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City of South Fulton Government

City of South Fulton District 1 Councilwoman Catherine Foster Rowell to Receive Certificate of Achievement from the University of Georgia Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute

(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA, Thursday, January 17, 2019) On Sunday January 27, 2019, District 1 Councilwoman Catherine Foster Rowell will receive a Certificate of Achievement from the University of Georgia's Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute. Councilwoman Rowell will be awarded during the 2019 GMA Mayors' Day Awards Luncheon at the Atlanta Hilton and Towers.

The Municipal Training Institute, operated through a partnership between the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) and the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government, provides a nationally recognized series of training programs designed to help city officials enhance their knowledge and skills in municipal related matters.

Institute courses are offered in conjunction with GMA meetings as well as in "stand-alone" offerings throughout the year. The courses are voluntary, except for the state mandated Newly Elected Officials and offer city officials the opportunity to obtain additional training beyond what is required by state law. To receive a Certificate of Achievement, a city official must complete a minimum of 72 hours of training, including at least 36 hours from a list of required classes. Councilwoman Rowell completed the first tier of the five professional development certificates in June 2018 and received a Certificate of Recognition.

"The GMA courses equip me with the information and resources needed to bring best practices and innovation to the City of South Fulton," stated Councilwoman Dr. Catherine Foster Rowell.

Councilwoman Rowell is employed with Fulton County Schools and has also worked in the nonprofit sector as Executive Director of Operation PEACE; Senior Government Grants Manager for Families First; and Senior Program Director with Enterprise Community Partners. Additionally, she has held leadership roles in a number of public-sector consulting firms to include Beacon Analytics, the Bronner Group and MAXIMUS consulting firm.

Councilwoman Rowell is published and has served on numerous volunteer boards which include but are not limited to the Conference of Minority Public Administrators, National Forum for Black Public Administrators, and the National Coalition of 100 Black Women Metropolitan Atlanta Chapter. She holds a Bachelors Degree in Sociology and Social Work from Cleveland State University and a Masters of Public Administration and Doctorate of Political Science from Clark Atlanta University.