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My Vision for Lawrenceville
City of the Future
Diverse, Inclusive, for All



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MY VISION FOR LAWRENCEVILLE

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document, My Vision for Lawrenceville, hereinafter referred to as the “Vision Plan”, captures my plans for Lawrenceville while serving on the City Council. It shall outline my general platform, thoughts, and strategies which I intend to pursue while serving the citizens of Lawrenceville, Georgia as City Councilman for Post 3. This document also expounds on these ideas with explanation of how I wish to execute each goal. Also, this vision plan provides some personal insight on the candidate.

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As the seat of Gwinnett County, the second largest county in Georgia, I foresee the City of Lawrenceville as a thriving and bustling city of the future. By this, I mean Lawrenceville has the potential to be a city serving as an example for other small municipalities. Lawrenceville sits in a minority majority county, with citizens of diverse cultures, diverse ethnicities, diverse languages, diverse religions, and diverse philosophical thinking. The rich landscape of diversity is our true value proposition. The unique selling point we establish for the city is driven by collective input, ideas, and contributions made by all who have a genuine vested interest in Lawrenceville. We progress successfully because contributions to the growth and evolution of Lawrenceville are made by many people of varying perspectives and backgrounds, not by those who look and think the same, and adhere to the old status quo. The right investors (stakeholders), those who wish to grow a city reflective of its beautiful and rich diverse composition, will choose to do business with and in Lawrenceville, as they shall recognize the opportunity to help positively impact the lives of all residents, without partiality to any one particular and privileged group. This is extremely important and must be recognized and respected. Our city has a clear responsibility to continue growing and developing as a model for authentic diversity, inclusion, and fairness, while accepting of all who wish to do business in, play in, shop in, and live in Lawrenceville, regardless of socio-economic status, skin complexion, the language we speak, how we pray, and who we choose to love. This is OUR city, the people’s city. My vision for Lawrenceville is a city open to all who wish to embrace it as their own. This is how we move Lawrenceville forward and qualify it to be a city of the future.

CAMPAIGN PLATFORM (HIGH LEVEL VIEW)

- Economic Growth and Development
- Entrepreneurship and Small Business Support
- Safety, Security, and Quality of Life
- Code Enforcement
- Transportation Plans to Alleviate Traffic Congestion
- Solutions to Address Homelessness

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PROFILE – ABOUT THE CANDIDATE

RESIDENCE IN LAWRENCEVILLE, GA

8.0 years – New Hope Subdivision

SERVICE TO THE CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE

Downtown Architectural Review Board (DARB) – Appointed directly by The Honorable Mayor Judy Jordan-Johnson in December 2014.

“Move Lawrenceville Forward” Steering Committee, City of Lawrenceville – Appointed directly by The Honorable Mayor Judy Jordan-Johnson for development and approval of the Lawrenceville 2040 Plan.

The Lawrenceville Neighborhood Alliance (LNA) – Appointed directly by Gerold Martin, Chair, to the Executive Board for working on plans to enhance the quality of Lawrenceville.

SERVICE TO GWINNETT COUNTY AND THE 7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2012 DNC Elected Delegate – Elected by voters in Georgia’s 7th Congressional District

Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners Development Advisory Committee – Appointed directly by District 4 Commissioner, the Honorable Commissioner, Marlene Fosque, in January 2019.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Assisting the team of U.S. Congresswoman, Rep. Carolyn Bourdeaux (GA 7), to identify and distribute information to small businesses within the district who are adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and require support.

CAMPAIGN SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

Austin Thompson for Lawrenceville City Council – www.voteforaustinthompson.com

Facebook – facebook.com/austinthompsonforlawrencevillecitycouncil

Twitter – twitter.com/voteforaustinthompson

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FIVE PERSONAL CHARACTER TRAITS

1. Driven and Ambitious
2. Forward and Out-the-Box Thinking
3. Jovial and Good Natured
4. Compassionate and Considerate
5. Committed and Loyal

CAREER:

- Electronic Engineer (EMI/EMC Regulatory Compliance) – 17 years
- Senior Business Development – 5.5 years
- Project Management and Coordination – 25 years
- Adjunct Professor of Business and Project Management (Shorter University) – 8 years
- Small Business Consulting – 15 years

BIOGRAPHY

I immigrated to the United States of America from the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, South America in 1977, the continent's only English-speaking country located on the coast of the Atlantic Ocean bordered by Venezuela to the west, Brazil to the west and south, and Suriname to the East. I spent my formative years in the inner cities of East New York, Flatbush, and Crown Heights, Brooklyn, NY, and grew up in the low-income public housing apartments of Louis H. Pink Houses. My dad worked at the Bank of New York while completing his Marketing degree at Bernard M. Baruch College. My mom worked nights at the same bank. We did not have much in material possession, but we came to the United States determined to succeed. I attended the Academy for the Performing Arts at Erasmus Hall High School, where I majored in Theatre, and was active in championship football and track. I later attended Medgar Evers College pursuing a degree in Political Science and Economics. While attending college, I worked on Wall Street for Chase Manhattan Bank and later, Stone and Webster Engineering, acquiring administrative experiences that would serve me well later in life. In 1992, I relocated to Lithonia Georgia and established a Desktop Publishing and Typesetting business, and also worked several contract assignments to supplement my entrepreneurial endeavors.

I am a graduate of DeVry University (formerly DeVry Institute of Technology) with undergraduate degrees in Electronic Engineering and Telecommunications Management. I received my MBA and Master of Project Management with distinction from Keller Graduate School of Management in 2005. I worked 17 years as a Regulatory Compliance EMC Electronic and Project Engineer, and the past 5.5 years in business development, project management, and client relations. In 2007, I established Thompson Management Consulting, LLC to assist

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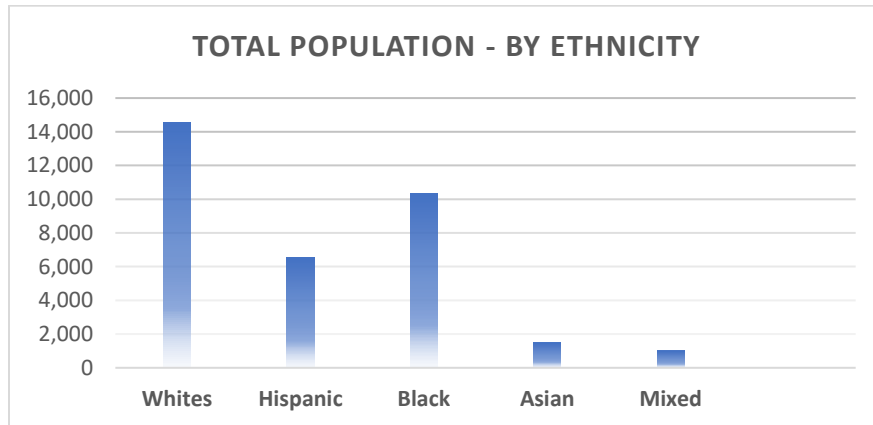
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entrepreneurs and small business owners develop business plans, and the business has grown into a comprehensive management consulting operation. For the past 8 years, I planned and executed an annual Entrepreneurship and Small Business Summit (ESBS) which invites top consultants from around the Metro Atlanta area to participate as workshop facilitators, panelists, and keynote speakers. The event, held during National Small Business Week, attracts anywhere from 100-150 attendees each year. In addition, I taught business courses as an Adjunct Professor at Shorter University, in the College of Adult and Professional Programs.

My current community involvement includes board responsibilities for Community Action Network Initiatives (CANI), mentoring, youth symposium planning, and past executive duties for the Guyana Association of Georgia (GAOG). I am currently an Advisory Board member for the Clyde L. Strickland Center for Entrepreneurship at Discovery High School where I judge shark tank competitions and mentor students on developing businesses. I am an author, publishing *A Brand New You: Taking Ownership of Your Personal Brand* in 2010. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, listening to music, traveling, and conducting business research. ***Please feel free to view my full Curriculum Vitae (CV). [Click here to go directly to my CV.](#)***

STATISTICS

LAWRENCEVILLE DEMOGRAPHICS



The City of Lawrenceville has a total estimated population of approximately 31,000+ residents. According to the Lawrenceville 2040 plan, the total population is expected to reach 41,139 by 2040, an increase of 33%. The current demographic composition is 42.4% White, 38% African-American, 26% Hispanic, and 6% Asian and other.

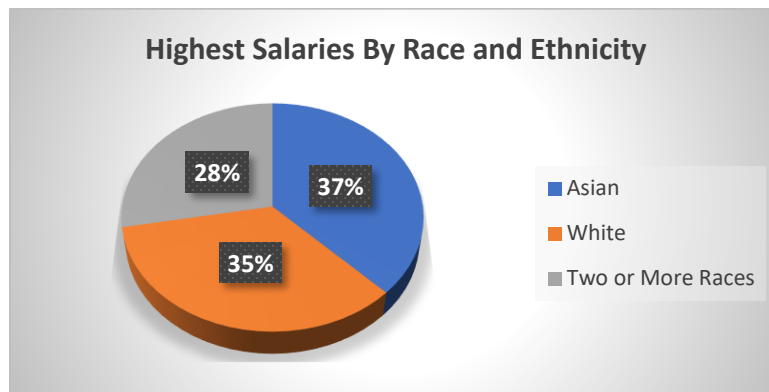
The City of Lawrenceville has an aggressive plan to encourage visitors and employees of the city to reside in Lawrenceville, which will help our city realize this 2040 total population number. As we approach the conclusion of a housing division along Culver Street, and the \$200,000,000 construction of a mixed-use residential and retail development in downtown Lawrenceville, we are fast increasing our chances of realizing population growth.



A rendering of a planned 32-acre mixed-use development that will include 435 multifamily units, 159 single-family and townhouse units, and 15,000 square feet of retail, all in downtown Lawrenceville.

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Considering income distribution within Lawrenceville, the median household income is \$52,585 (Average about \$67K), with a poverty rate of 21.6%. Median property value between 2013-2017 is \$154,400 (**2018 U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts – Lawrenceville City**) and documented as \$141,900 in the Lawrenceville 2040 plan, P. 13 (adopted December 2018), indicating a lower median home value. The Lawrenceville 2040 plan states that 61% of households are spending more than 30% of their income on housing costs, which is considerable in respect to how much disposable income households have for spending, after all expenses are paid. Finally, income distribution by race is reported as follows (dause.io/profile/geo/Lawrenceville-ga):



CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH

In my capacity as a small business consultant, working with start-ups, small businesses, entrepreneurs, innovators, thought leaders, and many in the entrepreneurial space for the past 15 years, has been an exhilarating experience. I have the pleasure of being around some of the most creative and influential thinkers, and have helped many with strategic business growth plans, or advising them along the path to starting their business. Economic and business development are my passion and working with the City Council, developers, entrepreneurs, investors, and like-minded individuals on how we can continue to grow the economics of our vibrant city is something in which I am excited. Cornerstone, and now the Gwinnett Entrepreneur Center (GEC), are examples of how we bring disrupters together in one area of shared office space, as businesses grow and develop their models. With several vacant properties and open lots around the city, there is potential to attract manufacturing and/or high-tech companies who wish to set up business in downtown Lawrenceville. We need companies, such as those providing assembly and manufacturing services to bring a plethora of jobs to our city. We need to support incubators and accelerators which are set up to develop and advance entrepreneurship in the city. In addition, we can encourage manufacturing and tech businesses to set up apprenticeships with Discovery High School and Gwinnett Technical College. I honestly believe we are saturated with restaurants and bars. We have great potential to convert much of the Depot area into a manufacturing/high tech hub for the city. Attracting high paying jobs to the city, the college corridor and our residents, tech or otherwise, will be great for our local economy, not another local restaurant/bar paying \$3/hr with tips. Just as we are currently investing \$31,000,000 in expansion of the Aurora Theater and the arts, we can invest in attracting the right business models for our city. With these ideas, we can potentially cut the 21.6% poverty rate, or 6,435 residents who live in poverty, by creating higher paying jobs with a living wage. As City Councilman, I plan to work with city officials on exploring ideas to continue growing our city of the future. We need forward thinkers and visionaries for the future.



Aurora Theatre Expansion Rendering

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SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

Small businesses are the backbone of the American economy, providing 66% of all net jobs. They are the primary job creators, service providers, and part of the DNA of any small municipality. I will work with the City Council and city leaders to ensure we are supporting our small businesses within the city to maximize opportunities for sustained growth. As we continue to endure the COVID-19 pandemic, from which we will soon emerge, small businesses, micro mom and pop models, and independent sole proprietors will need to leverage as much support as possible. Two key challenges for business owners who continue to operate are rent and cash flow. I will be an advocate for our small businesses, for-profit and non-profit, start-up and existing, to help deliver ideas and solutions for business owners. My plan is to research ways to leverage from and engage the newly developed Gwinnett Entrepreneur Center, which will be located in downtown Lawrenceville, to provide assistance to our small businesses.

As a small business and management consultant for the past 15 years, I have a passion for small business success and linking entrepreneurs with the resources they need to grow sustainably and successfully as they scale through the lifecycle of their business. Our local Lawrenceville economy need small businesses to be successful and creating jobs.

SAFETY, SECURITY, QUALITY OF LIFE

As Lawrenceville grows and welcomes new citizens, consumers, students, and visitors, safety and security planning updates will have to be reviewed and considered for all who intend to work, play, shop, live, study, and seek entertainment in Lawrenceville. Working with Lawrenceville police and the community on how we remain secure, safe, and alert is an initiative I plan to pursue as Councilman, not only for the downtown and affluent areas in the City of Lawrenceville, but also in the surrounding lower income residential areas.

Quality of life is dependent on several factors, and the city has already implemented some options for the downtown area, such as constructing sidewalks, installing bike lanes, and seating areas throughout the downtown area. However, these options should also be considered for residents outside the downtown area and especially in low-income housing communities where sidewalks, proper lighting, bike lanes, and amenities that contribute to enhancing the quality of life for residents are currently not present. In addition to sidewalks, some ideas expressed are renovated parks with water fountains and bathroom facilities, and brighter streetlights, among others. As City Councilman for Post 3, I plan to discuss these ideas to provide solutions and discuss budget line items to address these concerns expressed by our underserved and underrepresented, low-income communities.

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As I traveled to larger cities, I noticed several amenities of interest which will enhance the quality of life offered by the City of Lawrenceville. A mobile phone charging station (Figure A) that offers Wi-Fi hotspot connection will certainly be an attractive benefit to the downtown business and retail district, and key areas outside the downtown area. Another is bike sharing (Figure B). This is a great way for anyone working, residing, or doing business in Lawrenceville to travel around the city, while getting some great exercise. Couples or families can use the cycles to spend time riding together and stopping at various points of the city. In addition, it shall work well for individual riders. These are excellent considerations, not only for the enhancement of quality, but attracting a younger demographic to spend more time in the city shopping at local businesses. Future travelers staying at the new downtown Hilton Tapestry Hotel may find these ideas attractive, which can increase our competitive advantage when considering staying in Lawrenceville and strengthen our value proposition as a tourist destination.



Figure A



Figure B

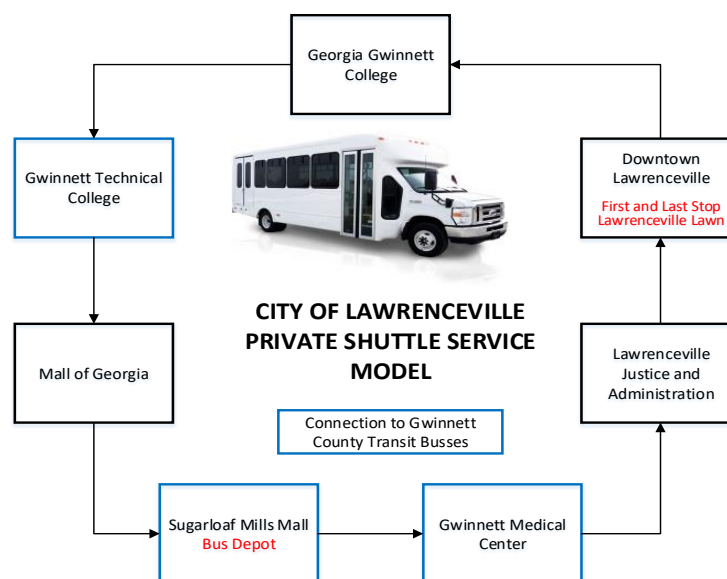
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CODE ENFORCEMENT

While serving on the executive board of the Lawrenceville Neighborhood Alliance, we worked diligently with the City Council and the office of Planning and Development to increase the visibility of city code enforcers, especially in communities where residents were/are clearly violating the codes. These efforts resulted in the hiring of a new Code Enforcement Manager, Jessica Watson, and garnered support from Councilwoman Victoria Jones and Councilman Keith Roche to resolve concerns of residential and business code violations. As new officers are hired to enhance and strengthen the code enforcement team, I plan to work diligently with Ms. Watson to ensure matters arising from code violations are addressed to maintain the quality we expect in Lawrenceville. Part of keeping our community safe, appealing, and welcoming is making sure everyone adheres to the codes set in place.

TRANSPORTATION

There are approximately 31,000+ residents within the city limits of Lawrenceville, with many individuals moving around key points of interest for work, shopping, entertainment, and other activities. Although many cars populate the roads creating massive congestion in numerous areas, there are still a high number of residents who need reliable transportation to get around the city and surrounding areas (i.e. youths, students, elderly, physically disabled, non-drivers, etc.). The aforementioned residents are those who create demand for transportation services. We should consider and provide options for our citizens to get around the city. Based on the diagram I created below (a proposed model), we see an image illustrating some of the key points of interest to help drive the local Lawrenceville economy, with the Mall of Georgia in mind for those who are employed in that particular area.



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As Lawrenceville increases in population with added living spaces and cars on the road, and with the new Hilton Tapestry Hotel on the horizon, the demand for alternative transportation (non-personal vehicular) has grown in significance. The city's population continues to increase, but the width of the roads is not expanding to accommodate increase traffic flow through the city. This illustration above is part of my plan to propose ideas to issue Request for Quotes (RFQ's) to transportation companies, who will submit proposals to provide shuttle/transportation service in and around the Lawrenceville Downtown area. This will vastly help fill a void for individuals who depend on transportation to get around, but do not have their own vehicle to travel. With private shuttle services they will have access to reliable transportation in addition to those modes which already exist like Uber, Lyft, and private taxi cabs. It is all about providing options to the residents, visitors, consumers, and business owners. Following are some ideas to consider, and these are only considerations:

- Daily hours of operation – 7AM to 10PM, Mon-Sat, with abbreviated service on Sundays.
- Conduct time studies at different times of the day between each point to determine travel length from start to completion, which will constitute a roundtrip beginning and ending at the Lawrenceville Lawn. This will also help determine the number of busses required to drive success of this initiative and be value-added.
- Send out RFQ's to providers and let them provide the service at a negotiated cost per rider under the supervision of the city, or the City of Lawrenceville can purchase (x) shuttle busses and hire (x) drivers for each bus to control the cost per rider. A Cost/Benefit or Feasibility Analysis will have to be conducted if the city will bear the cost of the initiative. Included will be a consideration of purchasing used or new vehicles, with depreciation to consider of the assets, salaries, benefits, liability insurance, etc.
- The purpose of the above illustration is to encourage discussion, but route planning will have to be considered, both for an initial pilot initiative in the short-term and expansion considerations for the long-term.

Considering the lack of sufficient alternative transportation options in and around the City of Lawrenceville, a shuttle service connecting key economic areas would be of tremendous value to our residents. In addition to shopping, tourism, and entertainment, we must consider those individuals who will have greater access to job opportunities, and expansive transportation options for travel to their places of employment. Local businesses will benefit from consumers having expanded options to travel and spend money at their shops (i.e. increased foot traffic, increased volume of customers, increased revenue, etc.).

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Finally, we can work to identify transportation providers who offer buses with accommodations for the physically impaired. One of the problems I discovered while listening to a program on NPR is that Lyft and Uber do not provide adequate vehicles for passengers with physical disabilities. We can solve that problem in Lawrenceville. Currently, Policy T1.3 in the Lawrenceville 2040 Plan (Page 39) makes a provision to pursue state, federal, and private funding for active transportation projects. We could possibly make this a “ride free” service if properly funded.

HOMELESSNESS

According to the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), Georgia currently has over 10,443 individuals reported as homeless, living in shelters, cars, tents, sleeping on park benches, and on the streets. Among the homeless are 801 veterans, 596 youth, 1,137 who are chronically ill, and many who are suffering from mental illness. Astonishing, 39,571 are public school students, reported by the USICH. According to Family Promise of Gwinnett County, an organization which assists struggling homeless families, Gwinnett County has the 3rd highest total homeless population in the state of Georgia, and Gwinnett County School System had approximately 1,943 homeless students, the organization reported. In Lawrenceville, slightly over 3,000 individuals are experiencing homelessness. With these alarming numbers, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners approved \$950,000 to combat homelessness in February 2019, while the City of Lawrenceville earmarked \$5,000,000, according to 11Alive.com. The Gwinnett Daily Post on February 17, 2021 reported a collaboration between Gwinnett County and the City of Lawrenceville to provide matching funds of \$525,000 to help families negatively impacted by the pandemic. These funds, with an additional \$1,000,000, are provided through the Lawrenceville Response Center and Impact46. Additionally, the city has partnered with Home First Gwinnett to combat homelessness. Organizations such as the United Way, the Salvation Army, and other notable entities are working to resolve many of these concerns. Local area churches such as Tabernacle International, Lawrenceville Presbyterian, First United Methodist, New Jerusalem, First Baptist Church of Lawrenceville, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and others are currently participating in programs to feed, clothe, and provide shelter for the city’s homeless individuals. These are significant accomplishments. However, as Lawrenceville continues to grow, and with the development of new homes totaling in the \$250,000 - \$300,000 range per unit, in a city where the median household income is around \$52,000, we must ensure there are options for current residents who may not be earning a living wage. Current low-income units are scheduled for demolishing by 2023, which will drive relocation for residents in these underrepresented areas. For those who currently reside in low-income housing and will not afford to live in new housing developments, this may further exacerbate the current problem of solving our homeless challenges. Where will these residents go? Who is speaking on behalf of their concerns? I will, and my representation will be inclusive of all 31,000+ residents in Lawrenceville.

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I have said, no one wakes up and decide to move onto the street and forgo the safety and comfort of a home. Low wages coupled with a high cost of living, gentrification and increased housing costs, unemployment due to job loss, and other factors contribute to the homeless epidemic, which we can all work together to resolve. While on the City Council, my plan is to work with many of these organizations to be a viable bridge between the City Council, their efforts and initiatives, and the residents most impacted by development projects. I plan to host quarterly discussions with city leaders and organizers to discuss how we can possibly consolidate resources to combat this persistent reality. It is encouraging that we have organizations working diligently to play their part. However, operating in silos prevents us from working collaboratively and leveraging valuable resources to resolve this major issue affecting many of our residents.

ADDITIONAL AREAS OF INTEREST

Utilities

At this present time, residents within the City of Lawrenceville have only one source for utilities, with no option from which to choose as an alternative. The city provides utility services to over 48,000+ customers within and outside the city limits, according to the City of Lawrenceville website. If you live within the city, the following payments are all consolidated into one single monthly payment to the city, with electric being the highest:

- Electric
- Gas
- Sewer
- Garbage
- Stormwater

Although, some customers appreciate this consolidated payment arrangement and considers it a convenience, other customers would welcome an alternative, such as Georgia Power, Jackson EMC, etc. Without competition, customers have only the single option, with no opportunity to choose a cost saving alternative. Residents and businesses should not be limited to a monopolization of utility services. They should have a fair opportunity to make a choice between competing agencies.

This is a matter I wish to address as Councilman, considering options for the residents and businesses within the city limits. It is one of the issues addressed during my canvassing and speaking with community residents. For those who are satisfied with the consolidated payment, they shall choose to remain on this arrangement. However, for those who would like a competitive option to the city's resources, they should have that opportunity. My plan is to

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address this with the Council and bring a discussion forward as to how we can offer affordable options to our residents and businesses. This also increases our favorability and value proposition to those who wish to live in or do business in the City of Lawrenceville. The city currently funds \$250,000 for a utility assistance program, to residents who are unable to pay their utility bills, but there should be alternatives to the single utility service option.

Education

As Councilman, I plan to engage and build a relationship with the Parents and Teachers Association/Organization to determine what the school system and students require to optimize their educational experiences, and what, in my legal jurisdiction and principled means, I can do to help. I am building relationships with area Principals, student leaders, school administrators, and Board of Education representatives to participate in conversations geared toward helping the schools in our city, in any way that I can, to positively impact the experiences of parents and students.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES I WISH TO ORGANIZE AND HOST AS COUNCILMAN:

- 1. Activity** – Townhall with business owners
Frequency – Quarterly
Purpose – Continuously engage business owners in downtown Lawrenceville to determine how I can assist with their concerns and to build a sustainable, valuable, and fruitful relationship with our local entrepreneurs.
Location – TBD (hopefully to have businesses serve as the host location on rotation)
- 2. Activity** – Seminars for entrepreneurs and business owners
Frequency – Monthly/Quarterly
Purpose – To provide educational material, discussion, and facilitation of areas critical for business owners to develop successful businesses. Areas of interest will include, but not limited to effective marketing, growing cash flow, efficient use of social media, developing your personnel, effective communication, etc. Seminars will be free to all who participate, and facilitators will be sourced from the SBA, SBDC, Chamber of Commerce, Better Business Bureau, consulting community, etc.
Location – TBD

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3. **Activity** – Townhall with residents
Frequency – Quarterly
Purpose – Engage our city’s homeowners to discuss existing challenges, concerns, and to build a united network of communication between residents. There are currently no townhall sessions schedule with city residents.
Location – TBD

4. **Activity** – Townhall or meetings with community based non-profit groups
Frequency – Quarterly
Purpose – Focusing on minimizing homeless experiences in Lawrenceville, this townhall will bring together all key stakeholders in the city to discuss best practices, strategies, and how we can leverage one another’s expertise and resources to eradicate homelessness in Lawrenceville. Instead of working in silos, we can discuss how to seek common ground in this common cause to fight homelessness.
Location – TBD

5. **Activity** – Celebrating Our Diversity
Frequency – Annual
Purpose – Organize and host an international festival showcasing diverse food, music, and cultural presentations from Lawrenceville’s diverse community. This will be a time of year when we all come together to celebrate, share, and embrace one another’s unique culture. Sponsors will be sought to defray the cost of hosting such an event.
Location – Lawrenceville Lawn

6. **Activity** – Youth STEM Showcase
Frequency – Annual
Purpose – To showcase the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) talents of our city’s young people. Young people will be encouraged to work on a project, register their team, choose a team captain, appoint a team advisor, and present their project during the showcase. All teams, once registered, will be given a duration of time to have their projects for showcase. This will be an endeavor to stimulate the creative energies of our young people, teach teamwork and team dynamics, camaraderie, project skills, time management, emotional intelligence in a team environment, and other acumen. Prizes will be awarded to the top teams.
Location – Lawrenceville Lawn

All activities will require committees to plan and execute, and others will be considered. Much more to follow as these plans will be developed.

CONCLUSION

On Tuesday, November 2, 2021, the citizens of Lawrenceville will go to the polls to cast their votes for a new City Council representative for Post 3. I am running to represent all 31,000+ residents of Lawrenceville. My sole purpose is to ensure that the City of Lawrenceville becomes a city of the future with diversity and inclusion as part of its practice and service to the citizenry of our beautiful and historic city.

It is with tremendous humility that I ask for your support. I can have a successful campaign, but it will not be a success without your support. Here are the many ways you can support our campaign.

1. Vote for Austin Thompson, Lawrenceville City Council – Post 3. I will work for all of you. If you do not live in Lawrenceville, and you have family and/or friends in the City of Lawrenceville, please encourage them to vote for Austin Thompson.
2. I greatly appreciate your donations, no matter the dollar value, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, or more. It all adds up and it shall make a positive impact on how we are able to spend on necessary campaign resources to deliver a win on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.
3. If you have time to volunteer, whether it is a half hour, one hour, two hours, half day, I will greatly appreciate your time. Volunteer to knock on doors, to make phone calls, write out post cards, donate stamps for postage, or sign waving. Please let us know how you wish to assist.
4. Finally, please leave your comments and let me know where you see Lawrenceville in the next 5-10 years. Let me know your personal vision for the city in which you live and are raising your family. Let us set up time to speak, whether on the phone or in person.

On Tuesday, November 2, 2021, please cast your vote for Austin Thompson, “The People’s Councilor”, Lawrenceville City Council – Post 3. Together, we can make the City of Lawrenceville the example it has the potential to be. Together, we can place our city in the hands of those who really matter to its future, and that is you. **Change begins with you.** Let us move Lawrenceville forward, and into the future. Please accept my gratitude for your support.

Important Voter Information

Due to the passing of SB 202, we continue to work diligently on determining accurate voter activity at the municipal level, which may be affected by the bill. Please continue to check our campaign website at www.voteforaustinthompson.com for all voter related updates. Information is posted there for you. We will post updates on the site to keep you informed.