

# COREY A. REEVES



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## **ORDINANCE 1: Lack of Affordable Recreational Activities and Facilities**

**Concern:** Residents of this community of all ages should have access to affordable recreational facilities and activities. For instance, we know we have a lot of youth in our community and we should be providing them with safe environments that offer fun and budget-friendly activities. My proposed initiatives can really position us as a community that embraces the phrase: "it takes a village to raise a child." Additionally, according to recent studies communities with parks and greenways could play a role in reducing crime.

**Proposal:** Mobile Recreation Services: A mobile van that provides mobile recreational activities, including arts/crafts, workshops and trainings, fitness training and children's games to youth and senior neighborhoods. This mobile unit will be operated by community police officers under the direction of the Community Outreach Officer. In 2020, I will also outline the budget needs and plan to demolish and rebuild Burdette Gym into a state-of-the-art facility that will include a center court stadium seating gym, swimming pool, classroom space (operated by nonprofit agencies in the city), an auxiliary court, indoor track, as well as a nature preserve and trail green space area that connects neighborhoods together.

**Cost and Resource Allocation:** Federal Grant and or redirecting of council budget

**Initial Cost:** \$50,000

**Annual Operating Cost:** \$36,000

**Reconstruction Project:** Federal and Private Partnerships with City match



**Proposed Legislation for our Future**

## ORDINANCE 2: Blighted Property and Abandoned Properties

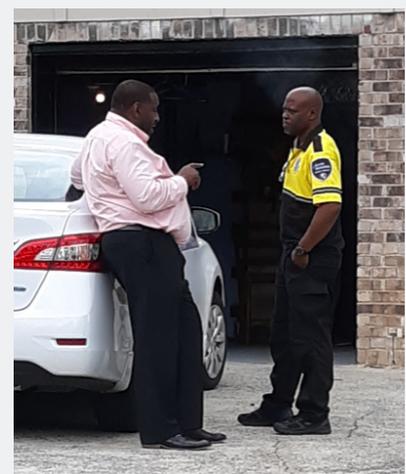
**Concern:** Blighted and abandoned properties are crime magnets that affect our physical environment and subject our neighborhoods to a tremendous amount of harm, distress, and risk. From a safety perspective, statistics show that the number of drug activities and violent crimes are higher on blocks with abandoned properties. To continue to revitalize our communities, we need to quickly and drastically reduce the number of abandoned properties.

**Proposal:** Create a 7-member task force to identify blighted and abandoned properties of three months or longer. This task force will be charged with Identifying and maintaining the inventory of these properties. Researching grants and funding that will help to defray the city's cost of demolishing the properties. Working to secure monies that will assist property owners who are in hardship, which caused the abandonment of the property. Taking complaints and reporting of criminal and other activities that may be taking place inside these properties. The task force will collaborate with Code Enforcement, update the division on inventory and statuses, and report to the Mayor and Council monthly. The average cost to demolish a property is between \$5000-\$20,000. The city will pay the selected demolition contractor and will place a lien on that property for the contracted amount, plus 3% that will go to a proposed city beautification program. I am requesting that the collection of those funds be collected on next year's tax assessment bill from the Fulton County Tax Assessor, not including any other penalties that shall be due to the city. The 3% recoup goes to a fund to beautify the blight areas, educational programs, and/or a possible community garden. Additionally, I will make a conscious effort to work with my colleagues, helping them to see the importance of having code enforcement under our police services.

**Initial Cost:** Board Cost \$875

**Annual Operating Cost:** \$10,500

**Annual City Savings:** \$10,000-\$100,000 based on the number of properties and funding secured. City Incentive: Advocate for money match which includes the following: for every resource dollars secured by the taskforce, the city will provide half on the dollar toward youth entrepreneurship slated for "Opportunity and Time" legislation noted below.



### **ORDINANCE 3: Opportunity and Time**

**Concern:** Idle time could lead to increased violent or nonviolent crimes. In order to help turn idle time into positive opportunities, we have to invest in the right resources. Citizens should have community opportunities provided by the city in conjunction with community resources rendered by what I call my P3s: Public, Private, and Nonprofit Partnerships. This legislation and partnerships will improve our community well-being by providing avenues to deal with idle time that can be tied to individuals not having adequate work hours or recreational activities.

**Proposal:** Work with public and private entities to provide mentorships and career and training development opportunities. Additionally, I will propose that the city offers community grants to local nonprofits that will in turn provide social activities and other opportunities that will connect communities with meaningful pathways to personal enrichment. This plan will be funded through developer impact fees.

**Cost Allocation:** 5% Developer Impact Fees

### **ORDINANCE 4: Community Policing, Police & Resources, and Police Patrol**

**Concern:** Lack of enforcement, accountability and police presence are all factors that lead to increased or consistent crime. It is a well-known fact that community policing is the number one deterrent of crime in local neighborhoods.

**Proposal:** I want to increase community policing by hiring officers to work shifts during high-crime time periods. I also want to create a first responders foundation to support our police officers. For example, we can raise funding to provide mental health services to officers and firefighters who are suffering from PTSD. We can raise these funds through an annual policemen's ball and community engagement activities such as a Homeowners' Association Kickball league.

**Initial Cost:** \$3,000

**Annual Cost:** \$50,000

(Space and Staff Members): Grant Written



## **ORDINANCE 5: Lack of Personal Crime Deteriants**

**Concern:** Citizens lack personal property crime deterrents such as locks, alarm systems, flood lights, and cameras primarily because they lack the funds for such items or because they do not have a lot of knowledge about such deterrents. I thanked the council for making special arrangements with the company Ring to provide discounted doorbells to the community. Additionally, I would like to build on that momentum to create additional partnerships of this nature to build safer communities.

**Proposal:** I propose using smart technology in an effort to make our city safer by utilizing smart civic resources to build an integrated communication system. An example of this would be helping citizens to afford a home security system and then connecting the system's private broadband with police CCTV, so that the police can respond quickly when a crime occurs. By having a device to record or show the crime in real-time, we can decrease police response times and afford the police an opportunity to have more evidence (e.g., of home invasions or auto theft) stored in the cloud and be at their fingertips. The city currently has a grant writer under the Office of Finance that offers less than 25% of her time to grant writing because she has an unofficial dual role. I am proposing to successfully fund one Full Time Employee Grant Writer for the city whose sole objective will be to meet department head needs. Recently, I read an article about Philadelphia and how a \$300,000 grant was secured by a local insurance agency in conjunction with the city's Grant Writer to get equipment for the city's service workers. How awesome would that be if we could do the same!?

**Funding Source:** The right Grant Writer will pay for him/herself.

## **ORDINANCE 6: Increase Education, Educational Programs, and Livable Wage Jobs**

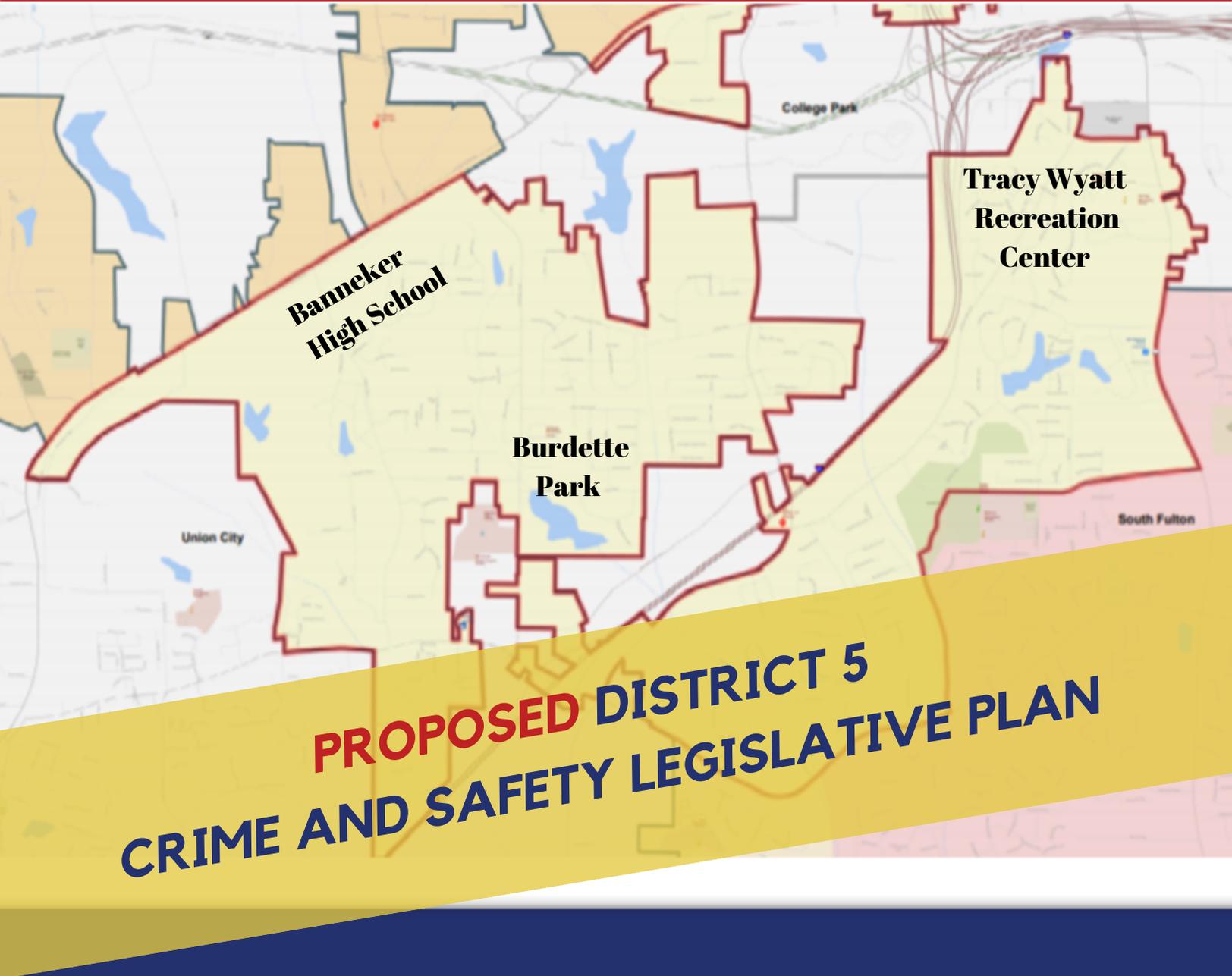
**Concern:** Statistics show that raising the minimum wage reduces crime by 3% to 5%. I thank the Council for working and passing the \$15 minimum wage bill, however, every citizen is not employed with the City of South Fulton. To combat this, I have been working on bringing over 2.5 million dollars in economic development to District 5. Part of my economic development plan will be to provide livable wages to citizens and to some who would otherwise have taken an alternative means to make money such as petty crime or theft.

**Proposal:** I propose securing monies for GED Programs and Scholarships for local educational institutions such as satellite sites: Georgia Military College, Atlanta Technical College, and Clayton State University. I am currently working on initiatives that will provide educational programs to youth with Parent University. Cost: \$25,000 - \$30,000

**Funding Sources:** District-secured Economic Development Dollars

**"WHEN A MAN IS DENIED THE RIGHT TO LIVE THE LIFE HE  
BELIEVES IN, HE HAS NO CHOICE  
BUT TO BECOME AN OUTLAW"**

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In the month of September Theft/Burglary accounts for **568** incidents out of **702** in District 5.

District 5 has held just about the highest rate of crime since the conception of the City of South Fulton.  
(2 years & 5 months)

**Election Date: November 5th**

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