



Progressive Agenda Working Group
Housing Affordability Commission

Presentation to Beltline Affordable Housing Advisory Board

August 13, 2019

Progressive Agenda Working Group Formation

- ▶ Gathering of community members during mayoral runoff campaign - 2017
- ▶ Four PAWG Commissions formed to address important quality of life issues:
 - ▶ Homelessness, Economic Development, Criminal Justice Reform, Housing Affordability
- ▶ Excerpts from Resolution:
 - ▶ “...Whereas a collaboration of community organizers, non-profit organizations and others has come together as the Progressive Agenda Working Group to propose legislative, policy, and process recommendations to City leadership around these critical issues...”
 - ▶ “...Whereas the mission for the four Commissions is to develop, advocate for, and implement progressive policies and practices that benefit citizens and prioritizes these communities that have historically been vulnerable, underserved, and marginalized...”

Introduction of Co-Chairs

- ▶ Paul Robinson
- ▶ 20 years varied experience in the affordable housing industry
- ▶ Background includes positions in investment and equity brokerage, LIHTC development in the Southeast region, and working with housing authorities on the transition to the HUD - Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) platform

- ▶ Tayani Suma
- ▶ 25+ years experience in the affordable housing industry
- ▶ Positions in for-profit and nonprofit affordable housing development, both rental and homeownership, with a background in utilizing a wide variety of governmental and private financing tools

Commission Composition

- ▶ Membership includes lenders, private developers, Enterprise, community organizers, TransFormation Alliance, public agencies, Georgia ACT, nonprofit developers, Urban League
- ▶ Special effort made to include local government agencies - participants include: Beltline, City Planning, Invest Atlanta, MARTA, Land Bank Authority, Atlanta Housing, Georgia Department of Community Affairs

Preliminary Recommendations Submitted to Mayor - 1st 100 Days

- ▶ Cross-agency database of existing affordable properties in danger of being lost
 - ▶ “...identify tools available to the City of Atlanta right now that can be utilized to preserve and expand the number of affordable housing units currently available”
- ▶ HomeSafe Georgia collaboration with DCA targeting eligible City residents
 - ▶ “Pursue her \$1B public-private plan to raise \$1B in dedicated funding to fight displacement and ensure that Atlanta has enough quality, safe, affordable housing for all our communities.”

Recent Activities

- ▶ Increase resident outreach by the Commission - Community Education and Engagement efforts to date
 - ▶ Public presentations - multiple groups of clergy, community-based meetings
 - ▶ NPU strengthening efforts (CCI-led)
 - ▶ Pathway to careers in community revitalization and development
- ▶ Support the Mayor's Housing Plan as well as Key HouseATL Goals - Help to implement and monitor recommendations.
 - ▶ \$1 billion of public and private resources to enable new and preserved affordable units (stretch goal targets 20,000+ units) over the next 8-10 years