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Topic: "Why I support annexation into the city of Atlanta."

What is annexation? How does it help current cities in their growth of a bigger and better community? In the past five years, Atlanta has made substantial investments for citizen services and quality of life. Atlanta's gradual progress has grown to gain its long awaited recognition. The progress of Atlanta includes the increase of the law enforcement, 30 operative fire and rescue stations, and park & recreation centers that offers the best programs for city involvement. Notably, Atlanta welcomes new residents at the successful completion of the annexation process and is prepared to provide services to new residents.

Atlanta was first name Marthasville after Gov. William Lumpkin's youngest daughter. Later in 1845, Chief Engineer J. Edgar Thomson decided to rename it Atlantica-Pacifica, soon after shortened too Atlanta. In 1847, the city of Atlanta was incorporated, this was the first annexation to the state of Georgia. Today, Atlanta has grown, it has a current annexation process pending for South Fulton communities: Sandtown, Loch Lomond, and South Oaks.

After the renaming, Atlanta began to broaden, not only in land but in popularity. Atlanta has gained its worldwide recognition when the International Olympic Committee decide to let Atlanta host the 1996 Olympic Games. Now, it's one of the top three states that help discover talent like acting, modeling, and even a record deal. From the food, to the fun and festivities, Atlanta is a well-rounded place for fame, culture, and living.

I support Atlanta annexation because of its development over the past 150 years. The community has become a huge support. The collaboration of

adjacent neighborhoods, project the unity of Atlanta. Projects and investments made within the city's limit doesn't just display it's accomplishments of hard work, it also reveals that Atlanta has true southern hospitality.

Furthermore, the city has it's hand in pubic works, planning & community development and watershed management. From it's homes , to the neighborhoods and the local cities, Atlanta has a wide variety of comfort to offer. The Atlanta public school system is one of the best in the state. It also has popular restaurants, malls, plazas and concerts spots, notably Wolf Creek Amphitheatre. With what Atlanta has to offer it is a great place to stay. The city of Atlanta is also financially strong. Operating from a budget of \$105M LESS than FY2008, the City has accomplished four years of balanced budgets, with no property tax increases, that resulted in growing the city's cash reserves twenty-fold. With that, Atlanta has been very responsible with it's funds and with how they build their community.