

COMMITTEE FOR A BETTER ATLANTA
A Citywide Business Coalition

1. My top priorities for Atlanta while representing District 6 are Public Safety, financial management, transportation (for example, supporting the beltline), bringing more high paying jobs to the City of Atlanta
2. Since my secondary education years I have had a passion for reaching out, organizing, and being the voice for others.. My first elected positions were Senate Chair of the Student Body Association and Co-Chair of the Black Student Association. Then I was elected to be the first Latino male Co-Founder of the University's NAACP Student Chapter. I also held various committee and executive board positions and appointments, such as Communications Chairperson, ,On-the-Job-Injury, Family Medical Leave Act Co-Chairperson ,Association of Flight Attendants-Communication Workers of America, Affirmative Action Officer for Stonewall Democrats of Minnesota. I further demonstrated my passion for serving people by being involved in several local and national political campaigns, the most important qualification I possess is the desire and ability to be the ears and voice of District 6.
3. When I was faced with the challenge of having a reoccurrence of colon cancer along with being on the brink of loosing my healthcare, and being HIV+, I set out to find programs in our community for which I could qualify should I loose my health insurance. I set out to access the local Ryan White Care Program through my local county health department. This was a scant three years after I had testified before a Congressional Committee to fight for the very access to these funds that I now so desperately needed. As I entered the Fulton County Health Services building downtown I slowly developed a realization of how disenfranchised I really was. From the sometimes rude reception I received to the seemingly never ending procedural requirements of the local program, I still do not have access the very medicine that I need daily. It was then that I realized the fire in my belly to increase my influence to be an effective advocate for seniors, low income indigenous citizens, and other voices that are not heard at the local level. My experience also taught me that listening to the needs of others and understanding them is an important step is helping to make change.
4. Honorable Michael Murphy (County Judge) – Michael Shea District 6 Resident – Educator Bobby Woodard
5. Work to increase revenue. Finding revenue to fund all priorities is difficult, but we must be creative and maybe we can learn from other municipalities that are expanding their tax base through various creative mechanisms. Many could possibly work in Atlanta, such as creating a committee to study how tax exempt institutions might more effectively help the city in these difficult economic times. No one wants increased taxes. However, the current economy and budget shortfall requires equitable participation from all citizens and business alike. Many tax exempts organizations and their employees

benefit from the city's fire and police protection, and infrastructure.. We must find ways to ensure that they are contributing fairly to help the city maintain these services.

6. I totally support the goal. And as of July 30, 2009 we now have 1700 police officers on the street, I learned this number by being present at the Mayor's Press Conference and talking with the Assistant Chief's Office as well at the Public Relations Liaison Officer Schwartz.
7. Use Tax Allocation Districts aggressively to generate affordable housing.
8. I would introduce a program to facilitate car pooling including free parking on city owned parking lots. Like that of a Rideshare Program of Utah Transit Authority., where we work with our friends at MARTA to organize a program where individuals whom live all in the same area can possible commute to work all on the same bus and or vanpool.
9. Traffic, Water shortages and Poor Air Quality