Abundant Housing Atlanta Candidate Questionnaire Responses (2025)

Council President

Marci Collier Overstreet

marci@voteoverstreet.com | ■ 6783585850

www.voteoverstreet.com

What policies do you believe would be the most impactful in advancing the premises outlined in the Atlanta City Design?

The Atlanta City Design outlined an ambitious vision for our "beloved community" and projected more than 1.2 million residents by 2050. To ensure that growth is equitable, sustainable, and rooted in community values, my top priorities are equity, affordability, and connectivity.

We must ensure that our policy changes protect existing neighborhoods, provide for a variety of housing options and support economic development without displacing our legacy residents. I'll champion incentives for new affordable housing, preserve existing units, and promote inclusionary zoning. Collaborating with developers, I'll create study committees and policy initiatives for both renters and homeowners, and property tax relief programs to help residents stay in their homes. I'll advocate for greater tree protection and expansion of quality greenspaces while increasing housing options.

During my time serving on the Zoning Committee, I challenged proposals to ensure community concerns were heard and input from residents were included. For example, I worked directly with residents in southwest Atlanta who were concerned about the potential for a new development to price them out of their homes. As plans were presented, I advocated for commitments of permanent affordable housing units and public green space as part of a mixed-use project on Campbellton Road. That experience reinforced how critical it is to balance growth with neighborhood preservation.

As Council President, I would bring that same approach citywide -- ensuring community voices are at the table before major approvals and policy revisions. I will work closely with city planning staff and various partners to align land use with transportation, parks, and public safety priorities. I will work to ensure that the policy measures I champion maximizes on what makes Atlanta special while balancing the demands of our growth.

What is your position on increasing the types of housing (duplexes, triplexes, townhomes, cottage courts etc.) that can be built by-right (i.e. without re-zonings)?

Atlanta is growing fast, and with that growth we need to make sure we're taking care of the basics -safe streets, quality parks, reliable public transit, and sustained infrastructure. We need to provide
Atlantans with choices in where and how they live. I support increasing the types of housing -- like
duplexes, triplexes, townhomes, etc. -- that can be built by-right as part of the solution as long as it's
with the community's voice at the center. Done thoughtfully, a mix of housing stock is vital in
meeting the diverse needs of Atlanta. Young families can buy their first homes, aging residents can
downsize without leaving their community, and intergenerational families can live together, all
while preserving the fabric of our neighborhoods.

As Council President, I'll ensure that expanding housing options is coupled with strong protections against displacement and investments in infrastructure so that all Atlantans can share in the opportunities of growth.

What parts of your district do you see as priority areas for more dense housing? Please be specific: specific neighborhoods, cross streets, etc.

When we talk about where Atlanta should grow more densely, I believe the Atlanta City Design provides a great framework with neighborhoods identified. The conversation should build upon that framework and be grounded in common sense and community voice. Density works best where people can easily connect to jobs, schools, transit, and public amenities. I would champion transit-oriented development and areas along our major corridors, near MARTA stations, and around job centers.

For example, I see real opportunity along Campbellton Road and Cascade, where I've worked with neighborhoods to balance growth with community preservation. These areas already have the bones for walkable, vibrant districts, and with the right planning, density here can support small businesses and give legacy residents better access to services.

Downtown and Midtown will naturally remain hubs for more dense housing and we need to continue to invest in public infrastructure and public safety efforts for them to retain residents while balancing commercial usage.

As Council President, I'll advocate for dense house to include investments in our infrastructure and connectivity.

Are there any parts of your district where you think housing growth should NOT be allowed? Please be specific: specific neighborhoods, cross streets, etc.

As Council President, I would work with city planning leaders to understand target areas for dense housing and identify areas where more public infrastructure and investments are needed so that dense housing would not negatively impact the surrounding neighborhood.

What are you hearing from your potential constituents about their hopes, fears, aspirations, and frustrations about this potential growth?

When I'm out in the community talking with neighbors, I hear a mix of hope and concern about Atlanta's growth. I disagree that "Atlanta is full." As city leaders, we need to make public infrastructure investments to help sustain that growth and champion policy measures so that we develop in a responsible way. People are proud to see our city attracting new businesses, new families, and new opportunities but people are worried about being priced out of their homes, traffic getting worse, or new development erasing the character of their neighborhood.

As Council President, I'll make sure growth doesn't just happen to communities --- it happens with them and for them. My goal is to keep Atlanta a place where every resident, from long-time families to newcomers, can see themselves in our city's future.

Oftentimes, proposed developments that could help increase housing supply - including the affordable housing supply - for the City are met with intense local opposition. How will you balance the opinions of existing local neighbors with the overall needs of the City?

This is one of the hardest questions we face in Atlanta, and I've lived it firsthand as a Councilmember. When new housing is proposed--even affordable housing units -- neighbors often worry about traffic, school crowding, or the gentrification of their neighborhood. Those concerns are real. As an elected official, it's my job to listen carefully and respect the people who already call that neighborhood home.

At the same time, we can't ignore the bigger picture: Atlanta needs more housing of all types, and if we don't build it or adopt smart policy solutions, families will continue to be priced out and our unsheltered population will grow. I have experience in helping developers and planners collaborate with the community. That means early engagement with neighbors, clear communication about what's being proposed, and a commitment from developers to include input and community benefits.

How should we fund our local affordable housing trust fund? Please be specific about which local sources Atlanta should consider.

As Council President, I would explore expanding the housing trust fund to support the development and preservation of affordable housing units across the city. I would find ways to secure sustained funding, including leveraging the recent \$60 million bonds that the Council approved. I would enhance partnerships with organizations like Partners for Home, StarC and the State to implement a coordinated homelessness strategy and resource allocation. I would review city-owned assets and land to build permanent affordable housing and leveraging partners like the Atlanta Land Trust to coordinate these efforts.

Every analysis of our City that looks at our needs by neighborhood identifies a divide, where some neighborhoods are amenity-rich (jobs, restaurants, grocery stores, medical services) and lack a high supply of affordable housing, while others lack many of those same amenities but offer relatively more affordable housing. How will you create City-wide policies that reflect these differences?

Atlanta has diverse neighborhoods with varying public amenities and housing stock. I agree that we need citywide policies that reflect these differences while giving us options for mobility and growth.

As Council President, I'll create study committees and special sessions to develop targeted strategies and solutions. For example, I would consider policies that enhance tenant protections. I would collaborate with city planning leaders to streamline permitting processes that simplify and expedite the approval processes for affordable housing projects to reduce delays, costs, and expand the number of available units.

In amenity-rich areas, new development should include affordable housing and workforce units -for our legacy residents, teachers, police officers to invest and live in our communities. I'll partner
with Invest Atlanta to adopt a tailer, neighborhood approach. I'll push for investments in
transportation, small business corridors, and community hubs that bring jobs, health services, and
parks and recreation closer to residents.

As the City continues to observe thousands of Atlantans experiencing homelessness each year, how will you approach preventing bouts of homelessness and rehousing your constituents?

To reduce unsheltered homelessness, I'll support rapid rehousing, expand mental health and addiction services, and explore nonprofit partnerships for comprehensive outreach. I'll push for more low-barrier emergency shelters and better access to permanent housing and jobs. I'll champion incentives for new affordable housing, protect existing units, and promote inclusionary zoning. Collaborating with developers, I'll create study committees and policy initiatives for both renters and homeowners, and property tax relief programs to help residents stay in their homes.

The City of Atlanta has begun implementing some innovative solutions to its homelessness problem, including using shipping containers as temporary shelter. How will you ensure that these efforts are able to grow and that neighborhoods across the City are part of the solution to our homelessness problem?

As Council President, I would work to grow these initiatives responsibly. That means securing sustained funding, streamlined permitting, and partnering with nonprofits and service providers to ensure residents receive not just shelter but wraparound services like case management, job training, and mental health services. I would prioritize policy measures and strategies that create real pathways to prosperity. We must continue to invest in permanent, affordable housing with a mix of housing stock so families can live in communities where they work and raise their kids. We need to strengthen workforce development and job training programs, especially in high-growth industries like technology, construction, and green jobs. The city's department of labor needs new and creative initiatives to ensure Atlanta is investing in growing our jobs market for everyone.

Residents should be part of the conversation -- helping to identify locations and opportunities,

collaborating on services. I will push for citywide coordination so that resources are allocated strategically.

Are there other policies you will advance to promote housing stability for existing residents?

As Council President, I would champion a comprehensive strategy to address Atlanta's affordable housing crisis as outlined in my previous responses.

111 Moreland Ave: In 2023, the Reynoldstown Civic Improvement League's (RCIL) overwhelmingly voted in opposition to a proposal to build 42 homes for formerly homeless individuals (more details on the project here).

Incumbents: how did you vote on this proposal?

Non-Incumbents: given the information in the articles above, how would you have voted on this proposal?

Support

Please provide any rationale or considerations for how you voted / would have voted on 111 Moreland Ave.

As a Councilmember and a native Atlantan, I believe housing is a right, not a privilege. In my work on the Council, I approach every decision holistically, looking at all the options and weighing what will best serve the needs of the entire city--including every resident, no matter their income or background.

I always listen carefully to neighbors, especially those most directly affected by a proposed development. Their voices matter, and I take input and concerns seriously. But when it comes to voting, my guiding principle is clear: everyone deserves access to safe, stable housing. That means making tough decisions when necessary to ensure our city lives up to that value, balancing neighborhood input with the broader goal of equity and opportunity for all Atlantans.

In 2025, City Council voted on a mixed use development proposal on Amsterdam Walk, which included retail and 1,100 apartments, including over 200 affordable apartments, in the Virginia Highlands neighborhood near the Beltline.

Incumbents: how did you vote on this proposal?

Non-Incumbents: given the information in the articles above, how would you have voted on this proposal?

Oppose

Please provide any rationale or considerations for how you voted / would have voted on Amsterdam Walk

There were definitely strong reasons to support Amsterdam Walk project, especially with Atlanta's growing population and the need to create more housing and commercial space. At the same time,

there were concerns including traffic, existing constraints on the infrastructure, and how these projects impact residents and the city as a whole.

After careful review, and because we weren't able to address the traffic concerns in a way that would protect the surrounding community, I ultimately felt that moving forward with the project wasn't in the best interest of the city. My goal is always to balance growth with the safety, livability, and long-term well-being of every neighborhood.

In 2022, a project, "Edgewood for Everyone," was proposed to build 48 homes on Whitefoord Ave. in the Edgewood neighborhood, 25% of which would have been priced at 60% area median income without government subsidy. A small group of neighbors loudly opposed the project during the Organized Neighbors of Edgewood zoning committee, resulting in the developers abandoning the proposal. Instead, they built housing that aligns with the existing zoning: 6 homes priced around \$900K each.

Do you believe that this is the preferred outcome? No

Why do you/do you not believe this is the preferred outcome? What alternative process do you believe these kinds of projects should follow to result in a preferred outcome?

I believe this project could have been much stronger if there had been more community engagement from the very beginning. With earlier input, we might have found a solution that better addressed the city's housing needs while also reflecting the concerns and interests of neighbors.

The fact that this project was ultimately abandoned shows one of the challenges with rezoning -- it can create roadblocks for both developers and the communities they hope to serve. During my time as Zoning Committee Chair, I worked tirelessly to offer community benefits agreements to foster real collaboration and find win-win solutions. This particular project needed more engagement and collaboration as the final result was skyrocketing property taxes and significantly less opportunity to address increasing housing needs.

Why is housing affordability personal to you?

Being raised in Atlanta and choosing to keep Atlanta as my home, I have experienced first hand the consequences of affordable housing having limited access, and witnessed both the growth of our city, and the housing inequality gaps. As the City's growth attracts businesses, and has become a hotspot for out of state and corporate developers, many people that have long called Atlanta home, have been forced to leave the city. Understanding that the city has experienced such significant growth in recent years, quite frankly this means that many of my loved ones are victims of the lack of affordable housing.

In my capacity as serving on the City Council, I hear daily from residents in and outside of my district seeking solutions to the immediate, emergent, and often life altering problems that a lack of affordable housing presents. From the pricing out of many, to the victimization of those subjected to

slumlords, affordable housing impacts both the people that I love and those that I serve. Holistically, the lack of affordable housing and the impact on property taxes due to rising property values is yet another consequence that impacts all residents of the city, but has also resulted in the relocation of many generational Atlantans and home owners that are victims of circumstances they have little control of.

What work have you done to advocate for housing?

I have a long track record of advocating for more housing options in Atlanta. That includes the votes I've cast as well as my work on Council to amend the single-family dwelling ordinance to allow for more flexibility and choice.

In working closing with constituents across the city, I've helped craft legislation that expands both the supply of housing and housing affordability. Throughout my time on Council, I've pushed for affordable housing in every part of Atlanta--whether in neighborhoods already considered affordable or in areas where housing costs have risen sharply.

My approach has always been about balancing growth with equity, making sure that as our city grows, all residents--longtime families and newcomers alike--have access to safe, stable and affordable housing.

Rohit Malhotra

- on it@rohitforatlanta.com | 6784515932
- m rohitforatlanta.com

What policies do you believe would be the most impactful in advancing the premises outlined in the Atlanta City Design?

I believe growth can be a powerful force if it allows legacy residents to stay, thrive, and age in place—but we must ask: who is Atlanta growing for? If the answer does not center the very people and communities who built this city, then we must redesign growth to correct inequities. To support both legacy residents and newcomers, we must expand housing affordability and stability through community land trusts, inclusionary zoning, and rent stabilization. We must also invest in transit and mobility by expanding MARTA, building bus rapid transit, and ensuring safe bike and pedestrian infrastructure. Anti-displacement protections like property tax relief for seniors and stronger tenant protections, paired with equitable development near transit hubs and community benefits agreements, are critical. Finally, inclusive economic growth requires supporting small businesses—especially women- and minority-owned—through grants, access to capital, and local hiring so Atlanta's growth strengthens communities and shares prosperity.

What is your position on increasing the types of housing (duplexes, triplexes, townhomes, cottage courts etc.) that can be built by-right (i.e. without re-zonings)?

I support increasing the types of housing—such as duplexes, triplexes, townhomes, and cottage courts—as we prepare for Atlanta's projected growth. Allowing more diverse housing types byright helps meet the needs of families, seniors, and working people who want to stay in Atlanta, not just those who can afford a single-family home. It also reduces the barriers and costs of development caused by lengthy rezonings while still preserving community input through our Neighborhood Planning Units. This is about making Atlanta a city where legacy residents can age in place, young people can afford to start families, and workers can live near their jobs. Growth is inevitable, but updating our zoning to allow more housing types ensures that it is inclusive, equitable, and sustainable.

What parts of your district do you see as priority areas for more dense housing? Please be specific: specific neighborhoods, cross streets, etc.

I'm running for a city-wide office and think about housing opportunities across all of Atlanta. Priority areas for more dense housing include places with strong transit access and existing infrastructure. Along MARTA rail corridors, stations like West End, Ashby, H.E. Holmes, Edgewood/Candler Park, and East Lake are well-suited for thoughtful transit-oriented development.

We should also focus on major corridors—Campbellton Road, Memorial Drive, Metropolitan Parkway, and Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway—where mixed-use, mixed-income housing can both meet demand and support local businesses. Pairing density with anti-displacement measures

ensures legacy residents can remain while new neighbors move in. This approach allows growth to strengthen communities rather than displace them.

Are there any parts of your district where you think housing growth should NOT be allowed? Please be specific: specific neighborhoods, cross streets, etc.

Housing growth should be given significant consideration in high conservation areas where development could harm tree canopy, watersheds, or floodplains. For example, in Briarcliff Woods and other parts of the South Fork Peachtree Creek watershed, protecting natural resources must come first. Additionally neighborhoods where land considerations are necessary before pushing for housing growth include the South River Forest, South Atlanta's Tapestry Community greenspace, and the Chattahoochee River Watershed corridor in the west. Directing new housing toward transit corridors and major commercial streets allows us to grow sustainably while preserving Atlanta's critical green space.

What are you hearing from your potential constituents about their hopes, fears, aspirations, and frustrations about this potential growth?

From conversations across Atlanta, I hear both excitement and concern about growth. Many residents hope for more affordable housing choices so families and seniors can stay in the city, and they see potential for growth to support small businesses and improve transit. At the same time, people fear displacement, rising rents and taxes, traffic, and the loss of green space. The aspiration I hear most often is clear: Atlantans want growth that strengthens their communities rather than displacing them. They want to know that as the city grows, their voices will shape the future.

Oftentimes, proposed developments that could help increase housing supply - including the affordable housing supply - for the City are met with intense local opposition. How will you balance the opinions of existing local neighbors with the overall needs of the City?

Balancing local concerns with citywide needs is one of the most important roles of Council President. Community voices must always be heard and respected, but we must also be clear that Atlanta's housing crisis affects everyone, which is why I support predictable, citywide zoning rules rather than fighting projects one at a time. To reduce displacement, new housing must be paired with tools like property tax relief for legacy residents and stronger tenant protections. True community engagement requires ongoing education and information-sharing through NPUs, neighborhood associations, small business associations, and community organizations—while also reaching directly to residents to ensure representation. By treating engagement as a consistent culture rather than a checkbox, we can reduce conflict, rebuild trust, and build the kind of housing supply that allows all Atlantans—not just the wealthiest—to live and thrive here.

How should we fund our local affordable housing trust fund? Please be specific about which local sources Atlanta should consider.

While the affordable housing trust fund is currently a percentage (2% now) allocation of the general fund, we must consider more sustainable sources of funding to combat the likelihood of increased costs and decreased revenues. Before just increasing property taxes, we must begin by

accurately assessing corporate property taxes, which have been severely undervalued for years. Additionally, we need to increase and capture in-lieu fees for projects that received public incentives for affordable housing but have not delivered on them (instead of just passing legislation that creates loopholes for developers) and strictly monitor any use of trust fund dollars for salaries and debt servicing (which was 75% of how it was used so far). Another option that is close to my own experience is issuing social impact bonds, which bring private investment to social and housing projects, with the government only repaying investors if specific outcomes (e.g., reduction in homelessness) are achieved.

Every analysis of our City that looks at our needs by neighborhood identifies a divide, where some neighborhoods are amenity-rich (jobs, restaurants, grocery stores, medical services) and lack a high supply of affordable housing, while others lack many of those same amenities but offer relatively more affordable housing. How will you create City-wide policies that reflect these differences? A truly effective housing strategy must address both sides of Atlanta's neighborhood divide. In

A truly effective housing strategy must address both sides of Atlanta's neighborhood divide. In amenity-rich areas, we should use inclusionary zoning and density bonuses so that new development includes affordable units and families of all incomes can access opportunity. In neighborhoods with fewer amenities, the priority must be bringing jobs, transit, grocery stores, and healthcare closer to where people already live through targeted public investment and smart incentives for businesses. Just as important, these efforts must be paired with strong anti-displacement measures to ensure legacy residents are able to stay and benefit from growth. This balanced, citywide approach ensures every neighborhood has both the housing options and the amenities families need to thrive.

As the City continues to observe thousands of Atlantans experiencing homelessness each year, how will you approach preventing bouts of homelessness and rehousing your constituents?

Preventing and reducing homelessness requires both immediate action and long-term solutions. On prevention, I support expanding rental assistance, providing legal aid for tenants, and increasing the supply of deeply affordable housing so families don't fall into crisis. On rehousing, I believe in a "housing first" approach that moves people quickly into safe, stable housing and pairing it with wraparound supports like mental health care, addiction services, and job training. The City should also deepen partnerships with nonprofits that have proven successful in this work. By treating housing as a basic human right, we can reduce homelessness and ensure every Atlantan has a pathway to stability.

The City of Atlanta has begun implementing some innovative solutions to its homelessness problem, including using shipping containers as temporary shelter. How will you ensure that these efforts are able to grow and that neighborhoods across the City are part of the solution to our homelessness problem?

Innovative solutions like container shelters show Atlanta can think creatively, but they must be scaled responsibly with stable funding, wraparound services, and clear pathways into permanent housing. Homelessness is a citywide challenge, and every neighborhood should share responsibility

by hosting supportive housing and services, so no single community carries the full weight. This will become even more critical as the City prepares for major events like the FIFA World Cup, when the pressure to "beautify" must not come at the expense of our most vulnerable neighbors. Temporary solutions are not enough, we must commit to permanent housing strategies that address the root causes of homelessness and ensure dignity and stability for all Atlantans.

Are there other policies you will advance to promote housing stability for existing residents?

Yes. Promoting housing stability means protecting the people who already call Atlanta home. I will support expanding property tax relief programs for legacy homeowners so rising assessments don't force people out of their neighborhoods. I also back stronger tenant protections such as right-to-counsel in eviction cases, limits on predatory corporate landlords, and clear standards for safe, healthy housing. For renters, we should expand rental assistance and create a tenant support office that helps people navigate disputes before they lead to displacement. Finally, I believe in investing in community land trusts and other models that keep housing permanently affordable. These policies together ensure Atlantans can stay and thrive in the neighborhoods they've built.

111 Moreland Ave: In 2023, the Reynoldstown Civic Improvement League's (RCIL) overwhelmingly voted in opposition to a proposal to build 42 homes for formerly homeless individuals (more details on the project here).

Incumbents: how did you vote on this proposal?

Non-Incumbents: given the information in the articles above, how would you have voted on this proposal?

Support

Please provide any rationale or considerations for how you voted / would have voted on 111 Moreland Ave.

I believe the Council's vote to support 111 Moreland Ave was a preferred outcome because it provided stable housing with supportive services for people who need it most. At the same time, the process revealed a need for earlier and deeper community engagement. There was a lot of misinformation about this project. To improve future projects, the City must engage neighbors sooner, communicate transparently about what is being proposed, and ensure wraparound supports are fully funded so communities see these efforts as shared solutions rather than imposed decisions. As Council President, I do not cast votes, but I see my role as helping bridge these divides and serving as the community engagement arm of Council to ensure that residents' voices help shape how we address critical issues like homelessness and housing affordability.

In 2025, City Council voted on a mixed use development proposal on Amsterdam Walk, which included retail and 1,100 apartments, including over 200 affordable apartments, in the Virginia Highlands neighborhood near the Beltline.

Incumbents: how did you vote on this proposal?

Non-Incumbents: given the information in the articles above, how would you have voted on this proposal?

Oppose

Please provide any rationale or considerations for how you voted / would have voted on Amsterdam Walk

This would have been a tough decision and I think it is a project that ultimately is needed in Atlanta. Atlanta needs more affordable housing to meet the demands of a growing population, and adding over 200 affordable apartments alongside retail near the Beltline represents a significant opportunity. At the same time, I take community engagement seriously. I believe projects of this scale must be paired with genuine dialogue with neighbors, particularly around issues like transit, traffic, and infrastructure. If we continue to build housing without the built environment in mind (i.e. following the City design plan), we will create a self-fulfilling prophecy of never having a more transit friendly city. While I do not have a Council vote, the role of Council President is to bring people together, ensure transparency, and help forge solutions that balance growth with community concerns. My commitment is to density done responsibly with equity and input at the center. I think this project should have pushed harder to gain support of surrounding neighborhoods. I would have spent more time strengthening the legislation and sending it back to committee.

In 2022, a project, "Edgewood for Everyone," was proposed to build 48 homes on Whitefoord Ave. in the Edgewood neighborhood, 25% of which would have been priced at 60% area median income without government subsidy. A small group of neighbors loudly opposed the project during the Organized Neighbors of Edgewood zoning committee, resulting in the developers abandoning the proposal. Instead, they built housing that aligns with the existing zoning: 6 homes priced around \$900K each.

Do you believe that this is the preferred outcome?

No

Why do you/do you not believe this is the preferred outcome? What alternative process do you believe these kinds of projects should follow to result in a preferred outcome?

I believe increasing density is the preferred outcome because Atlanta cannot continue building homes that only a few can afford while thousands of families are priced out. We need more housing options across the city. At the same time, I recognize that change can feel threatening. Too often, density is equated with a decline in quality of life, when in reality, well-designed density can

strengthen neighborhoods by supporting local businesses, improving transit, and keeping communities inclusive. I've spent time with the Organized Neighbors of Edgewood, and they are not unreasonable people. This botched process emphasizes the need to make sure we have stronger development plans and we follow up on them. For example, concerns were voiced that this development did not align with the broader Edgewood Redevelopment Plan guiding future growth and context. The process must include honest conversations with residents about how to add more units while protecting what people love most about their neighborhoods. Transparency, early engagement, and clear benefits are key to building trust.

Why is housing affordability personal to you?

Growing up, my parents often spent most months scrounging together as much money as they could to pay rent in the many apartments we lived in throughout my childhood. Even when they bought their first home in Georgia, they almost lost it during the recession, and they had to fight to keep it. This issue is deeply personal because of the role housing plays in a family's economic and social wellbeing. Housing is not just a commodity, it is a human right, and it is the foundation that allows people to live with dignity, raise families, and contribute to their communities. I've seen how the lack of affordable housing forces people out of neighborhoods they love and places enormous stress on working families. Atlanta can only thrive if all of its residents have access to affordable housing and the stability it provides.

What work have you done to advocate for housing?

I've been deeply engaged in housing advocacy through my work as a Board member of HouseATL, where I helped craft 23 recommendations that directly informed the City's current housing strategy. Those recommendations guided Atlanta in committing over \$200 million to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and updating zoning to allow for more housing density.. Beyond policy, my career at the Center for Civic Innovation has been focused on ensuring that housing is treated as a human right, and I've worked alongside community organizations, policy makers, and residents to advance solutions that keep people in their homes, prevent displacement, and expand access to affordable, dignified housing.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know about you as we consider our endorsement?

I deeply respect Abundant Housing's work to advance equitable, sustainable growth in Atlanta. I've been a big fan of how y'all show up and build community. I'm grateful for the opportunity to earn your endorsement and to partner in building a city where everyone has access to safe, affordable housing.