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City of South Fulton’s Rowell and Reed Graduate from Leadership South Fulton

(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GA – July 23, 2020) – Two representatives of the City of South Fulton – Councilwoman Dr. Catherine Foster Rowell and Community development and Regulatory Affairs Director Shayla Reed – recently graduated from Leadership South Fulton.

Created and managed by the South Fulton Chamber of Commerce, the annual program brings together 15 local civic, government and business leaders from a broad cross section of backgrounds. All participants live in, represent or serve in the South Fulton region, which includes the cities of South Fulton, Hapeville, East Point, College Park, Fairburn, Union City, Palmetto and Chattahoochee Hills, as well as southwest Atlanta and the unincorporated Fulton Industrial Boulevard corridor.

“Leadership South Fulton was an integral part of the chamber and the South Fulton community from 1990 through 2008, helping to produce and identify existing and emerging leaders,” said Chamber President and CEO Y. Dyan Matthews. “The hiatus is over, and the program is back in full force. Congratulations to the 2020 graduates. They are true servant and civic leaders who are already leading by action.”

The eight-month program seeks to identify and motivate emerging leaders, enhancing their leadership potential by introducing them to the realities, opportunities and challenges throughout south Fulton County. This year, class members were introduced to strength-based development and servant leadership models to enhance their skills and knowledge.

The program includes a retreat, five full-day seminars, which include community tours, and discussion groups. Each class also works as a team to select and execute a capstone project that assists in improving one of the key critical issues facing the community.

“The engagement among participants and the lifelong connections that were formed speak volumes about the value of the program,” Reed said. “I am thankful for the opportunity to meet other community leaders and develop bonds that will help me as I serve the city.”

“Each month we examined a critical community issue – education, economic development, workforce development - to develop a mutual understanding on critical issues facing the region,” Rowell said. “Leadership South Fulton better equipped me to serve the residents of the City of South Fulton and set policy on their behalf.”

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