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### **Councilwoman Catherine Foster Rowell Hosts District 1 Economic Development Summit and Bus Tour**



(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA, Thursday, December 6, 2018) On Friday November 30, 2018, District 1 Councilwoman Dr. Catherine Foster Rowell hosted the District 1 Economic Development Summit and Bus Tour. The tour highlighted specific economic development opportunities, as well as incentives and development tools currently being planned and developed by the City.

Councilwoman Rowell emphasized how her district is poised and ready for development. "The explosive residential growth the area has seen has positioned the City of South Fulton as the fourth largest city (after excluding non-consolidated city/county governments) in the State of Georgia," stated Councilwoman Rowell. "As City leaders, we will need to focus on balancing the residential growth we have experienced by bringing in high quality commercial and mixed-use development projects."

The trend for "work, live and play," has also led residents to call for more recreational venues such as bowling alleys, movie theaters, private gyms, and other amenities that are convenient to access including grocery stores, dine-in restaurants, and drug stores.

"Councilwoman Catherine Foster-Rowell set an exciting agenda during the District 1 Economic Development Summit and Bus Tour," stated event attendee Cassius Butts, Lead Developer for the Fort McPherson Development Authority. "I applaud Mayor Edwards and City Manager Donald for working with Councilwoman Foster-Rowell, It sets an appropriate positive economic message to the citizens of South Fulton."

Christopher Pike, the City's Economic Development Administrator, shared demographic information and fielded questions from one at a time from developers. "The City encompasses multiple locations of opportunity for development and we are ready and willing to help developers find sites within the City of South Fulton that best fit their needs," stated Economic Development Administrator Christopher Pike. "Healthy business districts equate to thriving businesses, stable jobs and overall success for our City."

The event ended with a Bus Tour that showcased commercial properties that are for sale in City of South Fulton and land assemblage opportunities to support better and higher uses.

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