



Atlanta Regional Housing Forum

Who are we? How will changing demographics shape our communities?

September 5, 2012 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Loudermilk Center 40 Courtland Street, Atlanta, GA 30303

Agenda

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:30 a.m. Welcome – Bill Bolling, Atlanta Community Food Bank
- 9:35 a.m. Post Transportation Referendum – Doug Hooker, ARC
- 9:45 a.m. Context for Forum – Bill Bolling
- 9:50 a.m. Who Are We? –Panel Discussion

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Panlists

- Ms. Luz Borrero**, Vice President, Purpose Built Communities
- Mr. Doug Hooker**, Director, Atlanta Regional Commission
- Dr. Michael Rich**, Director, Office of University-Community Partnerships, Emory University
- Ms. Lejla Slowinski**, Executive Director, Lawrenceville Housing Authority

The 2010 census data has been released and confirms the changes we've seen in the Atlanta region in the last decade. Georgia's population grew by 1.5 million – with nearly 70% of that growth coming from our 20-county region. Leading the growth is Gwinnett County with an increase of 216,000 (36.9%) and Fulton County with 104,000 (12.8%). The most striking change is the increased diversity of our region. African Americans, Hispanics and Asians combined for an increase of more than 915,000. The majority of which (518,734) were African Americans. In fact, Metro Atlanta has now surpassed Chicago for the second-largest African American population in the United States, comprising 34% of the total metro population.

In addition to these demographic changes, the lingering economic and societal impact of the Great Recession poses many questions for our region. How can we leverage our best asset – our diversity – to strengthen our economic standing and our reputation as a region good for business? How will we build consensus necessary to make major decisions on transit and transportation? How will these changes affect wealth, educational needs, housing types, and more?

We often view our social issues within a historical lens, depending on past trends to guide our opinions, but these changes have effects on our society that must be put in context of our future, not our past.

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