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Local Legislators Hold Movie Screening to Draw Attention to Voter Suppression

(City of South Fulton, GA – February 5, 2020) – Voter suppression affects elections throughout the country, according to a coalition of local legislators.

Georgia Sen. Nikema Williams, Reps. Derrick Jackson and William Boddie and City of South Fulton District 3 Councilwoman Helen Z. Willis held a screening of the movie *Suppressed: The Fight to Vote* and a voting machine demonstration on Tuesday, February 4.

Residents had a chance to learn about issues that plagued Georgia voters during the 2018 midterm election, including voter purges, missing absentee ballots and long wait times.

“Many people didn’t get their votes counted and felt marginalized during the 2018 midterm election,” said Willis. “I’m fully committed to ensuring residents have an opportunity to exercise their right to vote in an equitable democracy. The movie screening and voting machine demonstration highlighted several irregularities in the last election cycle and gave residents an opportunity to learn about the new voting machines.”

A Fulton County representative was on hand to give residents tutorials of how to use the new voting machines. The new system features touchscreens, printed paper ballots and ballot scanners.

According to the film, Georgia has closed 214 polling places since 2012, affecting nearly 1.3 million voters.

“The right to vote is the foundation of our democracy,” Sen. Nikema Williams said. “I will always stand up to make sure that right is not taken away. Until we get this right, nothing else matters.”

The voter registration deadline for the March 24 presidential primaries election is February 24. For more information about getting counted for the 2020 Census, visit www.cityofsouthfultonga.gov.

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