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It has been voted by members for the annexation of the City of Atlanta. With the annexation into the City of Atlanta there will be new residents added to the area. Current home owners will not be pleased with the population growth and the effects the growth will have on children in school. However, I support the annexation into the City of Atlanta. The annexation will allow investments into citizens services so we may have a better quality of life. Our public safety will improve along with our economic development while enlarging the operational efficiency as well as fiscal management.

Our public safety has improved with more police officers and fire stations. Atlanta Fire and Rescue Department now has over thirty fire stations within the city boundary. The Atlanta Police Department has grown with more than one thousand officers. The safety of the citizens has increased as well as employment. With more police officers and fire stations there are more jobs available for people in the city which will allow us to better our economy.

While our population expands so will the community involvement. The Department of Parks and Recreation will provide more programs for the community. They will offer after school programs and programs for senior citizens. The programs help kids interact with peers and allow them to participate in constructive activities.

Due to our fiscal management the Department of Watershed Management has many programs setup to assist in low income and elderly customers in paying their water bill. Senior citizens who meet income qualifications are given a thirty percent discount. None of this would be possible without the annexation into Atlanta. The programs provided by the Department of Watershed Management make it easier for customers to manage their bills.

With the annexation into the City of Atlanta the city has achieved four years of balanced budget with no property tax increase. This has resulted in the growing of the city's cash reserves twenty fold. The balanced budget has allowed more officers and fire fighters to be paid and the improvement in our economy. Therefore I support the annexation into the City of Atlanta.