



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.

RESIDENTS' EMPOWERMENT TOOLS: KNOWLEDGE, LEGAL SYSTEMS, AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS ASSOCIATIONS

Residents in Georgia and throughout the United States as well as the World are bombarded with Propaganda filled with misinformation and lies. Who is telling the truth? Where to go to learn the truth? How to use truthful information to combat misinformation and lies? How to hold elected officials accountable other than the **VOTING BOOTH?**

First, residents **MUST** know the **RULES** and **LAWS** that **REGULATE** the **BEHAVIOR** of their **ELECTED OFFICIALS**. **Secondly**, residents **MUST** identify the **BEST TOOL** to use in **CORRECTING** the **ILLEGAL BEHAVIOR** of their **ELECTED OFFICIALS**. There are many tools that residents can use some as **INDIVIDUALS** and others as a **GROUP**. Those **TOOLS** are:

- 1) **VOTING**
- 2) **CONFRONTING THE ELECTED OFFICIAL (S) AT COUNCIL MEETINGS**
- 3) **PROTESTING BEFORE AND AT COUNCIL MEETINGS**
- 4) **FILING ETHICS COMPLAINTS ON THE CITY AND STATE LEVELS; AND WITH PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**
- 5) **FILING CHARGES IN SUPERIOR COURT FOR CORRECTION OR REMOVAL OF ELECTED OFFICIAL (S)**

RESIDENTS must **understand** that **poor judgement or bad decision** making by Elected Officials is **not** a **CRIME** and can **BEST** be addressed in the **VOTING BOOTH**. **VIOLATING THE CITY CHARTER AND RELATED LAWS; STATE LAWS and FEDERAL LAWS** are **CRIMINAL IN NATURE, SOME MORE SERIOUS THAN OTHERS**; and **NEED** to be addressed **between ELECTIONS**.

Having served as a Council Member and Mayor, I **know** that Council Members; who are **knowledgeable** of the City Charter and Related Laws, as well as the State and Federal Laws, are **less** likely to **VIOLATE the LAWS**. As a Council Member, I arranged to have a resident, who was also an Attorney, to conduct a Town Hall Seminar for residents on the City Charter and Related Laws pro bono. As Mayor, I arranged the hiring of an outside Attorney, with the **VOTE** of Council to conduct a Work Session Seminar on the City Charter and Related Laws. It was highly successful.

On the one occasion, **Five** Council Members **Violated** an Ordinance that could only be addresses by a **Writ of Mandamus**, I **filed** it in Superior Court and **won**. Currently, **this** Mayor and Eight Council Members are **guilty** of **Violating** more **Laws** as a **Group** than any Mayor and Council since I moved here **forty-nine years** ago, and they **must** be **dealt** with as a **GROUP**. No one resident should **attempt** to take on the **Responsibility** of holding an **entire** Mayor and Council **duly** elected **accountable** for **VIOLATING** the **LAWS** that **Govern** the **CITY**. Although holding Mayor and Council **accountable** is the **job** of **All** the residents, that does not **STOP** any **Group of Residents** from doing so. In order to empower the Residents, I am willing to provide the following Service.

RESIDENTS' EMPOWERMENT SEMINAR

GOAL: To provide expert knowledge by a practicing Attorney to East Point residents on the City Charter and Related Laws; State and Federal Laws; the latest Appeals Court Decision on Open Records and Open Meetings Transparency Laws; specific local Ordinances; and determining the best tool for the sole purpose of holding the Mayor and Council Members accountable for implementing and enforcing said Laws.

SEMINAR GUIDELINES

- A. Thirty Residents Must Sign-Up**
- B. Four two-hour Seminars on Saturdays Beginning March 26, 2022, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON (Must Sign-up for All Four)**
- C. The Zeta House on Delowe Drive**
- D. Cost for Attorney and Accommodations \$50 per person for all four Seminars and paid by cash/check no later than March 16, 2022. Make Checks payable to:
Earnestine D. Pittman
2645 Arrowood Drive
East Point, GA 30344**
- E. Bottled water and a small snack will be provided**
- F. Residents must provide their own copies of the City Charter (See attachment below)**

If THIRTY Residents do NOT sign-up by March 16, 2022, the SEMINAR WILL BE CANCELLED, and ALL MONIES will be Refunded on March 17, 2022.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.