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If there is **ANYONE BUT PITTMAN**, who will discuss racism in East Point, then lead me to them.

I had planned to discuss **Racism** in East Point later in my series of flyers. However, an incident took place on **Sunday** in **Jefferson Park** that moved up the timeframe. During my 2006 Election bid for Mayor, the distributors of my Newsletters have had **problems** in **Jefferson Park**. An East Point **police officer** stopped two of my distributors because **someone** called in about strange men walking up and down the streets. The police officer asked them to **identify** themselves and wanted to know **what** they were doing in the area. It was clear what they were doing so he left. The next time in 2013, the **same** thing happened within the Jefferson Park area with the same results. In 2017, the police was called again. This **time** the police officer **called** Code Enforcement and a code enforcement officer was sent to address the problem. The code enforcement officer proceeded to **take** my Newsletters off the mailboxes. I was called and I called the City Manager. I filed a **claim** with the City against the code enforcement officer and it was **paid**.

**Today**, my distributor contractor called to inform me that **twenty** Newsletters had been taken off mailboxes on **Woodland Circle** by a White male; and that another White male in a white truck had been seen taking pictures of the mailboxes and said something to one of the distributors that he did not understand. This is the last straw! I posted this information on my Facebook page; however, the Community of East Point declined to post the information.

I want to say this to all East Point Residents, I **never** made a fuss about my Campaign Signs that were **knocked** down and **damaged** or **removed** as soon as they were placed on right-of-ways. I would just put more of them in yards. However, I **draw** the line at anyone **taking** my Newsletters off of **other** people's mailboxes. If one is placed on **your** mailbox, and you don't want to keep or read it, **throw** it in the recycle bin. If you **disagree** with the **documented** supported information that I **print** in any media form, **discredit** the information with **your** own **documents**. East Point will **not** become Trump country where people who **run** for elected

office have to **fear** that their information has to be **approved** by a person/group in order to be **disseminated** to others.

**Tremayne Mitchell**, Candidate for Ward D at-Large, posted on Saturday that he **stopped** going door to door campaigning in **Jefferson Park** because he was told that someone had **called** the police and he did not want to have any kind of problem with them. Jefferson Park is still in East Point, and it is pastime that the Police Department stopped being weaponized by certain individuals/group who dare to have an oppose some of the residents who live there. As I stated in a post on the Community of East Point Facebook page, I am quite aware that few if any of the regular posters will or have ever voted for me and that is fine by me. Yet, I have never deleted a single email address from my eblast list who lives in Jefferson Park and who are opposed to me even breathing. The truth is the truth no matter who tells it; and a lie is a lie no matter who tells it.

Anyone, who cares to check my veracity can **file** Open Records Requests with the City or Mr. Mitchell. In my Newsletters that were delivered on Saturday, I stated that I am **NOT** taking donations; however, I am **asking** everyone who **reads** my Newsletter to **share** the information with their neighbors and contact the Incumbent Candidates and give them the opportunity to dispute with their documents what I had to say about using my documents that are posted on my website. Residents, you don't need misinformation. You need and deserve facts and the truth.

NOW, to the issue of **RACISM** that I referred to earlier as an issue in my **“ANYBODY BUT PITTMAN”** series. Mayor Deana Holiday Ingraham has made a lot of noise about **“EQUITY”** and **“RACISM”** in East Point based on her **management** handling of the City's contract Agreement with **Southern Equity Consulting Firm**. During the Black Lives Matters demonstrations last year, the Mayor Holiday Ingraham decided that certain East Point streets needed a name change because of Slavery, the Civil War, or public racist remarks. Her source of **validation** turned out to the **East Point Historical Society**, and hearsay comments. One street **marked** for a name change was named after the late Council Member **Bobby Brown** from Ward C. CM Brown died at a young age while still in office. He was also affectionately called my **son** by both Black and White residents who knew us. He was White and I am Black. Some other **White** families were hurt by the **undocumented** accusations made against their loved ones and the name changing campaign was dropped. Also, historical misinformation was discussed as facts and even ended up in Southern Equity final Report.

I have lived in East Point **forty-eight** years. I can honestly say that I have **never** heard of any institutionalized **RACISM** practiced **against** any Black or Brown or Asian Residents by **East Point Government** during that time. Prior to the election of the first Black Mayor, all Mayoral appointments to Boards or Committees were made by **White** Mayors and Council Members. My **appointments** to the East Point Library Board of Trustees and the East Point Minimum Housing Board were **made** by two different White Mayors. The services provided by the City were not based on color. East Point was a clean City with both Black and White participation in

local Keep East Point Beautiful Parades and neighborhood associations. In fact, every residential group that I organized and participated in consisted of Black and White members, and Gay and heterosexual members. So, excuse me if I got a bit **angry** when I heard about **RACISM** in East Point as a common occurrence.

As far “**EQUITY**”, Mayor Holiday Ingraham has never **provided** a definition for what “**EQUITY**” means. I know what it does NOT mean. It does **not** mean using taxpayer’s money for **RACIAL or ETHNIC Events** in the City’s Budget for:

1. SILVER FOX BALL
2. ANN DOUGLAS TURKEY GIVE-A-WAY
3. M.L. KING DAY SERVICE
4. BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM
5. JUNETEENTH

All of these Events are **centered** around Black Americans and they **are** important. However, so **are** Hispanic, Jewish, and other ethnic groups’ heritage, holidays, and events. It is not up to any government, and it is illegal in Georgia to observe, or honor **any** ethnic group’s celebration **using** taxpayer’s money. Governments have always written **Proclamations** to honor or make aware of racial and ethnic groups’ contributions, and holidays.

I will discuss the “**EQUITY**” divide in more detail and areas throughout my “**ANYBODY BUT PITTMAN**” series. In the meantime, I am asking all Residents to leave **all** Candidates **Signs** and **Literature** where they are **put** unless on **your** Property or clearly **Anonymous** Detractions **posted** by **Cowards** hiding like **Criminals!** **Anonymous Signs** are not **identified** as **supporting** any Candidate with any **contact** information; therefore, they are **trash** and should be treated as such. I must confess that I **named** my Flyer Series after the “**ANYBODY BUT PITTMAN**” **anonymous Signs** posted mainly in Wards A and B.

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