

A RESOLUTION BY
COUNCIL MEMBER MARY NORWOOD

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A RESOLUTION STATING THE POLICY OF THE ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL THAT EMINENT DOMAIN SHOULD NOT BE USED AS A METHOD TO TAKE GREEN SPACE OR PARKS IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA; TO DIRECT THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO SUBMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, GOVERNOR, AND LT. GOVERNOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES;

WHEREAS, according to the Trust for Public Land's (The "Trust") 2015 ParkScore, the City of Atlanta (The "City") was ranked 48 out of 75 major cities when it came to factors such as total number of parks, investment, acreage, and access; and

WHEREAS, the City has worked tirelessly over the past years to increase access to parks, expand green space, and add new parks throughout the City through partnerships with the City's Park Conservancies and Friends of the Parks, Atlanta Beltline Inc., the Trust for Public Land, the Path Foundation, Park Pride, and others to accomplish our goal of becoming one of the country's best cities for quality parks and green space; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, Park Pride, a downtown Atlanta-based nonprofit dedicated to engaging the community in developing and improving city parks and green spaces hosted a green space and parks roundtable that focused on the important role parks play in the economic vitality of Atlanta's business districts and neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, at this event, Atlanta's Commissioner of Planning and Community Development Tim Keane, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Amy Phuong and Stephanie Stuckey Benfield, the city's director of sustainability, participated as official voices for the importance of having parks to complete the quality of life in urban spaces; and

WHEREAS, the City and the State have worked together over the past decade on several projects to make Georgia the best place to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that any efforts to diminish park space by the State, especially by the potential use of eminent domain, is a conflict with the efforts of the Atlanta City Council (the "Council") and the Administration to make Atlanta one of the top cities in the United States for parks and green space; and

WHEREAS, the potential use of Eminent Domain as a tool by the State for the acquisition of any parks or green space sets a dangerous precedent for the entire City; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that any conversations about potential park acquisitions or land swaps are best handled by the Council, as the governing body of the City and as the body that is closest to the people of Atlanta.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, that the Atlanta City Council (the "Council") strongly opposes any

and all efforts by the State of Georgia to use eminent domain to seize parks, green space, or any other property owned or operated by the City Council without the approval and consent of the Atlanta City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is to provide a copy of this Resolution upon adoption to all Members of the Georgia General Assembly, the Governor, and the Lt. Governor.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict are hereby rescinded.

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