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City of South Fulton Selected to Join the National League of Cities Cities of Opportunity: Healthy People, Thriving Communities Cohort

(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA, October 6, 2019) The City of South Fulton has been selected to join the National League of Cities - Cities of Opportunity: Healthy People, Thriving Communities Cohort.

Thanks to the leadership of District 4 Councilwoman Naeema Gilyard members of City staff and citizens, the City of South Fulton will participate in an initiative designed to address disparities in cities and develop approaches and solutions to three critical areas: food deserts, environmental health and economic opportunity, all focused on equity and health.

"I am excited about the City of South Fulton being accepted in the second cohort of the National League of Cities, Cities of Opportunities because, equity and race are areas that require various data, how it is used, research and innovation with partnerships providing the multidisciplinary tools for solutions in the best interest of citizens said Councilwoman Gilyard.

"The city's plan focused on using city planning and design to create the policies, strategies and plans to support implementing urban agriculture, environmental health and community engagement projects. We also partnered with other entities to achieve the goals of the National League of Cities award," Gilyard said.

Those participating in responding to the award were: District 4 Council Member Naeema Gilyard, Community Development and Regulatory Affairs Director, Shayla Reed and Richard Hathcock, Senior Planner, City of South Fulton and Shadeed Abdul-Salaam, Director of Core2Globe.

Other cities selected to participate in the convening include:

- **City of Dubuque, Iowa**
- **City of Evanston, Illinois**
- **City of Las Vegas, Nevada**
- **City of Napa, California**

Members of this team are expected to travel to Washington , DC in November for the in-person convening to comprise the strongest team possible to assist with moving the work of the city forward. #OnwardSouthFulton

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