CITIES UNITED SUMMIT

JANUARY 20-23, 2023

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General Information

Meal Tickets

Tickets are required for the following events:

- Municipal Training Institute Luncheon
  (Friday and Saturday name badge with dot(s) will serve as the ticket for training luncheons)
- Sunday Awards Luncheon
- Monday Legislative Breakfast

Tickets for guests may be purchased at the registration desk for the Sunday Awards Luncheon and the Monday Legislative Breakfast.

Registration Desk Hours

The GMA Registration Desk is located on the Second Floor and will be open during the following hours:

Friday, January 20
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 21
7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 22
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday, January 23
6:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Registration
Second Floor

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast
(for morning training participants)
Second Floor

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Municipal Training Institute
Training class descriptions can be found on the Cities United Summit Mobile App, GMA website, and the 2023 training brochure.

These classes are located on the Second and Third Floors.

- **Data Literacy and Storytelling for Cities** (new)
  Room 210/211
- **Governing the Commons: Collective Decision Making in Complex Systems*****
  Room 303
- **Municipal Long-Term Budgeting**
  Room 304
- **Service Delivery Strategy – Efficiency & Tax Equity for Local Governments**
  Room 305
- **Steering Through the Storm: Guiding Your Community Through a Disaster*** (new)
  Room 212/213

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Municipal Training Institute
Training class descriptions can be found on the Cities United Summit Mobile App, GMA website, and the 2023 training brochure.

These classes are located on the Second and Third Floors.

(Lunch is included for the 3-hour classes)

- **Economics of Education**
  Room 301
- **Municipal Annexation: Growing Pains and Growth Spurts**
  Room 206/207
- **Municipal Taxation 101: The Basics***
  Room 208/209
- **Public Works Services***
  Room 204/205
- **Recreation and Parks - Building Communities**
  Room 302

12:00 p.m. (staggered times for 6-hour classes)

Training Luncheon

(This luncheon is for people registered for a training class on Friday only - 3-hour and 6-hour classes. Assigned times will be announced in each 6-hour class).

Grand Ballroom (located on the Second Floor)

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Municipal Training Institute

Training class descriptions can be found on the Cities United Summit Mobile App, GMA website, and the 2023 training brochure.

These classes are located on the Second and Third Floors.

(Lunch is included for the 3-hour classes)

- **Funding and Programming New Transportation Projects in Your Community**
  Room 302
- **How to Attract and Retain Young Professionals in Your Town**
  Room 206/207
- **Human Trafficking: Georgia's Role and Response**
  Room 301
- **Information Privacy and Security Breaches: Prevention and Response***
  Room 208/209
- **Open Records***
  Room 204/205

**"required" list for the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Certificate Program.*

**** part of the Advanced Leadership Track for the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Certificate Program and are needed to complete the Certificate of Dedication.*

4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Training Board Meeting

Room 214

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Registration
Second Floor

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast
(for training participants)
Second Floor

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Municipal Training Institute
Training class descriptions can be found on the Cities United Summit Mobile App, GMA website, and the 2023 training brochure.

(Breakfast and lunch are included for these 6-hour classes)

- **Building Community Capacity Through Tourism**
  Room 206/207
- **Community and Media Relations***
  Room 204/205
- **Downtown Development Authority Basic Training (ends at 4:30 p.m.)**
  Room 303
- **Environmental Sustainability**
  Room 311/312
- **How Shall We Live? Practical Ethics for Public Life*****
  Room 309/310
- **Law Enforcement Services: Trends and Best Practices**
  Room 313/314
- **Municipal Finance I***
  Room 305
- **Municipal Law***
  Room 210/211

- **Managing Growth: Economic and Natural Resource Issues**
  Room 203
- **Navigating the Future: Thinking, Planning, and Acting Strategically**
  Room 301
- **Planning and Zoning***
  Room 212/213
- **Regional Approaches to Cooperation**
  Room 304
- **Revitalizing Neighborhoods – Tools for Local Officials**
  Room 208/209
- **Water Management – An Introduction for Local Governments**
  Room 302
- **Clerks' Course – Legislative Process for Local Governments (CE Credit)****
  Galleria 1

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*** This course is for Clerks and not a part of the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Certificate Program.*

12:00 p.m. (staggered times)

Training Luncheon

(This luncheon is for people registered for a training class on Saturday only. Assigned times will be announced in each class.)

Grand Ballroom (located on the Second Floor)

3:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

GMA Board of Directors' Meeting

Salon West

Presiding:
Julie Smith, Mayor, Tifton - GMA President

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

ALL EVENTS ARE LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration

Second Floor

7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Worship Service

Room 204-207

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Federal Policy Council Meeting

Salon West

The Federal Policy Council (FPC) is GMA's federal legislative advocacy group, serving as the primary statewide network between GMA, member cities, and Georgia's U.S. House and Senate members. The primary purpose of the FPC is to maintain communications with the Georgia congressional delegation in support of GMA's federal municipal policies. At this meeting, FPC members will receive an update on what's expected for the early months of the new session of Congress that will be of interest to cities.

Chair:
Fred Perriman, Mayor, Madison - GMA Second Vice President

Speakers:

- Eric Johnson, Senior Legislative Advisor, Office of Congressman Barry Loudermilk, GA-11
- Jared McKinley, District Director, U.S. Representative Nikema Williams (GA-05)

Staff Contact:
Becky Taylor, Director, Federal Relations & Research

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Orientation for First-Time Attendees

(Light breakfast included)
Salon East

Newly elected officials and first-time attendees are encouraged to attend.

Staff Contact:
Pam Helton, Director, Member Services

Special thanks to The Gas Authority, Georgia Restaurant Association and Turnipseed Engineers, Inc. for sponsoring this event.

9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Policy Committee Meetings

The purpose of these policy committee meetings is to discuss legislative issues of interest to cities being debated during the 2023 legislative session. The membership will use the meetings to review legislative priorities as they impact policy items adopted by city officials during the GMA Annual Convention. In addition, the committee members will hear from local and state elected and appointed officials regarding their thoughts on the 2023 legislative session.

Environment and Natural Resources

Room 204-206

A once-in-a-century pandemic event has led to a tidal wave of funding opportunities at the federal and state level for local governments. Between the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, the American Rescue Plan Act, and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, local governments have billions of dollars in funding at their disposal. The meeting will connect you with federal and state leaders in the ENR space who will enumerate what is available, what the landscape is, and how you can capitalize on these opportunities for your city.

Chair: Van R. Johnson, II, Mayor, Savannah

Speakers will include key members of the General Assembly, state agency officials, and local officials familiar with these issues.

Staff contact:
Noah Roenitz, Governmental Relations Associate

Public Safety

Room 209-211

Public safety accounts for approximately one-third of every municipality's budget, ranking it among the

most critical services delivered to city residents. Post-pandemic challenges in public safety became apparent: a rise in unsheltered homelessness, behavioral health awareness and slower EMS response times. Ultimately, cities met these challenges through partnerships at the state and local levels—crafting solutions that were responsive and tailored to public needs. This year, hear from state officials, legislators and city officials about the triumphs in delivering public safety services to their residents during difficult times.

Chair: Kelly Girtz, Mayor, Athens-Clarke County

Speakers will include key members of the General Assembly, state agency officials, and local officials familiar with these issues.

Staff Contact: DeMetris Causer, Governmental Relations Associate

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Municipal Government

Room 209-211

Twenty-five years ago, the General Assembly enacted House Bill 489 and thereby created the periodic requirement that local governments adopt a "service delivery strategy." The stated intent of the legislature was "to provide a flexible framework within which local governments in each county can develop a service delivery system that is both efficient and responsive to citizens in their county." Over the subsequent decades, many disputes have arisen about the design and implementation of these strategies. Cities and counties often have very different perspectives when it comes to

how best to provide efficient and responsive services to their residents. Speakers in this session will discuss the status of litigation between specific cities and their county counterparts, alternative forms of dispute resolution that might be considered, and the role of the Department of Community Affairs in supervising the process. Members of the General Assembly will share their perspective on service delivery.

Chair: Anthony Ford, Mayor, Stockbridge

Speakers will include key members of the General Assembly, state agency officials, and local officials familiar with these issues.

Staff Contact: Jim Thornton, Director, Governmental Relations

Revenue and Finance

Room 204-206

Local Option Sales Tax, more commonly known as LOST, represents a vitally important revenue source for the cities of Georgia and is a crucial means of property tax reduction for residents. LOST is a one percent optional sales tax, levied county-wide in which the proceeds are split between the county and qualified municipalities according to a distribution agreement. Entering 2022, LOST was levied in 154 Georgia counties containing 484 qualified municipalities with over $745 million collected in revenue. LOST proceeds on average represent 19 percent of municipal general fund revenue. As cities across Georgia have just experienced, LOST distribution certificates must be renegotiated following the decennial census, with failure to submit a new certificate by the end of last year resulting in LOST lapsing. Following this most recent round of LOST negotiations, attendees will hear from experts intimately involved in LOST renegotiation regarding experiences and difficulties, lessons learned, and potential future changes regarding this process.

Chair: Betty Cason, Mayor, Carrollton

Speakers will include key members of the General Assembly, state agency officials, and local officials familiar with these issues.

Staff Contacts:
Ryan Bowersox, Associate General Counsel
Leona Rittenhouse, Governmental Relations Associate

12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Awards Luncheon

Grand Ballroom

Presiding
Julie Smith, Mayor, Tifton - GMA President

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem
Jonathan Sumner, City Manager, Hahira

Invocation
Dr. Clemontine Washington, Mayor Pro Tem, Midway

Lunch

Preview of the 2023 Session of the Georgia General Assembly
- Jim Thornton, Director, Governmental Relations, GMA

Special Announcements and Recognitions
- Larry Hanson, CEO and Executive Director, GMA

Visionary City Awards Presentation
- Ben Young, Editor in Chief and Publisher, Georgia Trend
- Larry Hanson, CEO and Executive Director, GMA

Recognition of Certified Cities of Ethics
- Randall Walker, Mayor, Perry - GMA First Vice President

Municipal Training Institute Certificate Presentation
- Tiffany Zeigler, Mayor Pro Tem, Pembroke - Municipal Training Board Chair
- Rob Gordon, Director, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia
- Aileen Harris, Training Manager, GMA

Individual photos of training certificate recipients will be taken following the luncheon.

Special thanks to Comprehensive Program Services and Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia for sponsoring this event.

2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Community Development

Room 204-206

We've all heard the tale by now. The COVID-19 pandemic set off a housing market feeding frenzy across the US, and Georgia bore the brunt of the blow. Stark increases in demand fueled by historically low interest rates, changing lifestyles, and domestic immigration to the Peach State shed a light on years of our inadequate scale of development stemming back to the 2008 crisis. What supply is on the market is subject to purchase by out-of-state investors and hedge funds which works to create regional ownership monopolies and artificial inflationary pressures on the sale and rental markets. Across our state, municipal leaders are developing innovative solutions to address the housing shortages, working in partnership with state agencies, other local governments, differing authorities, developers, builders, and most important of all, their constituents. Our speakers will illustrate the narratives that exist in the housing realm, available solutions, and the politics of housing the General Assembly will be debating this session.

Chair: Regina McDuffie, City Manager, Brunswick

Speakers will include key members of the General Assembly, state agency officials, and local officials familiar with these issues.

Staff Contact: Noah Roenitz, Governmental Relations Associate

Transportation

Room 209-211

Road safety is paramount, yet increased truck traffic raises the risk of encounters with pedestrians and non-commercial drivers. Together, city and state officials develop policies that balance safety with transportation, while maintaining the integrity of local roads and infrastructure. Also, the transportation frontier is changing. Electric vehicles offer a viable alternative for traveling the state. Join the Transportation Policy Committee and discover how state and local officials are developing plans to steer Georgia towards a safer, equitable, and transformative future.

Chair: Michael Chidester, Mayor, Byron

Speakers will include key members of the General Assembly, state agency officials, and local officials familiar with these issues

Staff Contact:
DeMetris Causer, Governmental Relations Associate

4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Legislative Policy Council Meeting

Salon West

The Legislative Policy Council is responsible for guiding policy decisions during the legislative session based on GMA's 2023 legislative priorities. Following the meetings of the six policy committees, the Council will review the discussions and learn about opportunities for engagement between city officials and legislators during the 2023 General Assembly session.

Presiding:
Randall Walker, Mayor, Perry - GMA First Vice President

Staff Contact:
Jim Thornton, Director, Governmental Relations

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Information Session on New Programs Offered through GMA

Room 309-310

Attendees will hear brief presentations about important new programs offered through GMA. Time will be allotted for Q&A following each program presentation.

The Cyber Aware Program is a security awareness training program powered by VC3. Ninety percent of all successful cyberattacks start in email, and cities can no longer rely on firewalls, antivirus software, and secure remote connections to protect them. Most cyberattacks are not sophisticated technical hacks. Instead, cyber attackers often use social engineering to trick people—making the actions of staff one of the greatest risks to a city. This program educates and trains city officials and staff about cyberattacks and how to put measures in place to guard against them.

The Municipal Leader Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Certificate Program consists of eight modules (Inclusive Leadership, Emotional Intelligence, Financial Management, Excellence in Public Safety, Economic and Community Growth, Community Engagement, Human Resources, Capstone Project) delivered monthly that provides city elected officials and senior staff with the knowledge, tools, and resources to create a foundation for sustainable, equitable, and economic prosperity for their city and its residents by creating an environment that values differences, fosters relationships and seeks a spirit of belongingness.

The Certified City of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (Certified City of DEIB) Certification Program recognizes cities that adopt policies and practices that promote equity and inclusion within their municipal government and community in seven categories: Workforce Housing, Education, Health & Wellbeing, Public Safety & Restorative Justice, Community & Economic Development, Municipal Workforce Development & Employment, Community Dialogue/ Stakeholder Engagement. There are four tiers of certification available: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum.

The Excellence in Policing Certification Program is designed to walk police agencies through the process of strengthening departmental policies and practices that meet standards in line with other certification programs and can be implemented in a cost-effective and efficient manner. It demonstrates a commitment to the highest professional standards, offers peace of mind for city leaders, and prioritizes equity and inclusion. The program consists of 12 required policy areas: Equal Opportunity Employment Plan, Officer Code of Conduct, Vehicle Operations and Pursuit, Evidence and Property, Search and Seizure, Use of Force/Response to Aggression, Arrest, Equipment Usage, Off-duty Employment, Crisis Incident Stress Management, Body and Car Cameras, Public Safety Information Officer. The program is a cooperative effort between the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP) and Local Government Risk Management Services (LGRMS).

The Embrace Civility Initiative encourages elected officials to nurture a civil environment. "Civility" refers to the ability to acknowledge the humanity of others, which is a necessary component of sociability. It enables us to live, work, and play in organizations and communities respectfully and kindly. By adopting the model Embrace Civility Pledge, the governing body demonstrates a commitment to fostering a social environment where everyone is treated civilly and respectfully.

Moderator: Kay Love, Managing Director, Georgia City Solutions

Presenters:

- Darin Jenkins, Director, Financial and Operational Services
- Dave Mims, Vice President, Strategic Partnerships, VC3
- Freddie Broome, Director of Equity and Inclusion
- Dan Beck, Director, Local Government Risk Management Services (LGRMS)

Staff Contact:
Kay Love, Managing Director, Georgia City Solutions

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Networking Reception

Salon East

Special thanks to Atlas, ESG Operations, Goodwyn|Mills|Cawood, Government Window, Parker Young, and Schneider Electric for sponsoring this event.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

6:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Registration

Second Floor

6:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Legislative Networking and Capitol Connection Breakfast Program

Grand Ballroom

(Breakfast buffet lines open at 6:45 a.m., and the program begins at 7:15 a.m.)

Presiding
Julie Smith, Mayor, Tifton - GMA President

Invocation
Vince Williams, Mayor, Union City – GMA Immediate Past President

Welcome
Andre Dickens, Mayor, Atlanta

Introduction of GMA's Governmental Relations Team and Preview of Cities United Day at the Capitol
Jim Thornton, Director, Governmental Relations, GMA

Recognition of Special Guests
Larry Hanson, CEO and Executive Director, GMA

Remarks

- Honorable Brian Kemp, Governor (via recorded video)
- Honorable Burt Jones, Lieutenant Governor (invited)
- Honorable Jon Burns, Speaker of the House (invited)

Special thanks to The Coca-Cola Company, Elarbee, Thompson, Sapp & Wilson, LLP, Georgia Power and Ruffneck Scarves for sponsoring this event.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Cities United Day at the Capitol

With the Georgia General Assembly underway, it is vitally important that legislators see that municipal officials are speaking with one voice through the Georgia Municipal Association. After the Legislative breakfast, city officials are asked to visit with their senators and representatives at the State Capitol. An announcement will be made at the close of the breakfast indicating where inside the Capitol city officials will be asked to assemble for a photo and guidance on contacting legislators. GMA staff will be on-hand to assist in directing city officials through Capitol Hill.

Buses will be available to shuttle city officials between the Hilton and Capitol between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Hotel Floor Plan

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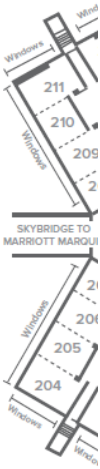

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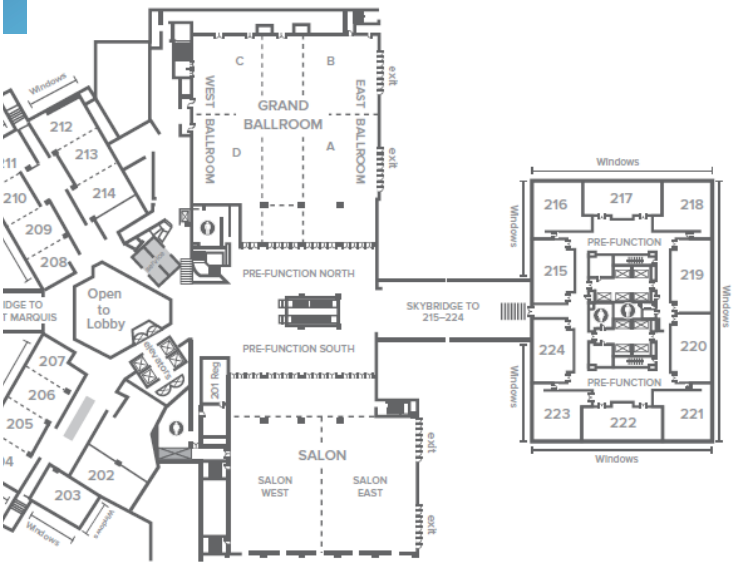

THIRD FLOOR

Youth Forum
Cities United Summit

Throughout the state, city leaders are beginning to see their younger citizens as a resource for community problem-solving. In these cities, youth councils are working with elected officials and other city leaders to tackle important issues and discovering that their voice matters to their city leaders. More than 30 cities in Georgia currently have a youth council.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Icebreaker Session
Galleria 4

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Group Activity and Dinner at Top Golf Atlanta
Transportation to and from venue will be provided.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Event Kickoff and Keynote Address
Galleria 4

Speaker:
Michael Thurmond, DeKalb County CEO

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Legislative Panel

Panelists:
Representative Teri Anulewicz and Representative Rey Martinez

Moderator:
Brian Wallace, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Georgia Municipal Association

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Policy and Legislative 101

Speaker:
Rusi Patel, General Counsel, Georgia Municipal Association

10:30 a.m.
Break

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Policy Committee Meetings

Participants will attend the meetings of the GMA Revenue & Finance Policy Committee and the GMA Municipal Government Policy Committee.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Lunch
Galleria 4

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Policy Committee Meetings Debrief and Activity

Youth Advisors Roundtable
Galleria 5

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Public Speaking Activity

Facilitator: Alexandra Campos Castillo, Program Manager, Georgia City Solutions

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Break

2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Storytelling Workshop: Advocating for Your Community through Story Telling

Facilitator: Alexandra Campos Castillo, Program Manager, Georgia City Solutions

4:00 p.m.
Event Closing

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

6:45 a.m.
Legislative Networking and Capitol Connection Breakfast Program
Grand Ballroom

9:00 a.m.
Cities United Day at the Capitol

Shuttle service will be available from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Training Certificate Recipients

Certificate of Dedication (276 Hours)

Thomas Barbee, Port Wentworth
Ed O. Boyd, Metter
Bill Collins, Rome
James H. Douglas, Cairo
James R. Henson, Dallas
Albert Samples, Wadley
Sammie D. Shropshire, Jr., Barnesville
Susan D. Wilkinson, Smyrna

Certificate of Distinction (204 Hours)

Larry D. Baker, Walthourville
Keith Boone, Locust Grove
Wayne Braswell, Royston
Brandon S. Hembree, Sugar Hill
James Hendry, Walthourville
Ron Larson, Dahlonega
Chris Moore, Greensboro
Catherine Foster Rowell, South Fulton

Certificate of Excellence (120 Hours)

Russell Adams, Byron
Stephanie Almagno, Baldwin
Valerie Anderson, Austell
Johnny Ariemma, Dahlonega
Edward Armijo, Centerville
Yolanda Barber, Stockbridge
Jim Bojo, Rome
Kelly Bomar, Ringgold
Eric Christ, Peachtree Corners
Linda J. Davis, Fairburn
Hank Griffeth, Milledgeville
Brandon S. Hembree, Sugar Hill
Aaron Higgins, Pooler
Tyson Jackson, Social Circle

Angelette Mealing, Union City
Bianca Motley Broom, College Park
Holly B. Murray, Griffin
Andrea Pierce, Ashburn
Venterra Pollard, Camilla
Traysa Cody Price, Social Circle
Valyncia Smith, Conyers
Karen Williams, Pooler

Certificate of Achievement (72 Hours)

Connie Alsobrook, Conyers
Nan Bowen, Cleveland
Chris Carter, Dallas
Wesley Dove, Carnesville
James Dumas, Homer
Booker T. Gainor, IV, Cairo
Nealie Johnson, Montezuma
Beverly R. Jones, Stone Mountain
Greg Judy, Fitzgerald Water, Light and Bond Commission
Bobby Lester, Jonesboro
Henry Lust, Powder Springs
Mona MacKenzie, Ocilla
Barbara Maefield, Nahunta
Martin Meeks, Hampton
Nycole Miller, Douglasville
Mary Ann Mitcham, Hampton
Hursula W. Pelote, Guyton
Cheryl Richardson, Marietta
Ann Tarpley, Hampton
Robert Turner, II, Stonecrest
John Waller, Thomson
Tod Warner, Snellville
Dexter Whittaker, Unadilla
Timothy B. Young, Hapeville

Certificate of Recognition (42 Hours)

Darryl Albritton, Perry
Bonny Askew, Rome
Pearlie Axson, Riceboro
Raymond Ballew, Tallapoosa
Derrick Battle, Hiram
Charlie Bibb, Warner Robins
Jesse Blackwell, Rincon
Rudy Breedlove, Locust Grove
Danny Brown, Sandersville
ShaQuetta Brown, Davisboro
Regina Coney, Millen
Charles W. Davis, Douglas
David Duncan, Euharlee
Melanie Elder, Austell
Ruby Foster, Chattahoochee Hills
Thomas Gary, Nicholson
Roderick Gay, College Park
Cherysh Green-Caldwell, Ashburn
Heather Hall, Suwanee
Michael-Angelo James, Waycross
Sheila Jefferson, Fitzgerald
Kevin Johnson, Fitzgerald
Ron Johnson, Jr., Donalsonville
Jennifer Sara Kolbie, Dublin
Kevin Lashley, Warner Robins
Diane Leggett, Hazlehurst
Andrew Lemmon, Cochran
Derek Mack, Warner Robins
Venus Mack, Statesboro
Cynthia Miller, Monticello
Tara Miller, Palmetto
Harold Moore, Wadley
Gabrielle Nelson, Port Wentworth
Vanessa W. Thomas, McDonough
Laura Beth Tucker, Camilla
Willie Turner, Hampton
Wanda Warren, Thomasville

Robert E. Knox, Jr. Municipal Leadership Institute

Johnny Ariemma, Dahlonega
Bonny Askew, Rome
Jule Bady, Jr., Twin City
Sherri D. Bailey, Georgia Municipal Association
Yolanda Barber, Stockbridge
Amy Barrett, Hiawassee
Kelly Bomar, Ringgold
Carla Coley, Cochran
Josh Colley, Georgia Municipal Association
Michael E. Dodd, Forsyth
James Eubanks, Pelham
Deborah Fisher, Grovetown
Marci Fluellyn, Lovejoy
Gilbert Freeman, Jr., Stone Mountain
Carla Gowen, Fort Valley
Ora S. Hall, Baxley
Brandon S. Hembree, Sugar Hill
Jon Howell, Jefferson
Tyson Jackson, Social Circle
Tom Lambert, Dunwoody
Lucretia Leigh, Georgia Municipal Association
Jeffery Lundy, Fort Valley
Angelette Mealing, Union City
Tonya Moody, Woodbury
Frank Moran, Hiram
Hursula W. Pelote, Guyton
Traysa Cody Price, Social Circle
Corey Reeves, South Fulton
Dr. Pamela Shuman, Jesup
Rhonda Swaney, Ringgold
Fred Van Hartesveldt, Fort Valley
Helen Z. Willis, South Fulton

GMA 2022-2023 Board of Directors

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First Vice President - Randall Walker, Mayor, Perry
Second Vice President - Fred Perriman, Mayor, Madison
Third Vice President - Bianca Motley Broom, Mayor, College Park
Immediate Past President - Vince Williams, Mayor, Union City

Active Past Presidents

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Deana Holiday Ingraham, Mayor, East Point
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Rusty Paul, Mayor, Sandy Springs

District Officers

First District

President - Tyree Goodlett, Councilmember, Dalton

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Second District

President - Tray Hicks, Councilmember, Hartwell

First Vice President - Robert (Buddy) Moore, Councilmember, Blairsville

Third District

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April 13-14, 2023

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Savannah Convention Center, Savannah
June 23- 27, 2023

Small Cities Conference and Pre-Event Training
Oconee Fall Line Technical College, Dublin
August 16-19, 2023

Downtown Development Authority Training
Canton
August 21, 2023

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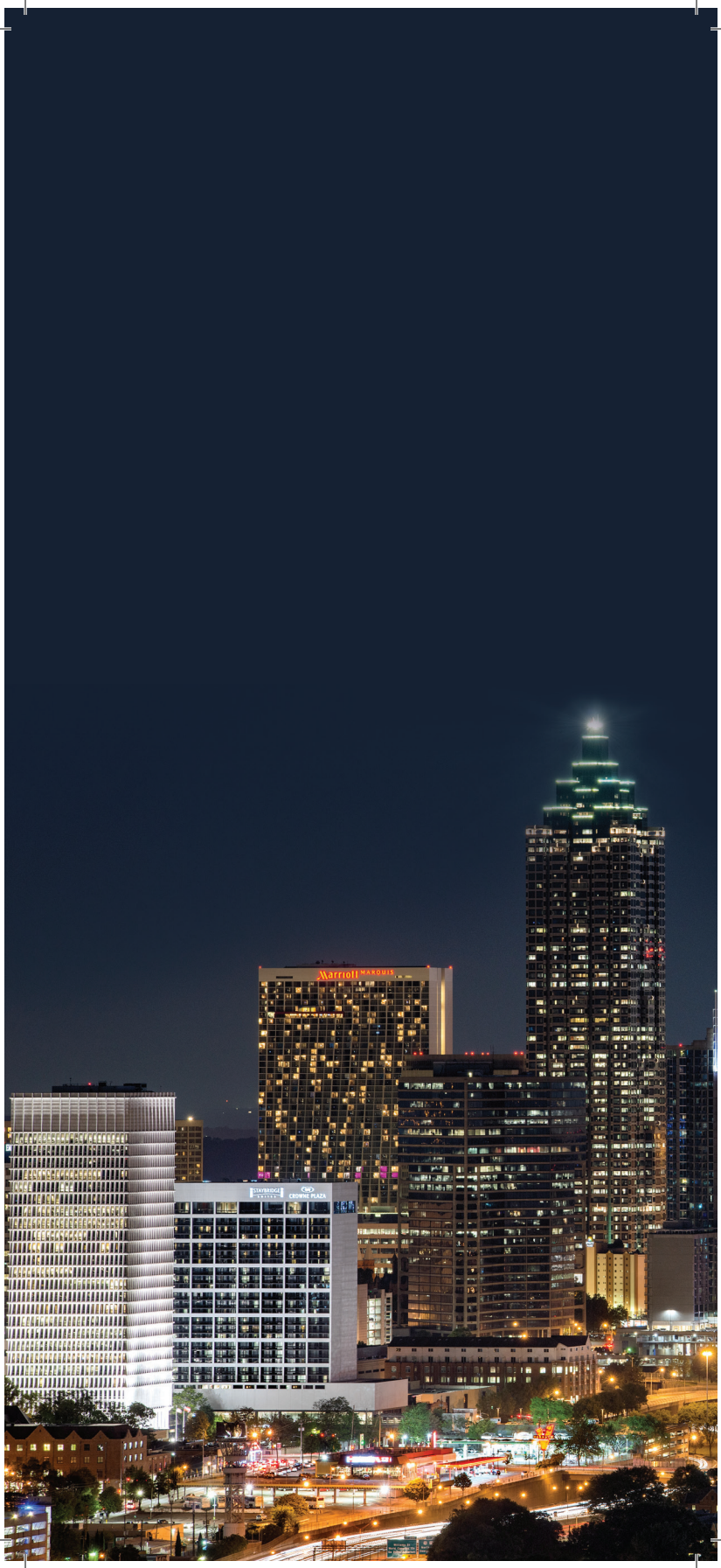
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