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****City of Atlanta Ethics Office Marks 20th Year Anniversary: Two Decades of Upholding Transparency, Accountability and Trust****

Atlanta, GA – The City of Atlanta Ethics Office proudly commemorates its 20th anniversary, reflecting on its pivotal role in establishing transparency, accountability, and trust amongst city officials, employees, and the public.

Since its establishment in 2003, the Ethics Office has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to providing city officials and employees with the knowledge and tools needed to make ethical decisions. Through educational programs and training sessions, the office has empowered individuals to navigate ethical challenges with clarity and integrity.

The enduring success of the Ethics Office began with the invaluable groundwork laid by former Mayor Shirley Franklin and the visionary leadership of the late Ginny Looney, the first Ethics Officer. With their remarkable dedication to ethical principles, Looney spearheaded the development of robust policies and training programs that became the solid foundation of the City of Atlanta's ethical infrastructure. The expertise and unwavering commitment of both leaders have left an indelible legacy that continues to guide and shape the Ethics Office's ongoing achievements.

The Ethics Office has also maintained a strong focus on ethics investigations. The investigative staff has diligently and impartially addressed concerns presented by city employees and the public alike. This steadfast dedication to comprehensive and unbiased investigations has played a vital role in maintaining the integrity of the city's operations.

"Reaching this 20-year milestone is a testament to the dedication and resilience of the Ethics Office," said Jabu M. Sengova, Ethics Officer. "Our journey has been filled with challenges, nonetheless, marked by our unwavering commitment to promoting ethical principles and ensuring that our city's actions are guided by honesty, integrity and trust. I am proud to be part of that story."

As part of the anniversary celebrations, the City of Atlanta Ethics Office will be hosting an event on **Tuesday, September 12, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the Atrium at Atlanta City Hall, aimed at highlighting the importance of ethical conduct and responsible decision-making in government and public service.

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The Ethics Office builds public trust, promotes open and transparent government, and fosters a strong ethical culture through educating, advising, and enforcing the city's ethical standards and encouraging city officials and employees to act with honesty, integrity, and accountability.