said lease shall be put in place at prevailing market rates for space for the DA's Office at 86 Pryor Street, Atlanta, Georgia for a period of not more than ten (10) years, subject to the multi-year terms as required by O.C.G.A. § 36-60-13.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves and authorizes the lease agreement between Fulton County and SK ARO, LLC for use by the District Attorney's Office and for the Chairman or the County Manager to execute same and related documents upon presentment in final form by the County Attorney and County Manager.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby directs and authorizes the County Manager and the County Attorney to finalize negotiation of the terms and conditions for a lease for the District Attorney's Office at prevailing market rates for an total period of not more than ten (10) years to funded from the District Attorney's budget.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,
Georgia, this 15th day of September, 2021.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

__ Vice Chair Natalie Hall

ATTEST:

Tonya R. Grier
Clerk to the Commission

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kaye Woodard Burwell
Interim County Attorney

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