



Mark Alarcon

Mark Alarcon serves as Councilman for the City of Stockbridge. He chairs the Finance Committee, the Community Relations Committee and the Building Committee. As the Chairman of the Finance Committee he was instrumental in reducing the city budget by more than \$2 million and gained support in securing \$200,000 for playground equipment at all three city parks. As a Chairman of the Community Relations Committee, Mark has encouraged the involvement of all the citizens and introduced new city-wide events, such as the Sounds of Summer Concert Series and Stars over Stockbridge Movie Series. In addition to his public service, he has been operating his own company in Architectural and Custom Sheet Metal for over 25 years.

Mark Alarcon graduated from Redan High School in Stone Mountain, after which time he attended DeKalb Technical College.



Jeff Baker

Jeff Baker was named as the City of Morrow's Chief of Police in 2006. With nearly twenty years of law enforcement experience, he has served as a supervisor with the Rockdale County Sheriff's Office in the Uniform Patrol Division, COPS Division and Commander of the Narcotics & Vice Unit, as Chief Investigator of the Rockdale County Juvenile Court, as a Lieutenant in Investigations for the Griffin Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office, as a Special Agent in narcotics, and as a Crime Scene Investigator. Jeff is involved in his community in a number of organizations as well as a host of professional associations and law enforcement committees, including as the past elected District 10 Representative for the Georgia Association of Chief of Police.

Jeff received his Bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Mercer University's School of Education. He is a graduate of Class 17 of the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College where he received his Master's degree in public administration from Columbus State University.



Joselyn Baker

Joselyn Baker is currently Senior Vice President for External Affairs with the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. She has 20 years of experience in the public and private sectors, assisting organizations and individuals with their communications needs. Prior to joining the Chamber, she served as Assistant General Manager for Communications at the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) where she successfully led efforts to extend the Authority's one-cent sales tax and implement the nation's only 100 percent smart card fare collection system. Joselyn has also served as Press Secretary to Georgia Governor Roy Barnes and was part of a team that ushered in sweeping reforms in the areas of transportation, education, health care and economic development. It was during this time that she was named one of "40 under 40" by Georgia Trend magazine.



Maurice Baker

Maurice “Moe” Baker serves as Manager, Community Relations at Georgia Natural Gas in Atlanta. Since joining the company in 2002, he has been responsible for planning and executing many of the company’s award-winning external community outreach programs, in addition to his duties in internal and external communications. He began his early career at WSB-TV/Radio and later progressed in advertising and marketing as a copywriter at Atlanta-based agencies. Over the years, his accounts have included some of Georgia’s leading energy companies, including Georgia Power, Southern Co., and Atlanta Gas Light. Other important accounts have included nationally and internationally known nonprofits like Save the Children, American Red Cross and Salvation Army. Committed to community service, Maurice has served nonprofit organizations extensively. He was Metropolitan Atlanta Community Campaign Chair for the United Negro College Fund for two years in a row. He has served on the Corporate Volunteer Council of Atlanta’s board of directors for several years – first as program chair and later as member at large. And for several years, he served on the board of directors of the Arthur M. Blank Family Youth YMCA (formerly Centennial Place Family YMCA). Maurice was recognized by Metro Atlanta YMCA as Volunteer of the Year in 2005.

Maurice is a graduate of Boston University in Boston, MA.



Jennifer Ball

Jennifer Ball is Vice President of Planning for Central Atlanta Progress, Inc., where she manages land use and transportation planning policy initiatives and implementation projects within Downtown Atlanta. Recent notable initiatives under her direction include the development of the Green Line and Imagine Downtown vision plans, the Downtown Livability Code zoning regulation update and the on-going implementation of \$40 million worth of public space capital improvements including streetscape improvements, wayfinding signage and roadway upgrades. Jennifer is an active member of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association Board of Trustees and the Georgia Tech College of Architecture Alumni Committee. She is a founding member of the Urban Land Institute’s Atlanta District Council Young Leaders Group and has authored an American Planning Association Planner’s Advisory Service Report on Street Vending. Jennifer has been named a member of the Atlanta Business Chronicle’s “Up and Comers: 40 under 40” group of promising young leaders.

Jennifer received a Bachelor’s degree and a Master’s degree in city planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology College of Architecture.



Thua Barlay

Thua Barlay is the managing attorney of Barlay Law Group LLC, where he is charged with overseeing the operations and affairs of the firm. His areas of practice are Real Estate (Residential and Commercial) and Estate Planning. Thua has over five years of real estate closing experience, having represented several major banks and lending institutions. Previously, Thua worked at King & Spalding LLP as a Special Assignment Attorney at CMG Worldwide, Inc., where he assisted in negotiating license agreements on behalf of CMG's 200 plus entertainment, sports and corporate clients, as well as protecting clients against unauthorized uses of their intellectual property. He is an active participant in his community, having served on the Rockdale County Board of Equalization and currently serving as the General Counsel/Secretary of the Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce, the Literacy Chair of the Rotary Club of Conyers and the Affiliate Chair of the Women's Council of Realtors – Metro East Chapter. Thua is a 2009 graduate of Leadership Rockdale and the State Bar of Georgia's YLD Leadership Academy Class of 2011.

Thua received a Juris Doctorate from Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis and a MBA from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University.



Holly Bass

Holly Bass is the CEO for the Cobb Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB). The Cobb CVB is responsible for promoting and generating tourism, convention, trade show and sports development activity throughout Cobb. Prior to taking the helm at the Cobb CVB, she worked for 10 years at the Cobb Chamber of Commerce, advancing from Marketing and Communications Director, to Vice President of Membership and Operations and ultimately to Chief Operations Officer. Very active in the community, Holly is a member of the United Way of Cobb County Campaign Cabinet and the YWCA Tribute to Women Committee. She also serves on the University of Georgia Alumni Association Board of Directors. Holly was named a 40 Under 40 by *Georgia Trend* magazine in 2006. In 2007, she received the prestigious YWCA of Northwest Georgia Women of Achievement Award, and in 2008 she was given the Up and Comers Award by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. Most recently, she was named one of the 20 Under 40 in *Cobb Life* magazine. She is a 2000 graduate of Leadership Cobb and 2003 graduate of Honorary Commanders.



Holly Bates Snow

Holly Bates Snow is Vice President of Government and External Affairs for Piedmont Healthcare, which includes four community hospitals (Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, Piedmont Fayette Hospital, Piedmont Newnan Hospital and Piedmont Mountainside Hospital in Jasper), Piedmont Heart Institute and Piedmont Medical Care Corporation. In this role, she serves as Piedmont Healthcare's healthcare liaison in the political arena on the local, state and national levels. Previously, Holly worked more than 15 years with the Georgia Hospital Association. While there, she was responsible for representing the interests of Georgia's hospital industry before state and federal officials, including members and staffs of the Georgia Congressional Delegation and Georgia Legislature. She also represented hospital interests before business, healthcare, civic and other organizations. Prior to joining the Georgia Hospital Association, Holly was Vice President of an Atlanta public relations firm that specialized in government affairs for a variety of clients including Morehouse School of Medicine and Grady Health System. She currently serves her community as a member of the Park Pride Board of Directors.

Holly attended Sweet Briar College in Virginia and received Bachelor's degrees in political science and communications from Tulane University and Newcomb College in New Orleans.



Denise Billups

Denise Billups is a Professional Coach and Consultant with C Robinson, Associates. In her current role she has the privilege of “living” her dream of partnering with individuals and organizations to provide business consulting and professional development services and coaching to drive optimal performance. She is also responsible for the growth of the firm’s client base, enhancing and expanding client offerings and delivering customized consulting services/programs focused on Executive Coaching, Talent Development and Business and Performance Improvement. Prior to joining C Robinson Associates, Denise built a successful 30-year career with the IBM Corporation, advancing from an entry level technical sales representative position through Customer Service, Business Operations and Sales executive leadership roles. Denise is very active in her community, serving on the boards of Women in Technology, Possible Woman Foundation International, The Civic League, the Atlanta Women’s Alliance and advisory board member for Cool Girls, Inc. She is also proud to serve as a mentor for high-performing professional women through Pathbuilders, Inc. Denise is a 2003 graduate of Leadership Atlanta and has been recognized with a United Way of DeKalb County Legacy Award in 2008 and a Turknett Leadership Character award in 2007.



Tom Bowen

Tom Bowen is the current Board Chair for the Dekalb Board of Education. He was elected to the Dekalb BOE in 2006 from District 6, which covers the Stone Mountain area. Tom also represents Georgia’s 4th Congressional District on the Georgia Student Finance Commission’s (GSFC) Board of Commissioners, the State agency administering the HOPE Scholarship and other state-funded student financial aid. He was appointed by former Governor Purdue to the GSFC Board of Commissioners in October 2004. Professionally, Tom is Director of U.S. Transaction Tax with Hewlett Packard Company, where he oversees all aspects of the company’s sales and property taxes. He is an attorney and certified public accountant.

Tom received his undergraduate degrees from the University of South Florida and St. Leo University. He earned his JD from Georgia State University, College of Law.



Carole Boyce

Carole Boyce was elected to the Gwinnett County Board of Education in November 2004, and often is kidded about being the youngster on the five-member, long-serving Board. That said, she brings a wealth of experience, including being a classroom teacher and instructional lead teacher. From 1972 to 1984, she taught language arts and social studies in Greenville, South Carolina and in the DeKalb County School District. She also has had her own graphic design and interior design firm. Carole currently serves on the Board of Trustees for Leadership Gwinnett, the Steering Committee for Leadership Gwinnett, the advisory board for Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful, the board for Artworks Gwinnett and the George A. Ramlose Foundation.

Carole earned Bachelor’s degrees in English and elementary education from Furman University and a Master’s degree in middle grades education from Georgia State University. After attending the American College for the Applied Arts, Carole earned an additional Bachelor’s degree in interior design.



David Brening

David Brening is a registered professional engineer licensed in the state of Georgia and works for Lowe Engineers, an Atlanta based company that provides Civil Engineering, Transportation Engineering, Surveying and Geospatial Services. He has extensive experience and knowledge in the commercial civil/site design field as well as a wide range of infrastructure projects. David is a member of numerous professional organizations including the American Society of Highway Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers and the Buckhead Business Association.

David holds a Bachelor's in civil engineering from Auburn University.



Wendy Butler

Wendy Butler is a Partner with Coleman Talley LLP, where she specializes in the legal practice of land use, land planning, zoning, environmental, real estate, transportation, eminent domain and government regulation. She began her career as a land planner working in a small law firm in Cincinnati, then at two of the nation's largest firms, Sidley & Austin in Chicago and Alston & Bird LLP in Atlanta. Upon graduation from law school, she continued at Alston & Bird, LLP as an Associate in the Environmental and Land Use Practice Group. In 2005, Wendy started her own firm to serve clients in the Atlanta Metro area. In November 2009, her firm merged with the law firm of Coleman Talley, LLP. Her civic duties include serving as the DeKalb County representative on the MARTA Board and as a DeKalb County Planning Commissioner. She serves a continuing role on the Board of the Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce and U.S. Congressman Tom Price's Advisory Roundtable. Wendy was appointed by the Georgia Speaker of the House to the State Road and Tollway Authority Board.

Wendy received her undergraduate degree from Northern Kentucky University and a Master's of Community Planning from the University of Cincinnati's College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning is also a graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology's Chicago-Kent College of Law.



John D'Andrea

John D'Andrea was named Region Manager for Georgia Power's Metro South Region in January 2011. In this position, he is responsible for providing overall leadership for operations, sales, customer service, economic and community development and external affairs to over 258,000 customers in the southern crescent of metropolitan Atlanta. Prior to this assignment John served as the company's Director of Economic Development. He began his career with Georgia Power in 1982 and has extensive experience in both the regulated and unregulated business units. John also worked in sales and business development for Southern Company's unregulated subsidiary, Energy Solutions. He is a Gulf War veteran with more than fifteen years of military service. John serves as a board member of the Clayton Chamber of Commerce, Arts Clayton, Fayette County Education Foundation and Georgia Power Federal Credit Union. In addition he is a member of Metro Atlanta Chamber's Economic Development Council, Georgia Economic Development Association, Fort Gillem Local Redevelopment Authority, American Cancer Society and numerous other civic and community organizations.

John received his Bachelor's degree in business from Presbyterian College and has completed the Goizueta Executive Program at Emory University, the Wharton Executive Finance Program. He is an alumnus of Leadership Cobb.



Arriana Daniel

Arriana Daniel is currently employed with Atlanta Technical College where she serves as Dean of Business and Public Services Technology. She has been with Atlanta Technical College for 10 years and has served as Airport Coordinator, Instructor, Department Chair and now Dean. She is responsible for ensuring curriculum and programs meet current industry standards, managing program budgets, staff development, coordinating registration activities and managing faculty and staff within the 13 program groups. Arriana has also worked for a number of post-secondary schools, including DeVry University, OmniTech Solutions, Advanced Career Training and Georgia Perimeter College. In her personal life she is a licensed minister and serves as Minister of Music at Tabernacle of Faith Christian Church. Currently she is the Church Administrator, Women's Department Advisor and Youth Leader and Advisor. She works with the Missions Ministry serving the homeless and less fortunate in the community.

Arriana received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia and her MBA from Keller Graduate School of Management, concentrating in human resources with a minor in education.



Jeff Dingle

Jeff Dingle, P.E. is a professionally registered Civil Engineer in seven states. He currently serves as a Principal Engineer and Regional Sales Manager for Jacobs Engineering Group. Jeff relies on his nearly 25 years in the engineering business and 17 years of experience in the Southeast market to manage the sales operations of Jacobs in Georgia and the Carolinas. He began his career with the California Department of Transportation before moving to Atlanta and entering the private sector in 1995. His heavy involvement in major Atlanta region programs ranging from 1996 Olympic venues and infrastructure, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and dozens of major transportation and water capital improvement programs for municipalities, state agencies and private sector clients provides him a broad perspective on infrastructure needs and success stories. Jeff is a graduate of Leadership DeKalb and is actively involved in a variety of civic and professional organizations. He currently serves on the Board of the Georgia Engineering Alliance and Chairs the Editorial Board of Georgia Engineer magazine. He is a past President of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Georgia and of the Georgia Engineering Foundation. Jeff also enjoys mentoring and tutoring young people and has coached youth football and baseball for over a decade.

Jeff graduated from the California Polytechnic University, Pomona with a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering.



Jon Drysdale

Jon Drysdale, PE, is a Civil Engineer and Partner with Lowe Engineers, LLC. He has over 35 years of civil engineering experience, specializing in infrastructure management, maintenance and construction. His specialty is horizontal infrastructure, including stormwater, streets and sidewalks, traffic, wastewater collection, water distribution, pavement, bridges, master planning and site development. For the last few years he has been part of public-private partnerships performing public works activities for municipalities in the metro Atlanta area. Jon is a retired Army Colonel, having served six years on active duty and 24 years of active reserve duty, including several overseas assignments as a Corps of Engineers Officer.

Jon holds a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Tennessee, Master's degree in civil engineering from Georgia Tech and a MBA from Emory University.



Jeff Duckett

Jeff Duckett was elected to the Kennesaw City Council in 2009. As Council liaison to the Parks & Recreation Department, he focuses on serving the citizens with well maintained parks and facilities and high quality events and concerts. His greatest challenge is dealing with budgeting realities in a tough economy. Jeff's goal is to continue to provide services and amenities to Kennesaw's residents with lower revenues and without budget cuts.

Jeff attended Douglas County High School, then enlisted in the Air Force where he served for 13 years. An electrician by profession, he has been President of Handy Electric, Inc. since 1997.



Gary Floyd

Gary Floyd is an Industrial Relations Manager for Georgia Power Company. His responsibilities include working with corporate executives and energy managers on contracts, rates, fuel, energy and power needs for the industrial food and the stone, clay & glass companies in Georgia. Gary has worked for 32 years with Georgia Power Company, a third generation employee, beginning in 1979 as a co-op student. He has worked in several departments, which include Power Generation, Underground Test, Power Delivery, Region and Corporate Sales, Electric Transportation and Key Account Sales. Gary is a member of the Georgia Poultry Federation and serves on the Agricultural Technology Research Program Advisory board in Georgia. He is President of Rotary Club of Woodstock, a member of the Georgia Chamber legislative committee, a graduate of the Leadership Cherokee Class of 2010 and a member of Cherokee County Chamber.

Gary graduated from Georgia Tech in 1984 with an electrical engineering degree and later obtained his MBA degree in marketing from Kennesaw State University.



Joan Garner

Joan Garner is the newly elected Fulton County Commissioner for District 6. She represents portions of the southeast quadrant for the City of Atlanta. Joan has long been known both for her work in the non-profit sector and for her community leadership. Also an entrepreneur, she founded Garner Results, Inc., a consultancy that develops giving strategies and provides management support to the non-profit and philanthropic communities. Previously, Joan was employed as president and CEO of the Historic District Development Corporation, a community-based, nonprofit organization that facilitates the preservation and revitalization of the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic District and other historic/preservation communities. She also served as executive director of the Southern Partners Fund, a community-based public foundation committed to equal rights, as co-director of the National Network of Grantmakers, which supports social justice work, and as executive director of the Fund for Southern Communities, which fosters social change in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Joan is a graduate of the University of the District of Columbia with a Bachelor's degree in English and earned her Master's degree in organizational communication from Howard University.



Lisa Y. Gordon

Lisa Gordon, CPA, is the Chief Operating Officer for Atlanta BeltLine, Inc (ABI). She is responsible for overseeing the operations and implementation of the Atlanta BeltLine, a \$2.8 billion project that will shape the way Atlanta grows over the next 25 years and beyond. Prior to joining ABI, she served as a Cabinet member for Mayor Shirley Franklin. Lisa served in the capacity of a Deputy Chief Operating Officer for the City of Atlanta and was responsible for the Office of Enterprise Assets Management. She served as the first African American female City Manager of the City of East Point from 2004 to 2007. Lisa has also served as an Assistant City Manager in Austin, Texas and an Assistant County Manager in Broward County, Florida. She has been recognized by the State of Texas Legislature for outstanding achievement in public service and has more recently been honored with the Profile of Prominence Award for Excellence from the Atlanta Metropolitan Chapter of the National Women of Excellence. Lisa is a graduate of the Leadership Atlanta Class of 2008.

Lisa has an undergraduate degree from Georgetown University in Washington, DC. She has received a Master's degree from The Maxwell School at Syracuse University and holds a Master's degree in accounting from Nova Southeast University.



Jack Hancock

Jack Hancock is a partner with Freeman, Mathis & Gary. He has over 30 years experience in governmental and corporate liability, civil rights, employment, general litigation and real estate. He is an accomplished trial lawyer and appellate lawyer who has represented all types of governmental and corporate entities. Jack has successfully argued several of the most significant decisions in the appellate courts involving liability of counties. Prior to Joining Freeman, Mathis & Gary, he was employed with Smith, Shaw, Maddox, Davidson & Graham and was a founding partner of Hancock, Dempsey & Everett. Jack has served in a variety of leadership positions in legal, business and civic groups. He served as a member of the board of directors of the Clayton Chamber of Commerce for seven years, serving as legal counsel for four years and chairman for two years. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Regional Business Coalition and currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Clayton State University Foundation.

Jack received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Georgia.



Nancy Harris

Nancy Harris was elected Mayor of the City of Duluth in November 2007 and is seeking her second term as mayor in the November 2011 city election. During her term as Mayor she has overseen increased citizen involvement in city government, including the formation of a Korean Task Force, Mayor's Advisory Council, and Citizens Budget Committee. She currently serves as vice chairman of the Gwinnett Municipal Association, which includes 14 cities. Nancy served 17 years as a principal before retiring and running for mayor. Her last post as principal was at B.B. Harris Elementary School which was named for her father, a respected educator who served as principal of Duluth schools and superintendent of Gwinnett County schools. She is active in many civic groups, including Rainbow Village and the Duluth Historical Society. Nancy founded the Duluth Fine Arts League two years ago and serves as its president.

Nancy received her Bachelor's in early childhood education and Master's in educational supervision from the University of Georgia. She also attended Georgia State University where she obtained a Specialist degree in educational administration.



Liz Hausmann

Liz Hausmann is the Fulton County Commissioner representing District 3, located in north Fulton. She is also an Account Executive with Southern Bank Equipment. Liz began her career in public service in 2002 by serving on the Fulton County Board of Education where she encouraged system-wide reform. Liz served as a member of the Board of the Committee for Johns Creek and worked to create the new city. Following the successful incorporation vote, she was elected to join the inaugural Johns Creek City Council. Her community involvement includes service on the Fulton Education Foundation Board of Directors, Rep. Tom Price's Advisory Council, the Fulton County Schools Superintendent's Community Advisory Council, the Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce, Encore Park for the Arts and as Vice Chairman of the Atlanta-Fulton Water Resources Commission. Liz has previously served as a member of the Georgia Municipal Association Legislative Policy Council, Johns Creek Founders Day Chairman, Governor's Children and Youth Coordinating Council and Vice Chairman of the Fulton County Board of Registrations and Elections. She is a graduate of Leadership North Fulton and was named the North Fulton Phenomenal Woman of the Year in 2006.



Rob Hernandez

Roberto "Rob" Hernandez is Fulton County's Deputy County Manager. He serves as liaison to the county's justice system agencies and also oversees local government services in unincorporated areas of the county. Prior to joining Fulton County in July 2008, he served as an Assistant to the County Administrator for Broward County, Florida. Before that, Rob served in a number of key roles with local government. His professional experience includes key positions in public safety, housing and community development and social services. Rob's military service includes more than 23 years in the U.S. Army Reserves. Prior to retiring in 2010, he was a senior instructor in civil-military operations and is a graduate of the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School. He has held several leadership positions and has served on Active Duty in support of several military operations.

Rob holds a Master's of Public Administration degree from Nova Southeastern University and a Bachelor's degree from Florida International University. He has also obtained his certification in firefighting from the Broward Fire Academy.



Brandt Herndon

Brandt Herndon is President/CEO of the Fayette County Development Authority (FCDA), the lead economic development agency for Fayette County. Prior to coming to the FCDA, Brandt was Executive Vice President of Apple Realty Inc., where he was responsible for sales, leasing, property management and development. Brandt's experience also includes working four years for the Georgia Department of Economic Development and four years with MEAG Power, where he served as Manager of Economic Development.

Brandt holds a Bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Georgia and a Master's degree in business from Georgia State University. Brandt is also certified as an Economic Development Finance Professional.



Patrick Hill

Patrick “Pat” Hill is a founding member of Jackson Spalding and a Management Team leader. His strategic communications and program management skills have assisted clients in architecture, engineering, financial services, real estate and sports marketing, to name a few. A skilled communicator in transportation and land-use issues, Pat helped guide the first public-private transportation initiative in Georgia. Previously, he was with an international public relations firm and earned that agency’s top award for client innovation for his work with a major restaurant chain. He also traveled the country on a promotional tour with baseball legend Hank Aaron. Pat began his career with a marketing communications firm in Arizona, working with top names in outdoor recreation, including Yamaha Marine Group and Columbia Sportswear. Active in the community, Pat serves on the Executive Board of the Atlanta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, is a board member of the Urban Land Institute’s Atlanta District Council and serves on the Sustainability Committee for ULI Atlanta.

Pat is a graduate of Auburn University where he competed in the Collegiate National Water Ski Championships.



Charles Huddleston

Charles Huddleston is a shareholder in the Baker Donelson law group. He is a part of the firm’s Business Litigation Group, where he leverages his clear understanding of the many nuances of major civil litigation and labor and employment law on behalf of a wide range of clients, including the U.S. subsidiary of the world’s largest water company, one of the world’s largest concessionaires in airports and hotels and one of the ten largest publicly registered office real estate investment trusts in the U.S. Charles routinely trains clients on managing diversity and preventing discrimination and harassment. He is a long-time advocate for diversity, and is currently serving his third year as Chair of the Georgia State Bar’s Diversity Program. Charles is a recipient of the “Fan Male” Award from *Atlanta Woman Magazine*, as well as the first “Men for WIN” award presented by the Georgia Women in Numbers organization. He was also the 2008 recipient of the Community Service Award from the Atlanta Tip Off Club for helping hundreds of young women earn college basketball scholarships. He helped lead the Campaign to Save Title IX in Atlanta, and currently serves as a Co-Chair of the Atlanta Women’s Foundation’s Men with Vision Campaign.

Charles received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Tennessee.



Lolita B. Jackson

Lolita Jackson has worked for Georgia Power since 2001 in positions of increasing responsibility. In her current position as Manager, External Affairs, Lolita serves as a liaison between Georgia Power and elected officials throughout the City of Atlanta and Fulton County and other key community and business stakeholders. She is charged with developing strong positive relationships with leaders in the Atlanta area of Georgia Power's Metro East region. Before joining Georgia Power she served in the press office of the Mayor's Office for the City of Atlanta during the administration of former Mayor Bill Campbell. In January of 2011, Lolita took office as President of the Buckhead Business Association, becoming the first African American ever to hold this position. She serves on the Advisory Board for the Atlanta Community Food Bank, where she chairs the Special Projects committee and she serves as Co-Chair of the energy committee for the Concerned Black Clergy. Lolita is also a board member for the Center for the Visually Impaired and the Atlanta Business League. She is a 2003 graduate of Leadership Buckhead and was named one of Atlanta's "40 Rising Stars" by the Atlanta Business Journal in 2005.

Lolita is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin with a degree in mass communications, with an emphasis in print journalism and political science. She earned her MBA in marketing at Clark Atlanta University.



Srinivas Jalla

Srinivas Jalla is the US East Regional Technology Leader for sustainable solutions in the Water Business Group at CH2M Hill with responsibility for integrating sustainable practices and technology solutions into water and wastewater related projects. He has over 17 years of public and private sector experience in the planning, design, and operation of water and wastewater systems. Before joining CH2M Hill, Srinivas led sustainability initiatives at Gwinnett County, including a project to recover energy from the wastewater treatment process. The project won the ARC's 2011 CREATE Community award. He has co-authored sixteen publications on water-related topics. Srinivas serves on the executive board of the Project Management Institute - Atlanta Chapter. Srinivas is the past chair of the Georgia Section of the Water Environment Federation and served on the board of the Georgia Association of Water Professionals from 2006 through 2010. He is a registered professional engineer in Georgia and Louisiana and a LEED Accredited Professional. Srinivas received his Master's degree in civil engineering from the University of New Orleans.



John Kachmar

John Kachmar brings 21 years of experience in administration for full-service county governments around the U.S. to his position as the City Manager of Johns Creek. As a county administrator in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Minnesota and South Carolina, John was responsible for all municipal functions, including public safety, public works, community development and school systems. He began his career in local government management in his native Lehigh County, Pennsylvania in 1986 following a six-year stint on Capitol Hill as Chief of Staff for US Rep. Don Ritter (R-PA). He then served as county administrator for St. Louis County, Minnesota, St. Mary's County, Maryland and Beaufort County, South Carolina. Prior to joining Johns Creek in 2007, John worked as a private consultant through his own firm to develop infrastructure financing for public-private partnerships. He served with the U.S. Marines in Vietnam and was awarded two purple hearts, a Navy achievement medal with combat V and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. In total, he spent 15 years in the Marine, Army and Navy Reserves.

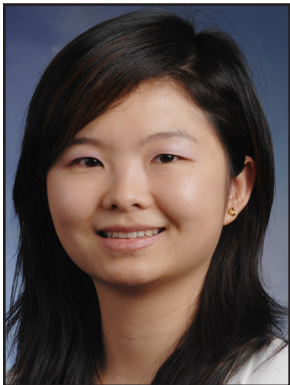
John holds a Bachelor's degree from Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA, and did further studies at the JFK School of Government, Pepperdine University and the National Institute of Corrections.



Wade Kelly

Wade Kelly is a Vice President and Sr. Practice Manager for ATKINS, one of the world's leading multidisciplinary engineering consultancies. In this role, Wade is responsible for all Transportation PM/CM operations in the Eastern United States. He has more than 27 years experience in construction management, program management and project management on numerous infrastructure projects throughout the United States. Wade joined ATKINS (formerly PBS&J) in 1995, after spending ten years with Kiewit, one of North America's largest and most respected construction and mining organizations. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in seven states, a Certified Construction Manager and a Project Management Professional. Wade is a graduate of the 2010 class of Leadership Cobb. He serves as co-chair for the annual ATKINS – American Cancer Society Golf Classic and serves on the Cobb County Safety Village Foundation Board. He was inducted into the Mitchell County Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 2006.

Wade earned a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Georgia Tech.



Cathy Liu

Cathy Yang Liu is an Assistant Professor of Public Management and Policy and faculty advisor in the concentration of Planning and Economic Development in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University. Her research focuses on four general areas: community and economic development, urban labor market and inequality, race/ethnicity and immigration, as well as international urban development. Cathy's works have been published in journals such as the Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Urban Studies, Journal of Urban Affairs and Economic Development Quarterly, and have been supported by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Haynes Foundation, the Kauffman Foundation and Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. She comments frequently on urban development and immigration issues in the media.

Cathy received her Ph.D. in planning from the University of Southern California and Master's of Public Policy from the University of Chicago.



Andy Macke

As Vice President of Government and Community Affairs for the Atlanta Region, Andy Macke develops strategic relationships with government officials and community leaders to support Comcast's business goals and strengthen the community. He is directly responsible for Comcast's regulatory compliance, operations support and community investment in the 32 counties around the City of Atlanta. Additionally, Andy serves on the Board of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta. He is the Board Chair of the Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce and Vice Chair for the Regional Business Coalition. He is the immediate past Chair of the Cable Television Association of Georgia and served for six years on the board of the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce, chairing the Government Affairs Committee. In 2008, he was recognized as the North Fulton Chamber's Board Member of the Year and the winner of the Fayette Chamber's Chet Atkins Award for contributions to that organization. Andy began his career in cable 10 years ago with AT&T Broadband as a Government Affairs Manager. Prior to that, he worked for the Georgia Municipal Association.

Andy earned a Bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Georgia, and a Master's degree in telecommunications policy from Georgia Tech.



Brian McHugh

Brian McHugh is the Capital Projects Manager of the Buckhead Community Improvement District, whose mission it is to leverage local tax dollars with city, state and federal grants to attract new investment in Buckhead and promote sustainable, livable growth. With over 13 years of experience as a transportation professional in both the public and private sectors, Brian's current responsibilities include overseeing the implementation of numerous roadway, pedestrian and park projects throughout Atlanta, including the Peachtree Corridor Project. He is also engaged in the community as an executive board member for the Chastain Park Conservancy.

Brian holds a dual Master's degree in city planning and in science from the Georgia Institute of Technology.



Keith Melton

Keith Melton is a Community Planner for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region IV office with responsibilities in overseeing planning issues for transit grantees in Atlanta, Charlotte, Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando and Tampa. Previously, he has held positions in economic and community development where he helped develop 700 acres of industrial parks in distressed areas in the City of Atlanta. Keith participated in the creation of the first Enterprise Zone and Tax Allocation Districts (TADs) in the state of Georgia as well as commercial and mixed use projects. He helped develop state enabling legislation to broaden the use of TADs in previously underutilized areas in Georgia. He serves his community as President of the Clarkston Community Center and as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Avondale Estates, Georgia.

Keith is a graduate of American University with a 's in economics and international studies. He also holds a Master's degree in city planning from Georgia Tech.



Lyn Menne

Lyn Menne is Assistant City Manager for Community and Economic Development for the City of Decatur. This position evolved out of her role as Executive Director of the Decatur Downtown Development Authority – a position she has held since 1983. Lyn has been an active partner in the implementation of the Decatur Town Center Plan. This innovative planning document, adopted in 1982, outlines the development of Decatur's central business district as a pedestrian-friendly, high-density mixed use center and has transformed the City of Decatur into one of the best examples of smart growth planning in the metropolitan Atlanta area. Lyn is a past chair of the Georgia Downtown Association and serves on the Board of Trustees for the DeKalb History Center and the Board of the Decatur Education Foundation.

Lyn received her Bachelor's degree in American studies from Queens College in Charlotte, NC, and her Master's degree in public administration from the University of Georgia.



Sarah Morrison

Sarah Morrison, PT is the Director for Spinal Cord Injury Services at Shepherd Center in Atlanta. As Director, Sarah is responsible for the clinical and financial operations for the spinal cord injury programs within the inpatient and outpatient environment, as well as the fitness/wellness programs at Shepherd Center. In addition, Sarah is the facility administrator for the Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Foundation NeuroRecovery Network. During her 26 years of employment, Sarah has published and/or presented in many areas of spinal cord injury care including financial feasibility of locomotor training, development of carepaths for persons with spinal cord injury, functional effects of shorter rehabilitation lengths of stay, special considerations for older individuals who acquire a spinal cord injury, health promotion and wellness for persons following a spinal cord injury as well as facilitating ventilation in persons with high tetraplegia. She has also been recognized with an award for "Clinical Excellence in Neurology" by the Neurology Section of the American Physical Therapy Association.



Michael Park

Michael Park currently serves as Principal for IBI Consulting's Atlanta office. His international experience includes a four-year stint in Korea working in management consultancy with multinational firms in the automotive, electronic, and IT industries. An active member of metro Atlanta's growing Asian American community, Michael is currently the President of the Atlanta Chapter of the Korean American Coalition and Vice President of the Korean American Association of Greater Atlanta. He is also a member of the Gwinnett Mosaic Rotary Club. As part of his efforts to extend relations between Asia and the United States, Michael was recently selected to serve for a second term as a member of the South Korean Foreign Ministry's National Advisory Council.

Michael is a graduate of American University with a Bachelor's degree in International Management. He received his MA from Columbia University and was a Fulbright Scholar from 2000-2001.



Andy Pippin

Andy Pippin is the City Manager for the City of Hampton. Upon returning home from Georgia Southern University he began his career with Wachovia Bank. After working for a regional bank for three years he went to work for a local community bank based out of Griffin that was interested in growing their Henry County market share. As an officer of First National Bank, Andy filled a number of roles, including Loan Officer, Branch Manager and Business Development Officer. He has served as the banker for the City of Hampton. Having been a board member of the Hampton Downtown Development Authority for a number of years, Andy began his public service career with the city in January of 2010. He currently serves as the President of the Henry County Kiwanis Club, a member of the Board of Directors for the Henry County Chamber of Commerce, a board member for Connecting Henry, a member of the fundraising board for United Way and a founding member of the Young Professionals of Henry County.

Andy has a Bachelor's degree in public relations and communications.



Steve Rapson

Steve Rapson is City Manager for the City of Union City and is responsible for the efficient day-to-day operations of the local government. His diverse background and expertise includes experience as an elected official, assistant city manager, finance director and staff member in county, city, schools and corporate environments. He came to Union City from Sandy Springs where he served as both the Assistant City Manager and Chief Financial Officer. Steve's past responsibilities have included administration, supervision and coordination of Fulton County's \$2.1 billion budget. His experience in government includes positions with the Fayette County Board of Education and Peachtree City. He has also served as an officer candidate instructor in the U.S Marine Corps.

Steve is a Certified Public Accountant and a graduate of Georgia State University.



Ann Ray

Edith "Ann" Ray was elected in November 2007 as Alderman (Mayor Pro-Tem) for the City of Hapeville after having previously served on the Hapeville Development Authority and the Hapeville Main Street Board. She is Council Advisor to the Main Street board and currently co-chairs the Design Committee where she works to improve the appearance of the downtown area of Hapeville. She believes that she was put on this earth to serve and strives to make a positive difference by serving with various area organizations, including President of the Airport Area Chamber of Commerce, President of the newly formed Hapeville Arts Alliance, member of the Fulton County School Superintendent's Community Council, Volunteer Chaplin for the Interfaith Chapel at the Hartsfield Jackson International Airport, and volunteer for Meals on Wheels and the Neighborhood Senior Center. Ann was elected "Woman of the Year" for outstanding service to the community in 2006 by the Hapeville Exchangette Club.

Ann has an Associate's degree in education from Atlanta Junior College and has completed 60 hours in Urban Studies and Governmental Administration at Georgia State University.



Brad Riffel

Brad Riffel is Vice President of AEC, Inc., a full service civil engineering and landscape architectural firm in Roswell, GA. He has facilitated the company's growth from three to 28 employees over the past 19 years. Brad's expertise are in site development permitting, business development and graphic standards. He has been a professional member of the American Society of Landscape Architects since 1993 and shares his time and expertise with his community by serving on the Roswell Historic Gateway Community Advisory Group and the Centennial High School Technical Advisory Committee. Over the past 17 years, Brad has served on his Homeowner's Association Board, most recently as Clubhouse Chairman and as the Clubhouse Renovation Committee Chair and the Pool Renovation Committee Chair. He is an alumnus of the Leadership North Fulton Class of 2010.

Brad graduated from Louisiana State University with a Bachelor's degree in landscape architecture.



Louise Scott

Louise Scott was named to Georgia Power's Metro North Region Manager position in January 2011. In this role, she is responsible for customer service sales and civic and community activities in the counties of Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett and parts of DeKalb and Hall counties. Previously, she served in various roles for Georgia Power, including Customer Care Center Director, Metro West Region Manager, Distribution Control Centers Manager and Workforce Planning Manager. Prior to joining the company, she worked for Florida Power Corporation for nine years in engineering, marketing and franchise negotiation roles. Louise is a member of the Society of Women Engineers, serves on the Georgia Power Scholarship Committee and is an active member of the Citizens of Georgia Power. Her current community service includes board member of the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce and board member on the Council for Quality Growth. She has also served as board president of the Ronald McDonald House of Tampa Bay, board member of the Greenbriar Children's Center in Savannah and Gateway (Florida) Rotary president and Paul Harris Fellow.

Louise received a Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Florida and a Bachelor's degree in studio art from State University of New York. She completed the Goizueta Executive Program at Emory University and the Wharton Executive Accounting and Finance Program.



Arnie Silverman

Arnie Silverman is Founder and President of Silverman Construction Program Management. He began his construction career in New York and became Vice President and General Manager of Sweet Associates. In 1979, he and his brother purchased The Winter Construction Company in Atlanta. As President and Chief Operating Officer, Arnie played a major role in the construction of many of the Atlanta region's most high-profile buildings and facilities. He is a past President of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Georgia and is presently a member of the Construction Managers Association of America. His numerous community activities have included positions on the boards of The Paideia School, Genesis Shelter, Inc., Olmsted Linear Park Alliance, Park Pride, Parks Atlanta Rescue Coalition, Piedmont Park Conservancy and The Carter Center Board of Councilors. Arnie has been appointed to a variety of positions in both the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County, including the Atlanta Task Force for Parks and Greenspace and the Parks Commission, the Green DeKalb Advisory Council and the DeKalb County appointee to the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA). Arnie was selected as the 2006 Small Business Person of the Year by the Metro Atlanta Chamber. He is an alumnus of Leadership DeKalb and is currently a member of the Board and Chair-Elect for Leadership DeKalb.

Arnie received a Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the Stevens Institute of Technology and a MBA from Columbia University.



Sonna A. Singleton

Sonna Singleton was elected to the Clayton County Board of Commissioners in 2006. As commissioner Sonna has initiated ordinances that have enhanced the quality of life for Clayton residents including a ban on tobacco use in county parks and the use of inmate labor to clean up abandoned and foreclosed properties. In addition, she was a part of the effort to rewrite zoning codes in the county. She focuses on building and empowering homeowner associations and civic groups and strongly believes that citizens can take ownership of their communities. She serves as Vice Chairman of the Arts Commission with the National Association of Counties. Sonna is past PTSA Vice President at Morrow High School and Past Membership Coordinator for Adamson Middle School PTSA. Sonna was also an original member of the Historic Rex Village Preservation Association. She works as a Parent/Community Liaison for Clayton County Public Schools.

A graduate of Tennessee State University and is a fulltime graduate student.



Jasper Tanner

Jasper Tanner is a Program Officer for The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta. As a member of the Foundation's Regional Impact Team, Jasper's focus is on advancing the impact and presence for the Foundation and working to build relationships and partnerships region-wide in achieving the organization's overall mission. Prior to joining the Foundation, he served as president of Tanner Consulting, a marketing consulting firm. He has held senior marketing positions with Delta Air Lines, NutraSweet Corporation and the Pillsbury Company, where he successfully developed and implemented marketing strategies, introduced new products and built brand franchises in both the domestic and international arenas. He also served as Vice President, Account Service and Vice President, Business Development for Burrell Communications and Images USA, both full service advertising firms. Jasper is very active in his community and has been recognized for his involvement and contributions with community service awards from several nonprofit organizations in the North Fulton area. He is a volunteer with the Roswell Convention and Visitor's Bureau and is a member of the board of commissioners for the Housing Authority of Roswell.

Jasper holds a Bachelor's degree in history from Fayetteville State University in North Carolina and earned his MBA with a concentration in marketing from the University of Wisconsin.



Melody Totten

Melody Totten is a Business Manager with over 20 years progressive experience in financial reporting for governmental entities. Currently, her responsibilities include the Accounting Department and all financial operations of the Center for Ethics at Emory University, where she ensures the University is in compliance with all regulatory requirements and policies, and that financial statements accurately reflect the position of the center. Prior to her position with Emory, Melody served as Assistant Controller for six years at Southern Polytechnic State University. In that role, she coordinated the daily accounting activity for several departments. She also served on several campus and Georgia University System committees to share and learn accounting and finance best practices. In addition to being a committed public servant, Melody is deeply devoted to her community. She has lived in Clayton County for over 13 years, and during that time she has been involved in various activities related to our youth – currently serving as President of the Clayton County Council of Parent Teacher Associations and a council member of Elite Scholars Academy Charter School. Melody is also a 2011 graduate of Leadership Clayton.



Jeff Wansley

Jeff Wansley is Vice President, Government Affairs for the Metro Atlanta Chamber. He is responsible for facilitating the development and implementation of the Chamber's political strategy and annual legislative agenda. Jeff served on the staff of former Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-GA) in Washington, D.C. and in Georgia. He also worked at the Atlanta Gas Light Company in government relations handling state and federal government relations. Jeff was the southeast regional manager for The National Association of Manufacturers, overseeing public affairs in the southeast region. As vice president of government relations for Equifax, he handled 25 states and oversaw the Equifax Federal Political Action Committee. Jeff sits on a number of boards including the Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities, Georgia College and State University and the Commerce Club.

Jeff is a graduate of Georgia College and State University with a Bachelor's in marketing, with additional studies at the University of Georgia.



Dave Williams

Dave Williams is Vice President of Transportation with the Metro Atlanta Chamber (MAC). He is responsible for facilitating the development and implementation of MAC's transportation agenda. Dave's initial priority is to work with regional leaders to help pass the transportation referendum that will be on the ballot in 2012. Dave has an admirable track record of civic leadership. Currently the mayor of the City of Suwanee, he has served as a Suwanee City Council member, president of the Gwinnett Municipal Association and a board member for the Atlanta Regional Commission. He also founded Southtrac, Inc., a promotional products and branded merchandise company. Interestingly, Williams started his career with the MAC Atlanta Sports Council, where he played a role in Atlanta winning the 1996 Olympics.

Dave is a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology.



Cain Williamson

Cain Williamson is a senior principal planner at the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), which acts as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, Regional Development Center, Area Agency on Aging, Workforce Development Agency, and the Water Planning District for the metropolitan Atlanta Region. He has been with ARC for 12 years and in that time has served as a local government liaison, bicycle and pedestrian planner, transit planner and has worked on numerous long-range and short-range regional planning efforts. Most recently, Cain completed a 50-year visioning effort for metro Atlanta called Fifty Forward and has assumed management of ARC's transportation demand management function while maintaining oversight of regional transit planning. He is the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Atlanta Pride Committee and a member of the board of the Civic League for Regional Atlanta.

Cain has a Bachelor's degree in political science from Georgia Southern University and a Master's degree in urban and regional planning from Florida State University.

