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My office concluded the year with District Dialogues town halls to share the proposed 2026 county budget and gather feedback from residents. In January, the Board of Commissioners approved a \$1.4 billion budget with no increase to the millage rate. Although I supported funding for the Fulton County summer internship program and the Veterans Empowerment Committee, there were not four affirmative votes to advance those initiatives. I will continue advocating for programs that support our youth and veterans.

In February, I had the privilege of speaking at the National Association of Counties (NACo), where I shared insight on the FBI's 2020 raid of Fulton County voter records. I also joined national media outlets such as CNN and MSNBC in discussions with county officials about strategies to reduce the risk of similar incidents across the country. This fight is not about a single election—it is about protecting our democracy.

Please take a moment to explore this newsletter and stay connected with us on social media.

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DADS, DAUGHTERS, DOLLS, +SONS



In collaboration with the Fulton County Sheriff's Office, my office hosted our annual Dads, Daughters, Dolls, Plus Sons toy giveaway, bringing holiday joy to children whose fathers are incarcerated in Fulton County Jail. Inmates wishing to participate completed a questionnaire and wrote heartfelt letters to their children. Over two weeks, we collected toys for kids ages 1-12 from citizens, culminating in a drive-thru distribution at the Fulton County South Annex, where more than 100 children received gifts.

A heartfelt thank you to Sheriff Pat Labat, his deputies, The RC Law Firm, UJAMAA Construction, The Hughes Group and the generous residents who donated toys. Special appreciation to Harold's Bar & Grill for providing meals for volunteers and to the members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., along with all volunteers and staff, for helping make this event a success.

These contributions reminded children that their fathers' love reaches beyond the bars. Sometimes a single act of kindness can change a life.



2026 BLACK HISTORY FILM FESTIVAL

In celebration of Black History Month, my office hosted the 19th Annual Black History Film Festival (BHFF), an event I launched in 2008 before being elected to office. BHFF aims to educate residents and visitors about the often-overlooked heroes of Black history and their contributions to America.

This year, we showcased an outstanding collection of films from filmmakers across the country. The festival, drawing over 300 attendees, began with the Opening Reception at the Emma Darnell Aviation Museum & Conference Center, and ended with a full day of screenings at the Fulton County's South Annex. Additionally, eight libraries across Fulton County screened two films each.

Thanks to our sponsors, Deidre Bemby of State Farm and Believe in Our Vizion, we awarded \$2,000 in scholarships to six high school winners of the BHFF Unsung Black Inventors Student Competition. Special thanks to our guest emcee, actor Lamman Rucker, and to our volunteers, the sisters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

SPRING DISTRICT DIALOGUES:

TOWN HALL

Virtual - 10th

COSF Econ. Dev. Office - 11th

New Beginnings- 14th

Wolf Creek - 23rd

YOUR HEALTH MATTERS - 16th

Wolf Creek Library

APRIL

TEEN HIRING FAIR - 11th

Welcome All Park

MAY

FAMILY FUN DAY - 2nd

South Annex

JUNE

REEL TIME WITH COMM. - 13th

Bear Creek Nature Center

JULY

SUMMER DISTRICT DIALOGUES: TOWN HALLS

Virtual - 6th

Chat Hills - 8th

Camp Truitt - 10th

IT TAKES A VILLAGE (ITAV)

Back to School Giveaways

\$500 Book Scholarships

Wolf Creek - 17th

Fairburn - 23rd

Gladys Dennard - 24th

NOVEMBER

BLANKET ATLANTA WTH LOVE

Donation Drive - 2nd - 13th

Dinner & Distribution - 18th

DECEMBER

DADS, DAUGHTERS, DOLLS, +SONS

Donation Drive - 1st - 11th

Distribution - 17th

WINTER DISTRICT DIALOGUES:

TOWN HALLS

Virtual - 7th

New Beginnings - 9th

COSF Econ. Dev. Office - 10th

