



Fulton County Board of Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary

19-0927

BOC Meeting Date
 11/6/2019

Requesting Agency
 External Affairs

Commission Districts Affected
 All Districts

Requested Action *(Identify appropriate Action or Motion, purpose, cost, timeframe, etc.)*
 Presentation: Proposed 2020 Legislative Agenda

Requirement for Board Action *(Cite specific Board policy, statute or code requirement)*
 Request Approval

Is this Item related to a Strategic Priority Area? *(If yes, note strategic priority area below)*
 Yes All People trust government is efficient, effective, and fiscally sound

Is this a purchasing item?
 No

Summary & Background *(First sentence includes Agency recommendation. Provide an executive summary of the action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item.)*

Present proposed legislation for 2020 on behalf of Fulton County.

Contract & Compliance Information *(Provide Contractor and Subcontractor details.)*

Agency Director Approval		County Manager's Approval
Typed Name and Title	Phone	
Signature	Date	

Revised 03/12/09 (Previous versions are obsolete)

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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 *(Include projected cost, approved budget amount and account number, source of funds, and any future funding requirements.)*

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Exhibits Attached *(Provide copies of originals, number exhibits consecutively, and label all exhibits in the upper right corner.)*

Source of Additional Information *(Type Name, Title, Agency and Phone)*

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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: .
KEY CONTRACT TERMS			
Start Date: .		End Date: .	
Cost Adjustment: .		Renewal/Extension Terms: .	
ROUTING & APPROVALS (Do not edit below this line)			
X	Originating Department:	Corbitt, Jessica	Date: 10/8/2019
.	County Attorney:	.	Date: .
.	Purchasing/Contract Compliance:	.	Date: .
.	Finance/Budget Analyst/Grants Admin:	.	Date: .
.	Grants Management:	.	Date: .
X	County Manager:	Anderson, Dick	Date: 10/24/2019



FULTON COUNTY 2020 PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Department of External Affairs - November 6, 2019



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SUPPORT LONG-TERM TRANSIT FUNDING AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

ENSURE AUTONOMY IN FULTON INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD

CREATE EQUITY IN APPEALS PROCESS FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

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STRENGTHEN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MODEL & FUNDING FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

PROTECT AIR QUALITY

SIMPLIFY HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PROCESS

IMPROVE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCESS

CREATE MORE EFFICIENT JUSTICE SYSTEM



**FULTON
COUNTY**

2020 Proposed
State Legislative
Agenda

ENSURE SECURE
ELECTIONS & FUNDING FOR EXPENSES

SUPPORT
CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
TRANSPARENCY

SUPPORT
HOMEOWNER PROTECTIONS



**FULTON
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2020 Proposed State Legislative Agenda

SUPPORT LONG-TERM TRANSIT FUNDING AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

- Fulton County is the heart of Georgia's transit system, and has provided financial support for transit for more than 40 years. As the largest county in Georgia and the economic center of the state, 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 provide allocated funding for transit.

ENSURE AUTONOMY IN FULTON INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD

- Fulton County seeks 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:
- Mandatory reporting of all income and expenses associated with the property during the appeals process.
- Limiting appeal rights on Development Authority parcels during all or part of the 10-year “ramp up” period.
- 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.
- Mandatory declaration of recent fee appraisals during appeals.
- Elimination of the use of parcels with frozen values being used as comps in appeal hearings.

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 create a behavioral health model that meets the unique needs of our diverse community and allows Fulton County to take a leadership role in coordinating safety net care for uninsured residents.
- Fulton County supports policies and more funding to create greater capacity related to opioids and other substance abuse 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.

SIMPLIFY HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PROCESS

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

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.
- Fulton County further supports convenient public access for its Board of Equalization so that meeting locations are held in northern, central and southern sections of the county.

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.
- 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