

ELECTION 2018 YOUR VOTE MATTERS

The 2018 Election is right around the corner and City of South Fulton residents are encouraged to participate in the upcoming election and to take advantage of early voting.

EARLY VOTING ENDS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018 • ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

HERE'S WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

SPECIAL ELECTION – REPEAL OF CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT FULTON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

“Shall the Act be approved which repeals the amendment to the Constitution of Georgia creating within Fulton County the Fulton County Industrial District and prohibiting the governing authority of Fulton County from levying any tax for educational purposes within the boundaries of an independent school system?”

A “YES” VOTE would allow one or more municipalities to apply for annexation of the Fulton Industrial District. If annexed by the City of South Fulton, the approximate \$7 to \$10.5 million will remain with Fulton County Schools. However, if annexed by the City of Atlanta, Fulton County Schools could lose this same \$7 to 10.5 million each year, as the property would no longer be within the Fulton school district boundaries.

A “NO” VOTE would remove the possibility of annexing Fulton Industrial Boulevard (FIB) into the City of South Fulton and other cities, resulting in a potential negative impact on the region.

FREEPORT EXEMPTION: Gives the governing authority of any county or municipality the ability to elect, with the approval of the voters, to remove the following types of tangible personal property from being taxed:

- Inventory of goods in the process of being manufactured or produced including raw materials and partly finished goods;
- Inventory of finished goods manufactured or produced within this State held by the manufacturer or producer for a period not to exceed 12 months;
- Inventory of finished goods on January 1 that are stored in a warehouse, dock, or wharf which are destined for shipment outside this State for a period not to exceed 12 months;

- Stock in trade of a fulfillment center which on January 1 are stored in the fulfillment center.

WHAT DOES THE FREEPORT EXEMPTION MEAN FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH FULTON?

Authorizes the City of South Fulton to:

- Remove taxes on goods being made or produced in the City
- Remove taxes on finished goods and products waiting to be delivered
- Remove taxes on finished goods being transported out of state
- Remove taxes from E-Commerce goods stored in fulfillment centers

A “YES” VOTE

- Would attract new businesses and companies to the City of South Fulton
- New businesses coming online will increase economic opportunities for City of South Fulton residents
- Current businesses could expand making additional capital investments within the City of South Fulton

A “NO” VOTE

- The City would collect Freeport taxes, hindering existing business revenue
- Could hinder business recruitment to the City
- Could potentially lead to decreased job opportunities

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION & AD VALOREM TAX

“Shall the Act be approved which provides a homestead exemption from Fulton County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of \$50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are older than 65 years of age?”

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WHAT DOES HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION & AD VALOREM TAX MEAN?

A homestead exemption is a reduction in homeowners' property taxes. The amount of the exemption for each homestead exemption is deducted from the assessed value (40% of fair market value). Ad Valorem Tax is a one-time tax that is imposed on the fair market value (or taxable base) of a vehicle, usually paid on vehicles that require a title at the time of title application.

VOTE YES?

- It reduces the amount of property taxes for residents older than 65 years of age

VOTE NO?

- The amount of property taxes for residents over 65 years of age remains the same

Do you approve a new homestead exemption from Fulton County School District property taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the difference between the current year assessed value of a home and its lowest base year value, provided that the lowest base year value will be adjusted yearly by the lesser of 3% or the inflation rate?

VOTE YES?

- It caps the amount of property tax increase for residents in the Fulton County School District to 3% yearly

VOTE NO?

- It increases the amount of property taxes for residents in the Fulton County School District based on the valuation, which could potentially be greater than 3%

SUNDAY ALCOHOL SALES

Shall the governing authority of the City of South Fulton, Georgia be authorized to permit and regulate sales of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages for beverage purposes by the drink from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.?

WHAT DOES SUNDAY ALCOHOL SALES MEAN?

Sunday Alcohol Sales give businesses the permission to sell alcohol beginning at 11:00 A.M.

VOTE YES?

- Allow the City of South Fulton to be competitive with neighboring cities
- Local businesses (restaurants, bars and grills) allowed to sell spirits and alcoholic beverages by the drink

VOTE NO?

- Prevents the City of South Fulton from being competitive with neighboring cities who attract restaurants and sell spirits and alcoholic beverages by the drink



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