

COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

2023 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

I. SHORT TERM RENTALS:

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the local legislative delegation support the GMA policy position on short-term rentals. The CCG supports local control of the regulation of short-term rentals as necessary for quality of life, public safety, and a competitive lodging marketplace. This Council urges the local delegation to support maintaining local control of units used as short-term rentals, subject to all applicable state laws and ordinances. *(Request of Councilor Evelyn Mimi Woodson and Toyia Tucker)*

Explanation:

The current Georgia Municipal Association policy provides as follows: Short-term or vacation rentals are popular in certain areas of the state, which often creates commercial competition inside residential neighborhoods. Lodging facilitator legislation passed in 2021 helps to level the playing field between short-term rental providers and more traditional hoteliers and bed and breakfast owners. Current state law requires short term rental operators to remit the appropriate state and local taxes on their transactions. Aside from taxation, municipal governments have a vested interest in balancing the community impact of short-term rentals. Parking, noise, and party houses can be recurring issues with short-term rental properties in unregulated environments. Operating lodging businesses in residential settings defeats the purpose behind residential designations, unless properly governed with clear guidelines from the local government.

II. MUSICAL PRODUCTION STATE SALES TAX CREDIT:

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation to expand certain state sales tax credits for production companies producing music or musical theatre productions to make it more feasible for production companies to take advantage of these credits in Georgia. *(Request of Mayor Pro Tem Gary Allen)*

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Explanation:

The current legislation provides for certain state sales tax credits for production companies producing music or musical theatre productions in Georgia while touring and defines parameters including the dollar amount to be spent in the State of Georgia over a certain period and length of time that a production must tour in order to be awarded the state sales tax credit. The current legislation excludes most music and music theatre production companies from taking advantage of the tax credit thereby severely limiting most production activity to outside the State of Georgia.

III. AMENDMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROVISION FOR REDEVELOPMENT POWERS LAW:

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the local legislative delegation introduce/support legislation to revise and to clarify the conflict of interest provisions in the Redevelopment Powers Law which address the participation of local government elective and appointive officials and employees in the creation and administration of Tax Allocation Districts. *(Request of Councilor Tucker and Glenn Davis/Carry Over From Previous Years)*

Explanation:

1) With respect to property acquired after the designation of a redevelopment area or TAD, the current law very broadly prohibits any "elected official, appointed official, **or employee** of any political subdivision, board, commission, or redevelopment agency from voluntarily acquiring any interest, direct or indirect, in any property contract or transaction or proposed contract or transaction in connection with the redevelopment of that redevelopment area..." The proposed revision would remove the blanket prohibition against voluntary property acquisition in a redevelopment area and instead provide that any official or employee who has a direct ownership interest in a property that is proposed to receive payment of redevelopment costs shall disclose the interest in writing to the legislative body and shall not vote or in any way participate in considering the matter or seek to influence the votes of others on the matter.

2) The current law requires that any elected or appointed official or employee of a political subdivision who has acquired any interest direct or indirect in property in the redevelopment area within the two years immediately prior to the date the plan is submitted to the local legislative body shall disclose the interest in writing 30 days in advance and "not participate in any action of the political subdivision which affects that

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property." The revision would cut the time of written notice to 5 days and limit the coverage of the provision to public officers as defined by O.C.G.A. Section 21-5-3 (22) instead of the current general reference to all elected officials, appointed officials and employees.

3) The proposed revision also refines the definition of the property interest covered by the conflict provision. The current law covers any transaction which facilitates the acquisition "any interest direct or indirect" in property and substitutes a direct ownership interest in property as defined by O.C.G.A. Section 21-5-3(8).

IV. COUNTY SPECIAL LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX MAINTENANCE RESERVE:

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the legislative delegation consider amendments to the County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax imposed by Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the official Code of Georgia Annotation to allow consolidated governments to expend up to 5% of the tax levied to be spent for future maintenance of the capital outlay projects approved by the referendum levying the tax. *(Request of Councilors John House and Judy Thomas/Carry Over From Previous Years)*

Explanation:

Previous capital outlay projects in the Columbus Consolidated Government have demonstrated that when tax funds are expended on significant capital infrastructure, a maintenance reserve would greatly assist in improving the useful life and efficiency of such facilities and allow the better and more timely upkeep of projects built with taxpayer funds.

V. RECIPROCAL SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY:

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the local legislative delegation encourage all possible legislative actions which would encourage negotiations with Alabama and other neighboring states to provide that the laws of each State would be amended to provide for reciprocal sovereign immunity so that local governmental officials carrying out duties and operating vehicles in neighboring States would have the same or similar sovereign immunity protections that they have under Georgia Law. *(Request of Councilor John House and Fire Chief Scarpa/Carry Over From Previous Years)*

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Explanation:

Currently, CCG officials, including law enforcement who take vehicles into adjoining states are not protected by Georgia sovereign statutes. Given the proximity to Alabama, and the particular provisions of Alabama law on the subject this creates a significant risk that influences decisions with respect to both emergency and routine business duties which may be most efficiently carried out by driving across state lines. Hopefully, the General Assembly, with the guidance of the State Attorney General, will consider a Resolution to study this issue and enter into discussions with Alabama and other adjoining states where it would be beneficial to Georgia local governments.

VI. FUNDING FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the legislative delegation advocate for support of a robust system of care for behavioral health, addictive diseases and developmental disabilities, and additional funding for crisis intervention teams throughout the state. *(Request of Councilor Toyia Tucker/Carry Over From Previous Years)*

Explanation:

The Columbus Consolidated Government recognizes the need for a robust system of care that supports recovery and independence for people living with mental illness, addictive disorders and developmental disabilities. Locally provided state services to individuals living with disabilities are critical to providing an appropriate safety net and an alternative to incarceration. There should be an adequate number of crisis intervention teams around the state to help public safety officials manage critical situations as needed. These services also help people meaningfully contribute to and participate in the life of our communities.

VII. PERSONAL CARE HOMES (Prompt Notification of Local Authorities Upon Licensing):

The Columbus Consolidated Government respectfully requests that the local legislative delegation introduce state-wide legislation that will require prompt notification of county and city police and fire departments, licensing departments, and planning and zoning departments upon licensing or licensing changes of child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes as defined and used above. *(Request of Councilor Glenn Davis/Carry Over From Previous Years)*

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Explanation:

This Council recognizes that the State of Georgia licenses facilities for various types of assistance for both children and adults in a home-like setting. Notification of county agencies and officials is often lacking at the time licenses to such facilities are granted by the State, including but not limited to, “child-caring institutions” defined at O.C.G.A. Section 49-5-3, “foster care homes” as defined at O.C.G.A. Section 49-5-60, and “personal care homes” as used in O.C.G.A. Section 25-2-13. The lack of awareness of the licensed facilities or changes in licensing status may prevent local governmental entities from acting promptly to protect the health and welfare of those persons in such facilities. The Council hereby requests that the local legislative delegation introduce a state-wide bill to require prompt notification to certain county/ municipal officials upon licensing or changes in license status of child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes by the State of Georgia.

VIII. PERSONAL CARE HOMES (Minimum Staffing Requirement):

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce state-wide legislation that will require minimum staffing of two trained supervisors or managers between the hours of 6:00 pm and 6:00 am at child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes. We also request that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly require that all such child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes be accredited by a national accrediting body such as COA or CARF. *(Request of Councilor John House and Glenn Davis/Carry Over From Previous Years)*

Explanation:

The Council supports legislation to require better staffing and training for personal care homes operated in Columbus and the State of Georgia.

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Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO: Mayor and Councilors

AGENDA 2023 Legislative Agenda – Add Ons:

SUBJECT:

- Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) - Disability Parking Permits
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) – Nurse Practice License

AGENDA Approval is requested of the add on resolutions for the 2023 Legislative
SUMMARY: Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

INITIATED BY: Isaiah, Hugley, City Manager

Recommendation: Approval is requested of the add on resolutions for the 2023 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

Background: Each year elected and appointed officials of the Columbus Consolidated Government develop a list of issues important to the citizens of Columbus that requires action by the Local Legislative Delegation. Once approved, a meeting will be held with the Delegation to explain the rationale behind these issues and to solicit their support. The Hometown Connection and Legislative Agenda meeting was held on October 19, 2022.

Analysis: Staff, elected and appointed officials were asked to present issues they felt were important to the operation of city government. Research and justification for these issues were presented to the City Manager and a list was prepared for presentation to the Mayor/Council.

Financial Considerations: The City is expected to receive additional revenues if many of the issues are passed by the Georgia General Assembly.

Recommendations/Actions: Approve those resolution, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (APRN) PRACTICE BARRIER TO SIGN DISABILITY PARKING PERMITS.

WHEREAS, APRN's are currently able to complete physical exams, assess, diagnose and write prescriptions for conditions that warrant a disability/handicap permit within their scope of practice; and,

WHEREAS, APRN'S are currently unable to sign handicap/disability forms for disabled individuals; and,

WHEREAS, The UAPRN of West Georgia Columbus chapter and this Council deem it appropriate to request that the local legislative delegation to the General Assembly support legislation to authorize APRN'S to sign handicap/disability forms.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

That the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support legislation to authorize APRN'S to sign handicap/disability forms. Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Barnes voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor House voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.
- Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (APRN) TO PRACTICE UNDER A SEPARATE LICENSE SIMILAR TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

WHEREAS, APRN's are currently issued an authorization to practice under an RN license and not a separate license to practice as a Nurse Practitioner; and,

WHEREAS, The UAPRN of West Georgia Columbus chapter and this Council deem it appropriate to request that the local legislative delegation to the General Assembly support legislation to authorize issuance of a separate license to practice as a Nurse Practitioner, similar to licensing of Physician Assistants.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

This Council requests that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support legislation to authorize issuance of a separate license to practice as a Nurse Practitioner, similar to licensing of Physician Assistants.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

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- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
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- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.
- Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor

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TO: Mayor and Councilors

AGENDA **2023 Legislative Agenda – Add Ons:**
SUBJECT:

- **Housing Affordability**
- **New Options Waiver Program and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program**

AGENDA Approval is requested of the add on resolutions for the 2023 Legislative
SUMMARY: Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council
 deem appropriate.

INITIATED BY: Isaiah, Hugley, City Manager

Recommendation: Approval is requested of the add on resolutions for the 2023 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

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Financial Considerations: The City is expected to receive additional revenues if many of the issues are passed by the Georgia General Assembly.

Recommendations/Actions: Approve those resolution, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

1. **HOUSING AFFORDABILITY:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the local legislative delegation introduce an amendment to said statewide legislation to allow cities and counties to enact localized anti-displacement policies for properties in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs) and Difficult Development Areas (DDAs) economically depressed zones as defined by general law of the General Assembly. *(Request of Councilor Toyia Tucker)*

Explanation:

O.C.G.A. Section 44-7-19 prohibits city and county governments from enacting, maintaining, or enforcing “any ordinance or resolution which would regulate in any way the amount of rent to be charged for privately owned, single-family or multiple-unit residential rental property.” Rising rents compound the overall financial insecurity of many households. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines a cost-burdened household as one that spends more than 30 percent of its income on housing costs. The onslaught of pandemic-related job losses, rising health care costs, and increased cost of necessities due to inflation and supply chain issues likely worsened the outlook for many renters. The pain of rising rents and the associated financial insecurity disproportionately affects single parents, individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with multiple or intersecting identities. The COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent economic fallout succeeded in shining a harsh light on the ongoing housing crisis.

2. **NEW OPTIONS WAIVER PROGRAM AND COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORTS WAIVER PROGRAM:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the legislative delegation to the General Assembly evaluate and appropriately fund operation of the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP), which offer home- and community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities (ID) or developmental disabilities (DD). *(Request of Councilor Toyia Tucker)*

Explanation:

See attached fact sheet.

**A RESOLUTION
NO. _____**

A Resolution requesting that the local legislative delegation introduce an amendment to said statewide legislation to allow cities and counties to enact localized anti-displacement policies for properties in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs) and Difficult Development Areas (DDAs) economically depressed zones as defined by general law of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. Section 44-7-19 prohibits city and county governments from enacting, maintaining, or enforcing “any ordinance or resolution which would regulate in any way the amount of rent to be charged for privately owned, single-family or multiple-unit residential rental property.”; and,

WHEREAS, rising rents compound the overall financial insecurity of many households. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines a cost-burdened household as one that spends more than 30 percent of its income on housing costs; the onslaught of pandemic-related job losses, rising health care costs, and increased cost of necessities due to inflation and supply chain issues likely worsened the outlook for many renters; the pain of rising rents and the associated financial insecurity disproportionately affects single parents, individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with multiple or intersecting identities; the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent economic fallout succeeded in shining a harsh light on the ongoing housing crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

The Columbus Council requests that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce an amendment to said statewide legislation to allow cities and counties to enact localized anti-displacement policies for properties in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs) and Difficult Development Areas (DDAs), economically depressed zones as defined by general law of the General Assembly.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ___ day of _____, 20__ and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Barnes voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor House voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.
- Councilor Woodson voting _____.

A RESOLUTION
NO. _____

A Resolution requesting that the local legislative delegation evaluate and appropriately fund operation of the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP), which offer home- and community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities (ID) or developmental disabilities (DD).

WHEREAS, the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) offer home- and community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities (ID) or developmental disabilities (DD); and,

WHEREAS, goals for participants in the NOW program, which serves individuals with less intensive needs than those in the COMP program, include: Avoiding the need for more intensive services. Increasing independence and quality of life of individuals with I/DD; increasing the flexibility of service planning and delivery to meet exact individual needs; providing the opportunity for all participants to elect to direct their services to the extent that they choose; and ensuring the health, safety and welfare of NOW participants; and,

WHEREAS, goals for participants in the COMP program include: avoiding the need for institutional placement; increasing independence and quality of life of individuals with ID/DD who have intensive or comprehensive support needs; facilitating the transition of institutionalized individuals to community living; offering opportunities statewide for participant direction by waiver participants who have intensive or comprehensive support needs; and ensuring the health, safety and welfare of COMP program participants; and,

WHEREAS, there are more than 12,000 people with developmental disabilities who are served by the NOW/COMP programs in Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, this Council desires that the local legislative delegation evaluate and appropriately fund operation of the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP), which offer home- and community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities (ID) or developmental disabilities (DD).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

We hereby request that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly evaluate and appropriately fund operation of the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP), which offer home- and community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities (ID) or developmental disabilities (DD), through the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), Division of Developmental Disabilities. Let a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to each member of the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

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Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
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Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO: Mayor and Councilors

**AGENDA
SUBJECT:** **2023 Legislative Agenda Add Ons – Child Abuse Hotline Posting
& Legitimation Procedures**

**AGENDA
SUMMARY:** Approval is requested of the add on resolution for the 2023 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

INITIATED BY: Isaiah, Hugley, City Manager

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A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE LOCAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY INTRODUCE STATEWIDE LEGISLATION THAT WILL REQUIRE POSTING OF APPROPRIATE HOTLINES TO REPORT ABUSE AT CHILD-CARING INSTITUTIONS, FOSTER CARE HOMES, AND PERSONAL CARE HOMES.

WHEREAS, licensing and supervision of child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes as defined at O.C.G.A. Section 49-5-3, O.C.G.A. Section 49-5-60, and Section 25-2-13 have become critical issues facing the state and county governments; and,

WHEREAS, alleged criminal activities have occurred at or near some of these homes in the State of Georgia, and most recently in Muscogee County, bringing the issues of staffing and training of supervisors and managers to the forefront; and,

WHEREAS, this Council desires that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation to require the posting of appropriate hotlines to report abuse in all child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes such as the hotline 1-866-END-HTGA (1-866-363-4842)

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

We hereby respectfully request that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation to require the posting of appropriate hotlines to report abuse in all child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes such as the hotline 1-866-END-HTGA (1-866-363-4842).

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____ 20__ and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Barnes voting _____.
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- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor House voting _____.
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- Councilor Tucker voting _____.
- Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

A RESOLUTION

NO

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR MAKING LEGITIMATION PROCEDURES MORE EASILY ACCESSABLE TO BIOLOGICAL FATHERS.

WHEREAS, Georgia law requires a biological father who is not married to the mother at the time of the child’s birth to file a separate legal petition in order to legitimate and obtain legal rights as a parent of that biological child; and,

WHEREAS, the benefit of having two parents responsible for a child is known to have a positive effect on the child’s welfare; and,

WHEREAS, there are biological fathers who desire to obtain paternal rights but may be discouraged by the lack of awareness of cost of the legitimation procedures; and,

WHEREAS, legislative study of the legitimation procedures required by Georgia law to determine whether they can be revised to make them more accessible and less costly would further increase well-being and economic security for the children of this State.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

We respectfully request that the local delegation to the General Assembly introduce a resolution supporting the legislative study of legitimation procedures to make them more affordable and accessible to fathers of limited means who desire to take responsibility for a role in the life of their biological children.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

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Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Baker voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, Mayor

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Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO: Mayor and Councilors

AGENDA 2023 Legislative Agenda – Add On:

SUBJECT: - Lower Prescription Drug Prices

AGENDA Approval is requested of the add on resolutions for the 2023 Legislative
SUMMARY: Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

INITIATED BY: Isaiah, Hugley, City Manager

Recommendation: Approval is requested of the add on resolutions for the 2023 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

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A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE LOCAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION SUPPORT THE REINTRODUCTION OF H.B.867 FROM THE 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO LOWER PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES FOR GEORGIANS AND ASSURE THAT MORE FUNDS GO TOWARD DIRECT PATIENT CARE.

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives passed H.B.867, known as the "Truth in Prescription Pricing for Patients Act." during the 2022 Legislative Session; and,

WHEREAS, H.B.867 requires pharmacy benefits managers to calculate cost sharing requirements for insureds at the point of sale based on the true net cost of prescription drugs, to provide for disclosure of true net cost to insureds; and to provide for the remittance to insureds of the difference in cost sharing payments to insureds based on final net cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

We hereby respectfully request that the Local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support legislation at 2023 Session to reintroduces the provisions contained in the as the "Truth in Prescription Pricing for Patients Act." which was adopted as H.B.867 in the 2022 Legislative Session in an effort to lower prescription drug prices for Georgians and assure that more funds go toward direct patient care.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____ 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Deputy Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor