



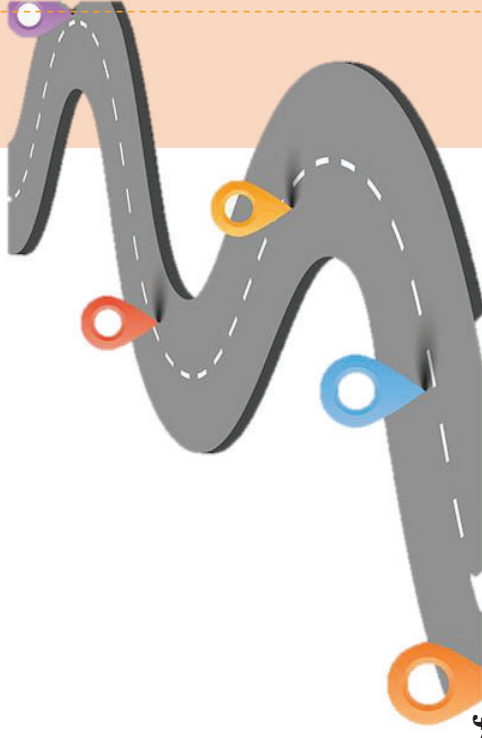
**2nd Convening Update**

**April 27, 2023**

# Second Convening: Phase 2

## Key Milestones

- **Steering Committee for City's DEI Officer Implementation**
- **Review of recommendations for implementation**
  - **Reorganization of cross-functional teams and recruitment of new members**
    - **New Chairs and subcommittee organization**
  - **Social Impact and Change Theory Matrix developed**
    - **Intersectionality across the community landscape**
    - **Short-term, Intermediate, and long-term goals**
  - **Housing Subcommittee disbanded due to the launch of Housing Inc.**



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# Presentation of the Work

- Prosperity Now, 2022-2023
- Urban League of Greater Atlanta 2022-2023
- National League of Cities 2022-2023

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# Committee Outcomes and Reports 2022-2023

# Criminal Justice Subcommittee

REAL Taskforce  
April 27, 2023

Co-chairs:

Jill Cheeks, The Mediation Center  
Todd Martin, Office of the Public Defender  
The Honorable Judge Leroy Burke, III  
Coco Guthrie-Papy, Deep Center





## **Short-term + Immediate Goals**

**Recommendation 1:** Adopt a City and County Cash Bail Ordinance.

**Recommendation 2:** Create a Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee.

**Recommendation 3:** Create, Enhance, and Expand Community-Based Detention, Sentencing, and Re-entry Programs.

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# Progress + Outcomes

## **Recommendation 1:** Adopt a City and County Cash Bail Ordinance.

- Climate in Georgia, state legislation rollbacks, reframing
- 3-pronged approach including
  - 1.) Cite-release:Savannah Police Dept.
  - 2.) Bond schedule revision:Recorders Court
  - 3.) Chatham County: Add a third section to Chapter 11 (“General Offenses”) of the Chatham County Code (language has been sent to county and city)

## **Recommendation 2:** Create a Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee.

- Waiting on CARES formation
- Data: Savannah-specific, powers beyond the recommendation

## **Recommendation 3:** Create, Enhance and Expand Community-Based Detention, Sentencing, and Re-entry Programs.

- Win: Added funding to Behavioural Health Unit; continue adding and strengthening
- Pre-Arrest Diversion: SPD authorized, DAO is understaffed - delayed
- ONSE: Continue to fund and support, continued support of violence interruption

# Next steps

1. CARES clarity and timeline to better define the need of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee
2. Continued revisitation with Recorders Court
3. Cite and release policy - 3 examples necessary for next steps. This is the priority.







## Education Subcommittee

# Education Committee of the Mayor's REAL Task Force- Members are:

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**Dr. Brenda Logan, Convener**      **Dr. Otis Johnson**

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Meshelle Cary                      Karolina Klinker

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Melissa Cole                      Frank Mendelson

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Dr. Connie Cooper              Lizann Roberts

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Lola Shelton-Cooper          Dr. Anissa Roland

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Cheri Dean                      Dr. Pete Silver

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Dr. Clark Derisco              Dr. Cora Thompson

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# Short-Term Goals:

- **GOAL #1**- Short Term: Affirm the work of Savannah Chatham Schools and achieve the expectation of the REAL Final Report
- **GOAL #2**- Short Term: Identify other Community groups, parents, and stakeholders who should participate in phase II of the Education Group
- **GOAL #3**- Short Term: Obtain relevant information from Savannah Chatham related to the questions in REAL final report on Education
- **GOAL #4**- Short Term: Establish the veracity of REAL Education Report and responses to the questions answered by Chatham Public Schools
- **GOAL #5**- Short Term: Work with Chatham's Leadership team to understand benchmark performance for setting targets for the next five years
- **GOAL #7**- Short Term: To specify roles of schools and community in understanding the performance and proficiency and problems of third graders

# Outcomes and Progress: Building Relationships and Making Connections

- **Met June-Sept** to fine-tune all goals & **Interviewed Dr. Ann Levett** (sent booklet) of responses from the original report; **Each member** had to discuss responses.
- **Drs. Johnson & Logan invited to** Equity Committee of the Board-key stats on poverty & updates with Education Committee
- **Invited** Dr. Sha'ron Subreenduth, new Georgia Southern Education Dean on Zoom-reported on programs that foster inclusion in the education programs in the GSU School of Education.
- **Supported** Cheri Dean, VP of United Way/VP of United Way; UWCE and community partners won a Deal Center Award- Language as a Missing Link: Toolkit by Emily Rubin. She trained Savannah administrators, caregivers, and teachers using Language by Age Band, Ladder of Social Engagement, Mentor Steps & video tapes. These tools will help us, especially with engaging parents and caregivers with young children 0-3.
- **Added influential Savannah Administrators** –Dr. Cora Thompson, Educ Dean SSU, Dr. Connie Cooper, Mrs. Lizann Roberts, Melissa Cole & Lola Shelton-Cooper & talked to **Parent University (Dr. Logan will present to parents** in May).
- **Had Board assessment team** Dr. Laura May & David Feliciano & Bernadette Ball-Oliver (**Literacy Team**) present to the Educ committee (Open)
- **Interviewed** three stunning third-grade **principals:** Mr. Robert Lewis, White Bluff Elementary, Mrs. Tahisha Wright, Juliett Gordon Low Elementary & Ms. Shelina Ruth-Gillans, Otis J. Brock Elementary along with their top third-grade teachers about the academic challenges facing third grade students.





## Next Steps: Begin In-Person Meetings, May 8, 2023

- Offer Reading aloud Opportunities at Community Centers
- Contribute books to schools and community centers
- Visit third-grade reading classrooms
- Write letters to our legislators
- Adopt some schools to help provide any materials needed
- Meet and interview third-grade students
- Become reading buddies with third graders
- Work to provide transportation to the public library
- Work with mobile libraries to encourage weekly neighborhood visits
- Agree to serve as test monitors in schools
- Get familiar with newer reading programs that are working in other schools



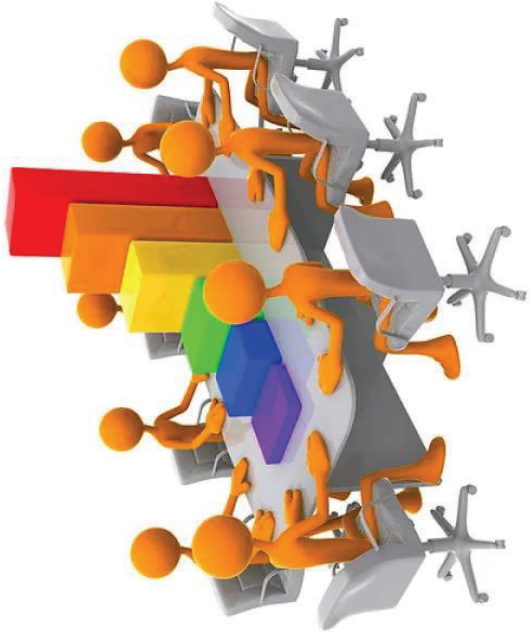
# Economic Empowerment and Wealth Building



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# Committee Members

- ♦ Alicia Johnson
- ♦ Rachelle Gregory
- ♦ Victoria Saxton
- ♦ Moncello Stewart
- ♦ Manny Dominquez
- ♦ MarRhonde Lumpkin-Lotson



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# Goals

- ♦ **Long-term Goal:** Wealth building and economic empowerment with an emphasis on increasing African-American-owned businesses, improving income mobility for single heads of household, and achieving significant improvement in childhood poverty rates.
- ♦ **Intermediate Strategy 1:** Develop a business service cooperative that incubates and supports minority-owned businesses leveraging existing resources, maximize collective partnerships, and create a shared service model that provides revenue, support services, and collective bargaining.
- ♦ **Intermediate Strategy 2:** Collaborative Review of systematic barriers to economic mobility in our community with a specific focus on transportation, childcare, and workforce development



# Committee Progress

- ♦ Multiple Listening Sessions, Stakeholder Feedback, Forums, Town Halls, Training, and Surveys
- ♦ Begin work with CGIC Blueprint and United Way to cross-pollinate the effort
- ♦ Launched a Steering Committee for Co-Op development and implementation with NLC Technical Assistance
  - ♦ Greater Savannah Black Chamber
  - ♦ City of Savannah Economic Development Division
  - ♦ Minority-owned business owners
  - ♦ Carver State Bank
  - ♦ Small Business Assistance Corporation
  - ♦ Georgia Cooperative Development Center



# Ignite Advantage Launch

- ♦ MBE Business Model Canvas, Value Proposition Canvas, and Owner Model Canvas completed
- ♦ Economic Feasibility Study in process
- ♦ **Co-Op Project will be announced at the Mayor's Upcoming Small Business Conference on May 2**
- ♦ NLC Convening May 15-19
- ♦ Interest Meetings Sessions to be held June-July
- ♦ Incorporation targeted for June
- ♦ Investment Model and Potential Funding partners have been engaged



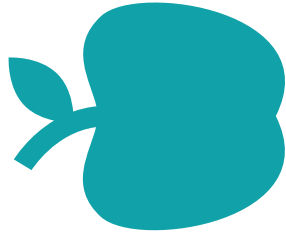
# Health Subcommittee

# Committee Members

Armand Turner (Convener)  
Jennifer Drey  
Paula Kreissler  
Dr. Nandi Marshall  
Darrell Naylor-Johnson  
Kimberly Paulk  
Tiffany Pertillar  
Ashley Rainge  
Lizann Roberts  
KaRee Wright



# Goals



**Short Term Goal:** Incorporate food placement strategies in food retail stores to encourage healthier choices.



**Intermediate Goal:** Increase the availability of healthy food in existing corner stores.



**SHORT TERM GOAL:**

**Incorporate food placement strategies in food retail stores to encourage healthier choices.**

o Healthy Savannah staff visited all major chain grocers to discuss Healthy Checkout aisles.

o Healthy Savannah has a draft ordinance that may be presented to City Council in early 2023.

o Upper-level management at all major grocers in Savannah (Kroger, Publix, Walmart, Food Lion, and Red & White) identified specific practices and procedures they implemented to make the healthy choice the easier choice throughout their stores.

o Healthy Savannah and the REAL Health Team are developing a handout in conjunction with the grocers to create a summary of healthy choices at each store – a good partnership!

# OUTCOMES



INTERMEDIATE GOAL:



**Increase the availability of healthy food in existing corner stores.**



o Healthy Savannah has twelve corner stores that offer healthier choices – grant funding from the CDC and the City of Savannah supports activities to continue to grow this number through 2023.



o Forsyth Farmers Market will establish a fresh produce delivery schedule to the existing and future corner stores.

# Next Steps: Savannah Chatham Food Policy Council

Launch the Savannah Chatham Food Policy Council (SCFPC), which will bring over 37 food system stakeholders together

A SCFPC must be relaunched with three main (and related) areas of focus:

1) A resident led effort at solving communities' top food system priorities for residents;

2) identifying and passing new and revised City and County policies related to equitable food access and a robust and resilient food system;

3) collaborating with other local, regional, state, and national efforts that seek to improve healthy food access and address upstream barriers to nutrition security, improve social determinants of health, and ensure health equity.



# REAL Taskforce

- ◆ Meets Monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month
- ◆ Monitoring City DEI Progress
- ◆ Published second status report
- ◆ Scanning for additional opportunities to promote and fund the work

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Questions