



# **VOICE FOR THE PEOPLE**

**Knowledge is Power; and Elections have Consequences!** 

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## If there is ANYONE BUT PITTMAN, who told you this; check their documents!

### **CAMPAIGNS + VOTERS DETERMINE ELECTIONS!**

It has been more than three months since the November 2, 2021, General Election for Mayor and FIVE At-Large Council Seats. I deliberately waited to see how East Point residents would react to the Election. So far, there has been the usual chatter about VOTERS' APATHY, and a few wanted a RECALL. This Newsletter is not about any RECALL or VOTERS' APATHY. It is an **analysis** of **THE INCUMBENTS BRILLIANTLY RUN CAMPAIGN for more than TWENTY-TWO MONTHS!** 

First, **no** elected official ever **stops** Campaigning while in office. Their On-the-Job Performance is their Campaign. **Mayor Holiday Ingraham, Council Members Shropshire, Rene', and Butler (THE INCUMBENTS)** used the Covid Pandemic to **assist** them lock-up potential VOTERS by **using** Taxpayer Financial Resources and **denying** VOTERS **access** to them!

Let's begin with THE INCUMBENTS using Taxpayers Financial Resources. For twenty-two months, CM Shropshire used taxpayers money to make robo calls to VOTERS stating that "The City of East Point is **Partnering with the Atlanta Community Food Bank**" several times a WEEK. VOTERS, hearing this continuous propaganda, correctly **associated** the City of East Point to be the Mayor and Council. VOTERS were also led to believe that the City of East Point was financing the Food Boxes. At every food box **pick-up site**, THE INCUMBENTS made sure that at least **one** of them or a **representative** was present to let the VOTERS know who was looking after them. They even made home deliveries. Of course, this was an excellent mean of **gathering** VOTERS' INFORMATION. This VOTERS' INFORMATION allowed them to **identify** potential Voters, to **register** potential Voters, to **identify** Absentee Voters, and **concentrate** on them for twenty-two months.

When the potential Voters started **complaining** about not being able to go places and a being shut-in, THE INCUMBENTS **ramped** up the WEDNESDAY WIND DOWN CONCERTS, costing more than a **million dollars**, paid for by the Taxpayers. THE INCUMBENTS **sweetened** the pot by **allocating** more than **\$62,000** for Turkey and Ham Give-a-Ways.

When the **Stimulus Money** and the **American Rescue Plan** Money started coming in, Mayor Holiday Ingraham **started** using **CODE RED** to further **contact** VOTERS **offering** Taxpayers Financial Assistance and Page 2

to **Call** her **Office** for more information! THE INCUMBENTS used every trick in the book to **prey** on the needy and thus **ingratiate** themselves with the VOTERS.

THE INCUMBENTS made sure that they **denied** IN-PERSON COUNCIL MEETINGS for as long as they could so as not to have their diabolical SCHEME **exposed.** I told you their plan was Brilliant! They did everything that I did when I won **three** straight ELECTIONS. They followed the **same** tried-and-true **STEPS TO PLANNING A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN** that is guaranteed to WORK!

#### STEPS TO PLANNING A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN

- 1) Make contact with potential VOTERS at least **five to seven** times. They made contact **every week for twenty-two months.**
- 2) Identify pocketbook issues that you are supporting. Providing weekly food boxes, money for rent/mortgages/utilities for people who were in need and desperate. Their message, your local government, **THE INCUMBENTS have your backs!**
- 3) Identify with the VOTERS. We feel your **pain** of isolation and lack of funds to provide much **STRESS RELIEF**; welcome to **WEDNESDAY WIND DOWN**!
- 4) Registering VOTERS. When delivering food, **ask** if they are registered to VOTE and **state** how important it is to **VOTE** for elected officials **who** show that they **CARE**! Can you say INCUMBENTS any LOUDER!
- 5) Getting ABSENTEE BALLOTS to the VOTERS who needed them. (I had a small Committee to identify the VOTERS who needed ABSENTEE BALLOTS and downloaded them to take to the VOTERS' HOMES along with self-addressed envelopes and stamps. No taxpayers money was ever used.)
- 6) Rides to the POLLS during Early Voting and on Election Day.

THE INCUMBENTS had more than ample funding as demonstrated by the many colorful postcards with **endorsements** from East Point and non-East Point residents; all the **BLACK** Georgia State and House Members that have **not** had any **presence** in East Point **except** for their **names** on Ballots. However, making **contact** with VOTERS seemed to be more **important** than **content**. They made the **strategic** decision to run as a **PAC** since that is how they had been **selling** themselves, and it gave them the **opportunity** to get their **names** out throughout the City **without** having to cover every Ward **individually**. What they did **worked** for four reasons.

**REASON # 1:** They had a Plan that they worked for twenty-two months with ample funding to buy signs, post cards; and paid for negative unknown robo calls and signs. THE INCUMBENTS stood together and CAMPAIGNED liked they WANTED TO WIN!

**REASON # 2:** THE INCUMBENTS did **not** have any COMPETITION. **Not** a Single Candidate **held** their **INCUMBENT OPPONENT ACCOUNTABLE** for their **ON-THE-JOB PERFORMANCE**. They did **not** CAMPAIGN ON ANY REVELANT ISSUES. They did **not** fight to **WIN**!

**REASON # 3**: A lack of knowledgeable and competent Candidates.

#### REASON # 4: A LACK OF FINANCIAL AND PHYSICAL SUPPORT FROM VOTERS!

THE INCUMBENTS ran a brilliant race. NOW, THEY ALONG WITH THE FOUR OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS MUST ANSWER FOR THE ILLEGAL METHODS THAT THEY WERE ALLOWED TO USE

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AND ALL OF THEIR ON-THE-JOB PERFORMANCE VIOLATIONS, SOME OF WHICH ARE CRIMINAL.

There is a three-page ATTACHMENT obtained thru Open Records that shows a Check Disbursement in 2017 for the Atlanta Community Food Bank. At least CM Shropshire has dropped the word **'PARTNERING"** from her weekly robo calls.

I have also included a copy East Point's complete November 2, 2021, Election results.