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**WARD C at- Large**

**VOICE FOR THE PEOPLE**

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If there is **ANYONE BUT PITTMAN**, who has proposed the following, **ACT ON IT!** The City of East Point is slated to receive between \$11 million and \$13 million in **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN** funding for Rental and Utility Assistance for Residents Facing Evictions and Disconnection of Utilities. **I am proposing that our Mayor and Council payoff any Resident's balance up to \$1,000 regardless of whether they are scheduled for disconnection or not.** East Point residents have been hard hit by the Pandemic in so many ways that have caused too many residents to add to their **UTILITY** balances that they already could not afford. This money is from the Federal Government and is not a part of East Point's adopted FY 22 Budget.

Our Mayor stated in a post interview question on **EASTPOINTVOTES.com**, that she wanted to use some of the American Rescue Plan money to help pay for water and sewer projects. This money is for struggling families whose financial situations did not automatically improve after the Federal Unemployment Checks stopped before September. Too many of the residents are still unemployed or underemployed because of health reasons, caretaking issues, unaffordable childcare, and transportation problems. **They need HELP NOW!**

East Point has approximately 16,000 residential customers. Many of these residential customers should qualify for complete Utility balance payoffs. However, that will still leave thousands of other residential customers with balances. At most, if the City paid \$1,000 on every remaining residential balance, the total would be less than \$1,600,000. The City will still benefit because all monies pay for Utility Assistance will end up in East Point's coffers. It would also help to relieve the financial stress on the residents.

If this is something that you believe that our Mayor and Council should do **Contact them and tell them to make this a part of the City's American Rescue Plan for East Point.** At this Monday's, September 20, 2021, **COUNCIL MEETING**, ask our Mayor and Council not to waste money on inserting a letter in the Utility Newsletter talking about the

**upcoming Election, instead use it to tell the residents about the Utility & Rental Assistance Plan for East Point Residents Facing Eviction once they VOTE on a PLAN!**

**Our Mayor and Council did not include anything in the FY 22 Budget for residents other than Turkey and Ham Give-A-Ways for Thanksgiving and Christmas at a cost of \$52,000; and \$150,000 for Wednesday Wind Down that has only generated less than \$13,000 over the past four years using taxpayers' money. All of these proposed expenditures are violations of the State Gratuity Clause and were not VOTED on by ANY COUNCIL!**

**Federal Government Stimulus and Rescue Monies paid for the FOOD IN EVERY BOX FROM ATLANTA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK that went to Jefferson Park Recreation Center and Churches in EAST POINT. EAST POINT did NOT PAY ONE CENT FOR ANY FOOD IN THOSE BOXES, SO WHERE WAS THE NON-EXISTANT SO-CALLED PARTNERSHIP?**

**UNFORTUNATELY, our Mayor and too many Council Members used the suffering of residents to POSE for photos of them HELPING the NEEDY by being present as a distribution site or helping to hold a FOOD BOX. ASK our Mayor and Council for the PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ATLANTA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK. THERE ARE NO MINUTES SUPPORTING ANY CLAIM THAT OUR MAYOR and COUNCIL EVER VOTED ON ANY SUCH AGREEMENT.**

**OUR MAYOR and COUNCIL SHOULD DO SOMETHING FOR THE RESIDENTS WITHOUT USING THEIR NEEDS FOR CAMPAIGN PROPS!**