

Candidate Questionnaire for Atlanta's 2025 Citywide Elections

Section I: Personal Background and Motivation

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Brief Biography (max 250 words):

Byron D. Amos is a dedicated public servant, lifelong community advocate, and proud son of Vine City. With over 25 years of experience as an entrepreneur, nonprofit leader, and champion for public education, Byron brings a rare blend of lived experience, strategic insight, and grassroots leadership to City Hall. He believes the people of District 3—not politicians—should shape the future of their community.

Byron currently serves as the CEO of Capacity Builders Inc.; a nonprofit focused on civic engagement and community development. He is also the founder of End All Threat Security, a trusted firm that has protected Grammy winners, Oscar winners, and political leaders for more than two decades.

Prior to joining the Atlanta City Council, Byron represented District 2 on the Atlanta Board of Education. There, he led the charge to reintroduce vocational education and championed Atlanta Public Schools' first-ever Equity Policy—aimed at closing the achievement gap and ensuring every student has a fair chance to succeed.

He is a proud graduate of Booker T. Washington High School and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University. He is also a graduate of the FBI Citizens Academy, the City of Atlanta Police Citizens Academy, and the Fire Citizens Academy. Byron serves faithfully as a trustee at Beulah Baptist Church and is a devoted husband and father of four.

Section II: Priorities

1. What are your top three priorities if elected?

Neighborhood Preservation & Affordable Housing, Public Safety, Transportation and Economic Inclusion

Section III: Public Safety

2. The Atlanta Public Safety Training Center has sparked both support and opposition throughout our city. How do you view the Public Safety Training Center's role in shaping the future of public safety, and how would you ensure it serves the needs of both first responders and the broader community?

We must continue to invest facilities that our personnel rely on daily, from the Public Safety Training Center to local fire stations and precincts. These spaces directly impact morale. Programs like take-home vehicles and first responder housing are steps in the right direction but we must continue to offer first class facilities. The facilities are key in providing the type of training that we need for our first responders. There should also be an opportunity for other municipalities and agencies to use this facility for a fee. The broader community will benefit from a better trained first responder unit. In this facility our first responders should learn the curriculum of their trade, but it should also include techniques on community engagement, a deeper understanding of de-escalation technique and mental health.

Section IV: Transportation and Infrastructure

3. Traffic congestion, caused by delivery trucks and rideshare vehicles, physically blocks travel lanes on major roads like Peachtree and Piedmont. How can we ensure that this dangerous practice stops?

As the current chair of the Transportation Committee, I am committed to alleviating traffic congestion throughout the city. The Atlanta DOT will undertake an update to the city's Comprehensive Transportation Plan this year. Within the plan, our Curbside Management Plan should allow for permitted delivery times for business that are outside of busy traffic times. Rideshare vehicles that simply stop along busy roads are taking advantage of city-maintained streets and placing their riders and other car drivers in danger. Enforcement is key; citations should be issued via a physical officer and through electronic, video enforcement means.

4. What is your vision for revitalizing the Lindbergh area and addressing the visible blight along Piedmont Road, a key gateway into Buckhead? How would you work with city agencies and law enforcement to improve safety and aesthetics in this high-priority corridor?

There is a “Lindbergh area” in every part of the city that we must do better in ensuring that all our business corridors are aesthetically pleasing. Regarding the environment on Piedmont Rd., we need to ensure that our property owners have bought into the vision of the coalition of “advancing the quality of life for our businesses, our residents, and our visitors.”. Enforcement of our City Codes and Law are paramount as well. Our courts should prioritize code violation citations and allow the full extent of the law to help us in this situation. As we initiate our first round of Blight Tax properties, we should look for other innovative procedures to help as well.

5. Buckhead lacks sufficient sidewalk infrastructure, particularly in some residential neighborhoods and near schools, making walking uncomfortable and unsafe for many residents. While progress has been made in the commercial core, large portions of the community remain disconnected. What specific policies or funding strategies would you support to accelerate and incentivize sidewalk construction throughout Buckhead?

We need to complete the projects listed in the Renew Atlanta Bond package. These projects are very overdue. Next, we need to quickly implement the projects in the Moving Atlanta Forward Package. Projects like HUB404 Park Project, the Lenox Road Complete Safe Street Initiative, the Buckhead Area Smart System and several street and sidewalk improvements are paramount. After this is completed, I would advocate for policies that would combine mandatory development rules with targeted public funding and community partnerships. I believe that we need to look at some type of developers tax breaks or incentives to achieve our collective goals.

Section V: Education - Atlanta Public Schools (APS)

6. Many schools throughout Atlanta are currently facing significant under-enrollment. As part of the ongoing Facilities Master Plan, the APS Board is considering recommendations for school consolidations and redistricting by late 2025. Specifically, APS has circulated a [recent plan under community review](#) that outlines various scenarios that could repurpose

and consolidate existing facilities. What is your position on potential school closures or consolidations within APS? How do you believe these changes could impact schools in Buckhead, which currently experience some of the highest enrollment levels in the district?

I believe that all of Atlanta Public Schools should be high performing, after serving on the school board, I have a unique perspective on this subject. I believe that we would be better served by “right sizing” the attendance zones. After doing this there should be a comprehensive plan to bring all schools up to standards. We are a Charter System; we have the ability to design educational programs to meet our students where they are to teach them in the educational style that they learn in. We can’t afford to close any more schools, as the city begins to grow, closing schools and losing the property would put us in a financial burden to expand for future growth. We should learn from the success of Buckhead area schools and do what is needed to replicate what we have learned.

Section VI: Watershed

7. Considering the recurring and increasingly severe flooding events along Peachtree Creek, what specific policies or infrastructure investments would you advocate for to mitigate future flood risks and protect vulnerable neighborhoods? How will we pay for these?

We need to find a way to increase the capacity of our infrastructure to accept and hold water until it is allowed into the system. A tunneling system of underground tanks could be installed in all our city parks to achieve this goal. The funding would come from local, State and Federal funds.

8. The city has experienced multiple water main breaks and wastewater spills in recent years. What specific policies or oversight mechanisms would you support to prevent future infrastructure failures?

I believe pipes are one of those systems that work until they don’t. While some argue for replacing aging infrastructure, we must consider the hidden costs: traffic disruption, lost revenue, and impacts on daily life. As the only Councilmember who remained on-site during last year’s water main break in my district, I have a unique perspective. We need two critical improvements: A modern infrastructure mapping system to quickly locate shutoff valves and prevent prolonged water flow and downstream damage. A fully equipped rapid response team trained to assess situations enroute and begin repairs immediately upon arrival, with the right tools and expertise on hand.

Section VII: Tree Protection Ordinance (TPO)

9. Buckhead contains the majority of Atlanta's tree canopy and has seen significant community concern regarding the finalized Tree Protection Ordinance (TPO). How would you balance the need for development with the goal of protecting Atlanta's urban forest, especially in rapidly growing neighborhoods? What new policies or solutions, if any, would you support to strengthen the Tree Protection Ordinance (TPO) code enforcement process, currently managed by the Arborist Division within the Department of City Planning?

The new TPO increased tree recompense fees and enhanced the Arborist Division's authority, but some feel it does not go far enough to strengthen preservation and enforcement. We encourage innovative design, promoted public-private partnerships and established a tiered recompense system. We also need to hire more arborists and develop a clear, comprehensive and understandable procedure.

Section VIII: Final Thoughts – How Buckhead can Help the City of Atlanta

10. In what ways can the Buckhead community actively support the priorities you've set for your district or post within the City of Atlanta? Where do you believe Buckhead can have the most meaningful impact in advancing Atlanta's overall growth, prosperity, and quality of life?

Employment, Buckhead is home of the owners, CEOs of most of our businesses in the city and the home of most of our largest employers, if this group of individuals and companies made a concrete effort to train and employ the residents of Atlanta, this would be go a long way in addressing economic inclusion and it would help the city to maintain its status of being a world class city. This effort should be joined in by the City of Atlanta and other municipalities.